

Depute takes top job



The Gordon Schools' new rector Phil Gaiter (second right) with new teachers, Katie Allan, Graeme Cowie and Stuart Caddell.

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THE new rector at The Gordon Schools made a smooth transition into the top job last week, stepping up from the post of depute.

Phil Gaiter, appointed last session, has been joined by an interim depute rector Graeme Cowie.

Mr Gaiter is keen to maintain the strong ethos of tradition and is to reintroduce daily assemblies to improve contact and communication.

In the coming months, he will engage with the community as he sets out to develop a vision for the school and identify five key values.

Pupils returning to classes last week were delighted that over the holidays contractors refurbished an ancient toilet block to provide 11 ultra-modern unisex toilets.

Mr Gaiter said: "The issue of sub-standard

toilets was one regularly raised by the pupil council. I hope the refurbishment can be the start of a rolling programme of improvements to toilet facilities."

Several new teachers took up posts last week. In computing science, Stuart Caddell and in modern languages Katie Allan. In PE Paula West steps in to provide maternity cover and joins Megan Sutherland another recent addition to the team.

Acting depute Graeme Cowie said that his first impression of The Gordon Schools had been 100 per cent positive. He said: "There is something very special about The Gordon Schools, a great sense of community. The kids are fantastic, I have been so impressed by the young people."

School captains appointed are Jordan Gillespie and Simon Norris and their deputies are Jack Nicholls and Jodie Sutton.