



Barrhead High School



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a challenging first term, I think we should reflect on our achievements. It is evident through Twitter that staff and young people have overcome barriers and used their creativity to ensure learning and teaching continues to be a high standard at Barrhead High. Our staff and young people have demonstrated resilience and have participated in a range of health and wellbeing interventions. We have also worked hard to close the learning gap by organising various supports. Parents and carers have supported us by responding to our online surveys to help us to plan and consider your views.

I know this was a challenging term for all families not just in terms of school but life in general. Let's keep listening to each other and continue to be solution focused.



If you require support, Children 1st Parentline can help families in East Renfrewshire struggling with money worries, family troubles, or feeling low children. You can access further information via [1st.org.uk/parentline](https://1st.org.uk/parentline) or call free 08000 28 22 33

#### **Calendar of events**

- Mental health week- activities across the school to promote positive mental health
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October- S5/6 Tracking report issued.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October-P7/S1 virtual numeracy workshop 7-8pm (more details to follow)
- S6 will be doing the 'Ultimate Stomp' and climbing 22,500 stairs to raise funds and awareness for SAMH during the holidays. More details to follow via Twitter

**Reminder that school will close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to all our young people returning to school.**

### **SQA announcement**

I have contacted S4/5/6 parents with an update regarding the SQA announcement. Unfortunately we have had to cancel our planned October school.

### **Catering update**

Young people across East Renfrewshire Council will receive a new pin number and a code to access a pre-order App. The information will be sent to their GLOW account when we return after the October break. There will be no impact if the young person does not have access to their pin as the catering staff will continue to look up their details. We will share all information with learners when we return.

### **Careers planning**

Barrhead High is planning a range of virtual events to provide insight into certain careers. We will identify young people who are interested in the areas using our Careers Tracker. If your child has changed their career path and would be interested in attending a session, please ask them to speak to Miss Walker.

- Friday 9th October 2020 - CCG Quantity Surveyor - video then live Q+A
- Wednesday 4th November 2020 – Offsite-construction (Cambuslang) - Multiple videos before and during Q+A
- Wednesday 9th December 2020 - Accounts – Purchase Ledger/Estimator – video and live Q+A
- Friday 8th January 2021 - Trade Apprentices onsite – 3 x 10 mins from each apprentice (provide background, pathway, daily responsibilities) then Q+A
- Wednesday 10th February 2021 - Work Ready Presentation and Q+A
- Friday 19th March 2021 - Mock Interviews – 2 sessions (4 pupils in each session)

We are also planning our virtual Careers week for November. More details to follow from Mrs Wallace.

### **Go4SET**

S2 learners will have an opportunity to register for an opportunity which allows them to participate in an accredited experience, helping them to develop skills, gain an insight into industry and become better informed about careers available. By participating, students will be awarded with the Industrial Cadets Bronze Award. This is a 12 week project involving around 20 hours work. If your child would like more details or would like to register, please speak to Mr Boag.

### **Celebrating achievements**

Please click [here](#) to access the recent pupil newsletter.

Finally, the staff at Barrhead High would like to thank you for all your supportive messages. We hope all our young people and families have a safe and relaxing break.

Best wishes,

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