



BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

Weekly Update
Monday 13th January, 2020

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

Bell Baxter Vision & Values

Since we arrived back in August, considerable work has been undertaken by staff, young people and members of the wider school community to create a clear Vision and set of Values for Bell Baxter which will underpin the work of our staff and pupils going forward. We are delighted to share with you that this collaborative process has now concluded, with new visuals created which outlines our new Vision and Values which will sit at the heart of everything we do. These have been shared with young people through Assemblies this week, led by Ms Penrose. This was also launched with all staff at our most recent In-Service Day. We are excited to share this with our wider school community in the very near future. Please keep an eye out in the local press, school website and our social media platforms for more information.

TIME FOR EQUALITY

Equalities Group is relaunching after the Christmas break. Everyone is welcome to come and join us to see what is involved in the Equalities Group on **Tuesday 14th January at 12.25 pm in Room 211 for an Equali-teas and Cake.**



Cupar Food Bank

On the last day of term we held a Christmas jumper day in aid of Cupar Food Bank. We were absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity of pupils, parents and staff, which enabled us to donate 2011 items to this worthy cause. The volunteers at Cupar Food Bank were truly delighted and our donations were distributed to families in need over the festive period. Thanks go to our Janitors for all their assistance with the logistics, Tesco for lending us their trolleys and of course all of you for your donations.

Special thanks go to our group of S6 girls for all their hard work and organisation with this venture over the past two years - Georgia Griffin, Tara Tannock, Chloe Laing, Lucy Barker, Laura Douglas, Molly Wilson and Niamh Callan. With these girls leaving Bell Baxter in June, we are looking for another group of volunteers to take

over next year. Any pupil in our current S4 or S5 cohort who is interested in being involved should see either Ms MacConnochie or Miss McNeill for further info.



Active Schools Co-ordinator

I am the new Active Schools Co-ordinator for the Bell Baxter cluster; my name is Hayley Smith. I look forward to meeting you over the next two terms and I am located in the PE Department. See you in the New Year. My email is Hayley.smith@fife.gov.uk for anyone who wants to get in touch.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Bell Baxter Parent Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th January at 7.00 pm** in the Bell Baxter Conference Room. All parents/carers of Bell Baxter pupils are welcome, you do not need to be a member to attend our meetings. As part of the meeting Ms Penrose will be outlining the Course Choice and Curriculum model for next year, please e-mail bellbaxter.parentcouncil@gmail.com to confirm attendance. (Mrs Karen Brown, Chairperson)

Breakfast/Cafe

Breakfast service is running daily from 8.15 am to 8.40 am. Hot filled rolls, yoghurt, granola, bagels, etc. Hot drinks machine is coming soon. The Café is opening on Monday 13th January. Save time queuing at lunch, pre-order your lunch at breakfast or morning break. (Mrs A Honeyman)



Bronze DofE Meeting

The next Bronze DofE check-in meeting will be on Tuesday 28th January (2.50 pm– 4.15 pm). All participants should ensure that eDofE logs are up to date, and all sections should now be well underway. (Mr C McNicol)

Cupar Schools' Burns Competition

Any pupil wishing to enter the Cupar Schools' Burns Competition on Thursday 6th February 2020 should see Mr McNicol in Room 402 before the end of the week. Four categories are available to competitors - recitation, singing, instrumental and bagpiping. Further details will be provided to those interested in competing.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs start again this week and pupils should be encouraged to come along and try new things. There will be information put up on the PE glass doors. See below for list of clubs. (Mr D Baillie)

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/bellbaxterhighschool/uploads/sites/9838/2020/01/10090230/lunch-after-school-clubs-2020-20.pdf>



Badminton Club

Badminton club has begun again and will run every Thursday at 3.45 pm – 5.00 pm in the Games Hall. All pupils and teachers of all abilities are welcome.

(Mr K Cameron)

Ardeonaig 2020

All pupils attending the Expressive Arts - Ardeonaig trip should attend a meeting at lunchtime on Thursday 16th January. This will take place in Room 402. Trip information will be issued along with rooming arrangements and activity groups. Attendance is essential, so please see Mr McNicol beforehand if you cannot attend.



Film Club

This term Film Club will move to Tuesday 2.50 pm - 4.30 pm in Room 203.

(Mr Beckett)

S2 Pathways Information Evening – Course Choice for S3 – Session 2020/2021

In order that all S2 learners and parents are aware of the pathways open to them in preparation for S3 and beyond and as we further enrich our curriculum, an open evening is being held on Thursday 16th January from 6.30 pm-7.15 pm. Following a presentation by Ms Penrose, Rector, there will be an opportunity to visit various stalls where representatives from curriculum areas will be available to answer questions individuals might have surrounding the school curriculum offer.

S2 Girls - Immunisations

Appointment slips have been issued to S2 girls for the HPV immunisations on Tuesday 14th January.

Immunisations

All S3 and some senior pupils have also been issued with NHS consent forms for Dip, Tet and Polio vaccinations which should be returned to school by 15th January.

S3/S4/S5 Pathways Information Evening – Course Choice for S4/S5/S6 – Session 2020/2021

In order that all learners and parents are aware of the pathways open to them in preparation for the Senior Phase Curriculum (S4 and beyond) and as we further enrich our curriculum, an open evening is being held on Thursday 16th January from 7.30 pm. Please note this is a re-run of the session held on 11th December. Following a presentation by Ms Penrose, Rector, there will be an opportunity to visit various stalls where representatives from Faculty teams will be available to share information and answer questions about the school curriculum as well as representatives from the Open University, Fife College and SRUC who will be able to answer questions on the school partnership curriculum offer for 2020. Representatives from Herriot Watt, St Andrews University, Edinburgh University, SAAS and Fife Council Employability Team will also be in attendance.

S4 Pupil - Course Opportunities

If you are interested in a career in any of the following sectors please let Miss C Thomson know by Friday 17th January. We have an excellent opportunity for you as part of your S5 Curriculum.

- Accountancy
- Social Services: Children and Young People
- Social Services and Healthcare
- Information Technology: Software Development
- Scientific Technologies: Laboratory Skills

NQ Drama/Media Study Support for all levels

This term there will be a weekly Media Study Support session in Room 301 on Thursdays from 3.40 pm - 5.00 pm. Support will be available for both analysis questions and folio sections of the course assignment task. At this time equipment and spaces will also be available for pupils filming their course assignment. Drama pupils who are unable to attend Tuesday sessions can also get support at this time. (Mr Beckett)

Thinking about College?

Fife College, SRUC (Elmwood) and Perth College are now accepting applications for their courses starting in August 2020. Courses are filling up fast so we would advise you to get your application in as soon as possible while there are still places available. **Dundee College** will open their applications on week beginning 20th January. All applications are made via the college website.

Open days are available for students to visit, have a look around and speak to course tutors.

Fife College - phone the college to arrange a visit

Dundee College - Tuesday 14 January: Gardyne Campus, 2.00 pm–6.00 pm

Wednesday 15 January: Arbroath Campus, 2.00 pm–6.00 pm

Thursday 16 January: Kingsway Campus, 2.00 pm–6.00 pm

SRUC - Elmwood - Thursday 27 February 2020 5.00 pm–7.00 pm start

Perth College - Saturday 14 March 10.00 am-2pm

Wednesday 10 June 2pm-6pm

Pop into the Careers Room during interval or lunchtime to speak to a Careers Adviser (Alison Flint & Sharon Lennie, SDS Careers Advisers)

Fabulous Opportunity (in Barcelona) for S5/S6 Scientists

All interested S5/S6 Scientists need to do is download an application form and apply (see below) (Dr J Parker)

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