



Dalry Secondary School



Message from the Head Teacher

In a few short days we will once again celebrate Christmas and the start of a New Year, 2023. I am sure you will, like me, be wondering where has 2022 gone and how can it possibly be 2023!

So far session 2022-23 has been as normal a session as we have had over the past few years. We have seen parent evenings, the return of the Dalry Christmas party, a number of school trips including S2 all going to the Burn's centre in Dumfries to watch Matilda, the Dalry basketball team sweeping aside all contenders etc. all contributing to a much more normal feel to being at school.

The Dalry Christmas Party made a welcome return for the first time since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic. It was great to see many of our pupils attending on the night and making it a great evening for all involved.



Basketball has taken off at Dalry School with regular practice taking place at lunchtimes involving a large majority of the young people. Mr Fleming has been campaigning and identifying funding sources to promote basketball for the young people and to buy them new kit so that they really do look the part when they travel to take on other schools. The current standings in the basketball league make very impressive reading, see below:

Junior League

Team	GP	W	L	PTS	PF	PA	Diff +/-
Dalry Secondary	2	2	0	4	56	25	+31
Dumfries High School	2	1	1	2	44	42	+2
Kirkcudbright Academy	1	1	0	2	19	9	+10
Castle Douglas HS	3	0	3	6	26	79	-53
Dumfries Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results

Dumfries HS 16
Dalry Secondary 32

vs
vs

Dalry Secondary 34 (@CDHS)
Castle Douglas 9 (@CDHS)

Upcoming

DS vs KA (@CDHS)
DA vs DS

As part of our Wider Achievement Activities the school entered the Safety Matters campaign competition. Four of our pupils attended the awards evening at The Bridge in Dumfries where they were rewarded for their efforts with a fifty pounds prize for the school. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to those who represented the school on the night.

The school has been successful in appointing a new group of office bearers to the Parent Council. An EGM was held on Monday 5th December where Mr Alistair Lamb was elected as chair of the parent council and Mr Michael Owen into the role of treasurer. Following the EGM a meeting of the parent council took place under the guidance of the newly appointed office bearers.



Mr Alistair Lamb
Chair of Dalry School Parent Council

I would like to draw your attention to the close proximity of the prelim examinations for pupils sitting National 5 subjects. These exams begin on Monday 16th January 2023. Please encourage your child to make an early start to their study to maximise their potential for a successful set of prelims that provides a boost to their confidence as we head toward the main exam diet in April.

School reopens for pupils on Tuesday 10th January 2023, however, you will be aware that teaching unions have called for industrial action in the form of strikes at the start of the new term. Consequently, on the 11th January 2023 all secondary schools will be closed.

Our Christmas service will take place in the church on Wednesday 21st December at 11am, all primary and secondary pupils will attend and parents are also welcome.



Please take the opportunity to have a look at our school website where you will find lots of information about the school.

Let me finish by returning to the season and offer you all the best wishes that this season brings and hope that 2023 is a good year for us all.



School Blog and website

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