

## Galashiels Academy

### Priorities For Improvement for the Academic Session 2007/2008

This coming year we have identified a number of key areas which we would like to see improved in the school.

We are always looking at ways to improve our pupils' **attainment** and this year we will introduce target-setting to S1 and S2 as well as to S5 and 6. We'll also seek to ensure that homework is treated consistently across the school.

A **Curriculum for Excellence** is something that all schools will be working on over the coming years and our main priorities this year, in connection with this, will be to further develop learning and teaching approaches and revamp our parental handbook so that it is of more use to parents.

A new **Pupil Support Policy** was written last year and we will look in the coming year at how well that has improved support for our pupils.

The school's **ethos or culture** is of the greatest importance if our pupils are to do the best they can and this year we want to focus on how we can make Galashiels Academy a Health-Promoting school in every way. We want staff, pupils and parents to be involved in decisions about how the school is run and will start to try and move towards this kind of involvement this coming year.

The main development this year in terms of **resources** will be staff development in the use of ICT to improve learning and teaching.

We are always looking to improve **quality assurance** and this year will turn our attention to whole-school monitoring of pupils' progress and attendance.

All of our work is centred upon how we can make things better for our pupils and improve our communication with parents and we depend on you to tell us if there are things that are of particular concern to you.