



# BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

## Weekly Update

Monday 25<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. A number of recent complaints have been received in relation to property and vehicle damage, we welcome your continued support on acting appropriately in the community and enabling a positive relationship the school has with the community.

#### **Anti-Bullying**

No form of bullying is tolerated in Bell Baxter. We take all allegations seriously and will act on all reports as quickly as we can, no pupil should feel unsafe whilst in Bell Baxter. There will be serious consequences for anyone found to be bullying. Further advice and our online reporting form, can be found on our school website or by using the link below. The form can be completed by a parent/guardian, a witness to the incident, or the person being bullied. (Mr A Lownie)

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/bellbaxterhighschool/our-school/policies/anti-bullying-advice/>

#### **Youth Climate Strike- St Andrews- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Pupils who have signed up for the event will receive a group call message with a parental consent form attached. Please ensure that consent forms are returned to school by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Come along to Room 212 at lunchtime to make your placard to carry. Please pop along to Room 212 if you have any questions about the day. (Ms C Pour)

#### **Sports Captains**

Want to become a Sports Captain with responsibility to develop our programme of house sporting activities and competitions? Want to develop your leadership, organisation and communication skills through a role of responsibility in Bell Baxter? Any pupil S1-6 is welcome to attend an information session about how to apply to be a Sports Captain which will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 12.55 pm in Gym 1. See Mr Lowrie for information.



### **Equalities Group**

The Equalities Group meets in Room 418 every Wednesday lunchtime. We would love new people to come along and join! This group was set up to discuss issues surrounding equality and inclusiveness and support people - no matter what their sexuality, gender or race. Come along and help support LGBTQ matters and other topics surrounding equality for everybody!

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

Bell Baxter's Got Talent will take place at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, showcasing some of the singing, music and dancing talent of Bell Baxter pupils (and staff!). Tickets, priced at £3 for concessions (children and senior citizens), £5 for adults or £12 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 concessions or 1 adult and 3 concessions) will be on sale at interval on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the dinner hall (next to Pupil Reception). (S6 Yearbook Team)

### **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. Only 1 more week left to donate gifts!

### **The Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair **last day is Monday 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)

### **New Staff Member**

My name is Michael Hamilton and I am about to begin my new role as PT for Enhanced Achievement and Progression at Bell Baxter. I am very much looking forward to becoming a member of the team at Bell Baxter, to support and improve the outcomes for the young learners whom are part of the Bell Baxter environment, building on the good work and experiences already taking place.

### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Meeting

The next DofE meeting for all Bronze participants will take place from 2:50 pm – 5.00 pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Room 402. We may be outside for some team building/navigation activities, so please bring warm clothes.

### TESCO Performance

The Extra-Curricular Music groups are performing outside TESCO, Cupar on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We are also looking for solo/group items for this event. If any performers (S1-6) would like a slot, please see Mr McNicol in Room 402 this week for more information.

### Expressive Arts Ardeonaig Meeting

A meeting will take place a lunchtime on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November in Room 402. The purpose of this meeting is to choose activities, so please see Mr McNicol beforehand if you cannot attend the meeting. Anyone who has not collected a rooming form should do so as soon as possible.

### S1 Parents Evening

S1 Parents Evening is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and system goes live Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 am.

### Summative Assessments

Our young people in the Senior Phase are currently undertaking summative assessments across their National Qualification courses. Please note that the Mathematics (Mathematics and Applications of Mathematics) and English National 5 and Higher assessments are taking place outside of class time on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November as indicated below. On Monday pupils should proceed directly to the hall and on Tuesday pupils should report to their Period 1 or Period 5 class to be registered before making their way to their assessment location.

Some young people will be sitting these assessments in alternative locations and they have been informed directly by their class teachers. If they remain unsure they should check with the office as soon as possible on Monday.

Date	Course & Level	Location	Times
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Higher Mathematics	Games Hall	08:45am – 10:30am
	National 5 Applications of Maths	Games Hall	08:45am – 10:45am
	National 5 Mathematics	Games Hall	12:35pm – 2:25pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Higher English *	Games Hall	09:00am – 10:15am
	National 5 English *	Games Hall	1:30pm - 2:30pm

## **S6 UCAS**

All S6 pupils applying to university are reminded that to ensure their references are completed in a timely manner they must upload their redrafted personal statements and complete the UCAS application form as a matter of urgency. (Ms A L Cunneen)