



# BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

## Weekly Update

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

#### Expectations while in the community

All young people who are out in the community during breaks should be respectful of our neighbours. Litter and unwanted food items should be placed in appropriate recycling bins. Thank you for your contribution to the positive relationship that the school has with the community. (Mr B Harris)

#### The Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in School 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November. This is a fantastic opportunity to discover new books and Authors. All books purchased will help with rewards for the school, including new titles for the library. Parents can save money by purchasing vouchers in advance online. This saves 20% and avoids pupils having to carry cash. This can be done by clicking on the link below.

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers)



Save the date

# Book Week Scotland

18–24 November 2019

Celebrate books and reading  
wherever you are!



#### November 2019!!! Cupar Youth Club Live Is Back!!!

Free young people event for November - all young people from P7 to S6 brought to you by Cupar Youth Café and our partners. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00 - 8.00 pm at Cupar Corn Exchange. Silent Disco, Music Space Performers, Tuck Shop and Gaming Station. To register for your space now, just drop us an email or get in touch via our social media.

### **Bell Baxter's Got Talent**

The Bell Baxter's Got Talent Show returns on the evening of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will be on sale soon so keep an eye out for details and make sure you do not miss out! (S6 Yearbook Team)

### **Armed Forces Group**

Would any pupils who attended the last Armed forces group meeting with Miss Cowan, or who are interested in joining, please meet in the conference room at lunchtime on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. (Miss G Cowan)

### **Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Registration**

A huge thank and well done to all 121 S5/S6 pupils who signed up to the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Register on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. A huge thank you to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who came into school to carry out swabs as part of registration as a potential blood stem cell donor. This really can contribute to saving a life, so very well done for all who signed up.

### **Christmas Toy Drive 1<sup>st</sup> November – 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

Bell Baxter High School are supporting the Christmas Toy Drive. If you wish to support this great cause by buying an extra gift this Christmas and supporting the Toy Drive, please hand gifts into Ms Cunneen's office. Donations will be collected and distributed to Children and Families in need. We will be collecting for Boys and Girls aged between 0 – 18. Gifts must be new and unwrapped. Thank you again for your support and generosity this festive season.

## TRIPS, CLUBS, EVENTS AND REHEARSALS

### **Global Goals Group (Eco, Fairtrade)**

Come along to Room 212 on Thursday lunchtimes. All welcome. (Ms C Pour)

### **Tin Whistle Residential Trip 2020**

A reminder that deposit payments and consent forms must be handed in by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. (Mr C McNicol)

### **Ardeonaig – Expressive Arts 2020**

All Ardeonaig payments must now be paid in full. Please see Mr McNicol if you have any questions. Anyone who has not completed a 'rooming form' should collect one from Room 402 by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Manchester United Vs Watford Trip**

A reminder that the first instalment for the Manchester United trip needs to be paid by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Full payment can also be paid before this date. If you have any further questions or still require a letter detailing payment plan please see Mr Duncan in PE.

### **S1-6 Girls Football**

There was a short meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10.25 am in the games hall in preparation for our game on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> away to Balwearie on the Astro. Any information required, see Mr Baillie in PE.

### **Global Goals Group – Good Practice**

Thanks to all who are currently recycling their litter in the dining hall, please can we remind you that we have a separate crisp recycling station under the Eco notice board.

### **Pass on Plastics to All**

Thanks to everyone who continues to bring their own water bottles and reusable cups, this helps our target to make Bell Baxter a single use plastic free school.

## **S1 - S3 MESSAGES**

### **S1 Drop In**

Drop in to Room 212 at interval and lunchtime. All welcome, bring lunch, chat with friends and play games. (Ms C Pour)

### **Yellow Self-Referral Forms**

A reminder to all S1 that they can pick up a yellow self-referral form from the main office if they would like to make an appointment with Guidance or Pupil Services to discuss any worries or concerns.

### **Global Goals Group**

The group will meet in the Conference Room at lunchtime on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November to learn more about the Climate Action Strike on 29<sup>th</sup> November in St Andrews. We look forward to seeing you, all new members welcome. We are trying to get as many people to support this great event.

## **Summative Assessments**

All young people are about to embark on formal assessment in order to track progress in learning through their senior phase education. English and Maths will be conducted in the Games Hall the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November and final arrangements have been shared with young people during an assembly last Wednesday. This is to allow everyone the opportunity to experience the formal arrangements that they will undergo in the May/June 2020 diet next year. All other Faculties will conduct formal assessments in class time. Information from these will inform our updated progress reports to be issued in the first week back after the holidays in January. Please note that supported study sessions are on offer after school and at lunchtime across all subject areas and we would strongly encourage young people to sign up. (Ms C Penrose)

## **S5/S6 Parents' Evening**

S5/S6 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm. The online booking system for this went live on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 am and will close on 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am.

## **EMA (Educational Maintenance Allowance)**

The next meeting with Miss Manders is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.50 am in her office. This meeting is only for pupils who have not previously met and have recently received a Learning Agreement from the EMA team. All unsigned Learning Agreements should be handed into the main office before this date. (Mrs B O'Neill)

## **Global Goals Presentation**

The Global Goals presentation at Cupar Rotary on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November was very well received by all. We would like to thank the Rotary for their hospitality and we look forward to joining them on 3<sup>rd</sup> December on Santa's Sleigh to raise money for reusable water bottles for our S1 pupils. Well done to Cameron Anderson, (S6) Sophie Gent (S5) and Rebecca McQueen (S6) for their confident and informative presentation.