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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Arrangements

As the session draws to a close, I would like to thank you for all your support this year. Our school continues to go from strength to strength and this wouldn't be possible without your continued support and belief that we are doing our very best for the young people of Craigroyston. I am so proud of all our pupils, particularly those in S4-S6 who have worked very hard on their QS qualifications and have shown great determination to do well!

This session, we will close for the summer holidays on **Friday 26th June at 1pm**. Our final class will end at 12.10pm and then school lunches will be provided for those who wish to have one.

Craigroyston Community High School re-opens for all pupils on **Wednesday 12th August**. Staff will resume on Monday 10th August for two in-service days before welcoming pupils back on the Wednesday.

Staffing

As you know, this year we have worked very hard to ensure that we have a full staffing complement in August! We still have some interviews to do during the holidays, but I am absolutely determined that we will everyone in place for the new term.

This year we are sadly saying goodbye to Ali Carson (Admin Officer) and Yvonne Brown (Clerical Assistant) who have been here for many years but are now retiring! I would like to say a huge thank you to them for everything they have contributed to the school during their time. We wish them all the very best and hope they enjoy every minute of their retirement! We are going to miss them very much!

We have recently welcomed Mr McFarlane (DHT) back to Craigroyston; however, a development opportunity has arisen at Portobello High School so Mr McFarlane will be there on secondment for one year from August! Wishing you all the very best for this new and exciting opportunity, Mr McFarlane! Mr David Dalglish will be joining as DHT Curriculum for one year. Mr Dalglish is currently a DHT and is very much looking forward to his Craigroyston experience!

As you may be aware, I am a big advocate of flexible working to allow teachers to balance their busy working week with family life, particularly when there are young children at home. This is something that I feel is very important to ensure that we can be the very best at school and at home. As you will likely know, being a headteacher requires working very long hours and the commitment and accountability is significant – I completely understand that this is the expectation and I absolutely love my role; it is indeed my dream job! However, balancing this with having three very small children at home, who are only one, three and five, can be very challenging. With this in mind, the CEC have agreed

to give me a year of part-time working which will mean from August I will work on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Carrie Thomson (currently DHT at Liberton High School) has been appointed to job-share with me. As this is a pilot approach to flexible working for headteachers, Mrs Thomson will be working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to allow us to both be in on a Wednesday.

Please know that my commitment to the role, our school, our pupils and you as parents and carers is unwavering – I am just very grateful to be able to have this flexibility and support when my children are so little to be able to balance family and work in the best way possible.

School Uniform

On return in August, we will once again be implementing a school uniform policy which every young person will be expected to follow. We know that wearing uniform prepares young people for school and creates a positive learning environment where everyone is equal and we are setting these high expectations from the first day back in August. We are therefore asking that all young people wear a white shirt, blue/navy school tie and black bottoms (this can be leggings, a skirt, joggers, combats or trousers – anything black). A black jumper/cardigan are optional. If you do not have a school tie and require one, please contact me at Shelley.McLaren@craigroyston.edin.sch.uk where I can give you more information about this. Please note that seniors should also be wearing the blue/navy tie and the black ties will no longer be part of the uniform.

Mobile Phones

As you may be aware from the news, there will be a ban in all secondary schools across Edinburgh from August and all young people will be expected to put their phones in a pouch for the school day. Please find the link to the information here: [‘Bell to bell’ ban on mobile phones in all Edinburgh schools from August – The City of Edinburgh Council](#). We will contact you with more information about this over summer, however, if the pouches are not in place in August, we will still be following the rule that young people will not have their phones out and they will not be used during class time.

Pupil Executive Team

Over the past two weeks, there has been a tough recruitment process for the Pupil Executive Team for senior phase pupils, including the roles of Head Girl, Head Boy, Depute Head Girls and Depute Head Boys. This has included presentations to staff and pupils; staff and pupil votes and interviews. I am delighted to let you know that the following pupils have been selected for the roles below:

Head Girl	Elham Najib
Head Boy	Alexander Nelson
Depute Head Girls	Emily Cameron and Ayla Aksoy
Depute Head Boys	Yash Pal and Abdulahi Mohamed

Other roles and successful candidates will be announced before the end of term and will be displayed on the notice board at the front of the school.

We are very excited about everyone returning for what we hope will be a fantastic session. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new S1s to the Craigroyston family!



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Until then, I hope that you and your family have a lovely summer and that everyone stays happy and healthy.

If you have any queries over the summer holidays, please do not hesitate to contact me at Shelley.McLaren@craigroyston.edin.sch.uk. Take care!

Kind regards,

Shelley McLaren
Head Teacher