



From the First Deputy Head

31st January 2008

Dear Parent

Because she has certain additional commitments she needs to complete before half-term, Mrs Nichol has asked to be relieved of her Middle School teaching for the next two weeks. The Headmaster and I have been very happy to oblige and have, we like to think, made a virtue of necessity. Supported by another member of Common Room our young Language Assistants have taught Mrs Nichol's Year 8 classes; I sat in with Mr Poll yesterday and he gave a terrific German lesson on shop conversations, for example.

The Headmaster and I are teaching Year 9 ourselves. This week I have been attempting to make the pupils more sceptical about what they are taught; next week Mr Wilbur will be teaching them some 19th Century French history. This is slightly 'off task', as they say, but educationally valuable and good fun too I hope, both for the pupils and for us. I hope you will indulge us – Mrs Nichol will be back immediately after half-term.

Yours sincerely

Fergus Livingstone