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Dear Parents/Carers

I write with some key updates about staffing at Maidenhill. Though we will be saying some either permanent or temporary goodbyes to staff this term, I am exceptionally pleased with our recent rounds of recruitment and amidst a national shortage of teachers and people wanting to work with young people in schools, Maidenhill's staff body remains very strong indeed.

- This term saw the gradual return of Mr Hara, Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral Welfare and Guidance. Mr Hara has recovered incredibly well and his focus as he returns will be solely on attendance. I would like to thank Mrs Gough (SENDCo) for stepping up as our Safeguarding Lead and Mr Clements for stepping up as Acting Assistant Headteacher to support Behaviour and our LINKS team. Mrs Gough will remain our Safeguarding Lead until Easter.
- Last Friday was sadly Ms Szczepura's last day leading Year 10. Beth would like to pass on her most sincere thanks for all your cards and best wishes. Beth has worked with us for 3 years; in her early days as Learning Community Leader for Rodborough and for the past year as Head of Year 10. Beth will be truly missed; her compassion for students and high standards have contributed towards Year 10 being in a great place to enter their final year of Key Stage 4 study. We wish her well. Year 10 will be overseen by Mrs Ward and Mr Hara for the next three weeks until Mr Testar begins just before the Easter break.
- We will shortly say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Barker, Head of MFL and Mrs Meredith, Head of PE and as they begin maternity leave. Miss Laight will step up to be Acting Head of MFL and will be supported by Mrs Bassett, an experienced MFL teacher who has worked at Maidenhill previously. Our PE department will be supported by Miss Stephens, an experienced PE teacher and current Head of Girls Hockey.
- We will shortly say goodbye to Miss Doncaster who works in our Finance team. Helen has been with us only a short time but her experience as a former School Business Manager has brought significant expertise to this role. We always knew Helen's time with us would be short, and we wish her well as she quite literally sails off into the sunset of her retirement.

Yours sincerely

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