



# LOCHINVER HOUSE

## **MFL Teacher Maternity Cover (2-3 terms) September 2019**

### **Message from the Headmaster**

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Thank you for your interest in Lochinver House School.

Colleagues joining the School are supported by a comprehensive induction and mentoring programme and by a commitment to their professional development and training. We actively promote and encourage professional progression; indeed we are proud to state that in the last few years 3 members of staff have gained senior leadership roles within other prestigious schools and 3 members of staff have been promoted to senior leadership roles within our School. We continue to encourage our diverse staff body, value their commitment, forward-thinking approach and innovation.

Lochinver House School is a stimulating and vibrant place to learn and develop. Supported by the School, a talented team of hard-working staff continue to invest in their own development so that they are well equipped to inspire our pupils. My heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who pours their commitment, energy and inspiration into this wonderful School and I welcome your interest in joining us at Lochinver House.

The School's forward thinking approach has led to the provision of an iPad to every pupil in Years 6 – 8. This thoroughly secure provision supports independent and creative learning both at school and at home. A purpose built Design and Technology lab creates the opportunity for hands on learning to support such endeavour found elsewhere in the curriculum. Pupils from a local Primary School come to our specialist labs to join us for a Science Club each week. Our Theatre provides opportunities to perform for children throughout the School.

We have pupils in the National Children's Orchestra and training at the Royal Academy every Saturday. Two thirds of our pupils learn a musical instrument and 50% of those, two. Termly progression through ABRSM grade exams sat at our school led to 169 awards being made. Older pupils achieved up to and including Grade 8. Our weekly composition club which builds on class music lessons and the use of Sibelius software led to a number of pupils hearing their own compositions being played by a visiting professional string quartet.

The School continues to put out a tremendous number of sports teams and we have competed at the highest level. Lochinver football is highly respected because we are serious contenders and indeed 'giant killers' in the Independent Schools Football Association cup – a national competition – where we were in the finals in March at U13 level and in April at U11 level. Our U13 basketball team won the IAPS National Basketball Tournament last year.

We led our 6<sup>th</sup> Rugby Tour to South Africa at Easter and a soccer tour to Portugal in October 2018. Some of our pupils are contracted to professional clubs and our athletes had a successful last year with 3 golds at the London and SE IAPS championships.

A vibrant Parent Teachers Association works constructively to organise events for the whole community and to support the aims of our charitable trust. We vigorously pursue further developments to the site, its resources and the support of our central aim to provide a high quality education to our pupils, working in close relationship with the families we serve. We are enriched by a cosmopolitan and diverse population. We are a warm community and the renovation of our School Office and arrival point to the School has been a welcome improvement. So too has the complete development of our Learning Support department

The School thrives and balances upon or close to, our maximum number of 350 pupils. The Lochinver journey is a powerful one for pupils and enables tremendous personal development and achievement. 14 senior schools attended a recent evening at our school, keen to engage with our parents and the decisions they will be making about preferred follow on schools. Lochinver pupils are in demand and in the last 10 years we have sent pupils to 22 different schools. Academic achievement remains high. Our Year 8 pupils gain successful entry to their chosen senior schools and this year our Top Year leavers have gained 25 scholarships.

The educational journey at Lochinver produces pupils who have learnt how to learn, to communicate and to collaborate in order to solve problems. Our pupils think of others and know what it is to work hard for important purposes. We believe that flexible and resourceful thinkers and communicators are what a fast changing world will need and so we work creatively to enable such preparation.

I look forward to meeting you as you explore the opportunity to join our fantastic school.

Ben Walker  
Headmaster