



Langholm Academy 2-18 School

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Delivery of English

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now advertised our Teacher of English vacancy twice, without any suitable candidates being successful in appointment to the position. Unfortunately, recruiting specialist secondary teachers is currently very challenging and I am aware this is a difficulty for many of our secondary schools in Dumfries and Galloway.

To ensure senior phase learners are prioritised to complete their National and Higher courses and are prepared for their final SQA exams in May, we have reorganised the senior phase timetable to allow Mrs Thompson to teach both S4 National classes, and the S5/6 Higher class. This arrangement will begin as soon as the S4s have both had support from Mrs Thompson to complete their folios.

The Broad General Education (BGE) classes will be taught by Mrs Thompson, specialist supply teacher Mrs Little, Ms McLean and Mrs Dickson. Langholm Academy's S1-S3 programmes of work for English will be delivered in line with the long-term planning for the department.

We will now proceed with advertising for a BGE teacher to deliver English to S1-S3. It is my intention to readvertise the Teacher of English vacancy in Term 3 when local and national teaching vacancies are advertised on My Job Scotland.

Thank you for your patience with this situation and please know that we are doing everything we can to ensure progression for our pupils at Langholm Academy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss any matters.

Kind Regards,

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