

16th August 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all have had an enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school for the new session and are excited about what I am sure will be another successful year for the school. A special welcome to all of the parents and carers who are joining our school community for the first time. I am writing to let you know about some new session information that will be useful to you.

School Uniform

It was great to see virtually all of our students looking very smart in school uniform on the first day back. They all looked ready to learn and very much part of the school community. It has a very positive impact of the school ethos and thank you for your continued support of our uniform. Please remember that all pupils at Forfar Academy are expected to wear school uniform.

- All students should wear a school tie. These can be purchased from the school office
- White shirt or blouse
- Black jumper
- Black trousers/black skirt/black leggings
- Black shoes or black trainers
- S6 – School blazer for all prefects, House captains, and students in leadership positions

Tracksuit bottoms, non-black trainers, and any kind of denim are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

Sports Kit

Our Campus partners Angus Alive sell the PE kit and it can be purchased and ordered from the Angus Alive desk on campus. This will also allow an opportunity to try on sizes and not have to wait for delivery. The PE kit is:

- Sky blue t-shirt
- Maroon shorts
- Outdoor footwear
- Indoor footwear (non-coloured soles)

Being The Best You Can – School Uniform Values Campaign

Last session we started our values campaign. This is a reward system to recognise all of our students who demonstrate our school values on a daily basis. During each campaign students receive a values merit in every class where they have demonstrated the focus value and at the end of the campaign, if they have met the required number of values merits, they receive a badge and certificate. Last session we ran two successful campaigns for S1-S3 with a focus on our values “Respect and Integrity” (using respectful language) and “Teamwork” (following instructions) with a very high number of students receiving awards. From the 26th August we will start our new campaign focused on Being The Best You Can and school uniform. Pupils will receive a values merit for every period they are wearing school uniform as set out above and if they have met the required number of values merits after four weeks will receive the new badge and certificate. We would be very grateful if you could support this initiative and encourage your children to wear school uniform every day.

S1 Parents – A Date for Your Diary – Helping Your Child at School – Thursday 19th September 2019

We would like to invite all parents and carers of S1 students to the above event which we will be running for the first time. More information will be issued soon but we hope as many S1 parents and

carers as possible will come along to hear our departments give information on the courses your children are following in S1 and how you can support them in their learning to give them the best possible start at Forfar Academy.

Important Diary Dates – 2019-2020

Tues 13 th August 2019	Inservice day
Weds 14 th August 2019	Pupils return to school
Weds 4 th September 2019	S3 Tracking Report 1 issued
Thurs 19 th September 2019	S1 Parent Event – Help Your Child at School
Weds 25 th September 2019	S4/5/6 Tracking Report 1 issued
Fri 4 th October 2019	Additional Inservice Day *
Mon 7 th Oct 2019 – Fri 18 th Oct 2019	Autumn Holiday
Weds 30 th October 2019	S1 Tracking Report 1 issued
Thurs 7 th November 2019	Careers Fair
Weds 13 th November 2019	S2 Tracking Report 1 issued
Thurs 19 th November 2019	S2 into S3 Parent Information Event
Tues 26 th Nov – Fri 28 th Nov 2019	School Show – "Grease"
Weds 27 th November 2019	S4/5/6 Tracking Report 2 issued
Tues 3 rd December 2019	S5/6 Parents' Evening
Weds 4 th December 2019	Inservice Day
Thurs 5 th December 2019	Inservice Day
Fri 6 th December 2019	St Andrews Day Holiday
W/B 9 th December 2019	National 5 Assessment Week (prelims) begins
Tues 10 th December 2019	S2 Parents' Evening
Weds 18 th December 2019	S3 Tracking Report 2 issued
Mon 23 rd Dec 2019 - Fri 3 rd Jan 2020	Christmas Holidays
Thurs 9 th January 2020	S3 into Senior Phase Parents' Event
Tues 14 th January 2020	S3 Parents' Evening
Weds 22 nd January 2020	S4/5/6 Tracking Report 3 issued
W/B 27 th January 2020	Higher/AH Assessment Week (prelims) begin
Thurs 30 th January 2020	S4 Parents' Evening
Thurs 13 th February 2020	Inservice Day
Fri 14 th February 2020	Mid Term Holiday
Mon 17 th February 2020	Mid Term Holiday
Tues 25 th February 2020	P7 Induction Day 1

Weds 26 th February 2020	S2 Tracking Report 2 issued
Thurs 27 th February 2020	S1 Parents' Evening & Support Hub Open Evening
Weds 11 th March 2020	S4/5/6 Tracking Report 4 issued
Weds 1 st April 2020	S1 Tracking Report 2 issued
Mon 6 th April 2020 – Fri 17 th April 2020	Spring Holiday
Thurs 27 th April 2020	SQA Exams begin
Weds 29 th April 2020	S3 Tracking Report 3 issued
Fri 8 th May 2020	May Holiday
Mon 18 th May 2020 (TBC)	Timetable change (TBC)
Mon 25 th May 2020	Inservice Day
Tues 26 th May 2020	Additional Inservice Day *
Mon 8 th June – Tues 9 th June 2020	S5 Induction Days
Weds 10 th June – Thurs 11 th June 2020	P7 Induction Days 2 & 3
Thurs 11 th June 2020	P7 Parents' Event
Mon 15 th June – Tues 16 th June 2020	S6 Induction Days
Fri 26 th June 2020	Prize Giving & last day of session
Mon 29 th June – Mon 10 th August 2020	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 11 th August 2020	Inservice day 1 Session 2020-21
Weds 12 th August 2020	Pupils return for session 2020-21

**Nationally it has been agreed that all Scottish schools will close for an additional two in-service days next school session (2019/20). As well as the school holiday and in-service dates already agreed and available on the Angus Council website, Angus schools will be closed on the following days: Friday 4 October 2019 and Tuesday 26 May 2020*

Wishing you all the best of the new school session and I look forward to working with you all over the coming year.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher