



# BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

**Weekly Update**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

## WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



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*"The future is in our hands"*



### Curiosity

We always ...  
ask the questions, say  
'can do' and get  
stuck in.



### Togetherness

We always ...  
participate, value  
diversity and  
recognise the  
contribution of others.



### Excellence

We always ...  
challenge our  
knowledge, our skills  
and our effort.

*"After an extensive period of engagement with young people, parents, staff and partners we are delighted to share the new Vision and Values for Bell Baxter High School. "The future is in our hands". It is an exciting future. We look forward to working with you all in our journey to build curiosity, togetherness and excellence."*

*Carol Ann Penrose, Rector*



## Bell Baxter 2020 - Curriculum Framework

Please click on the link below to see the PowerPoints and Curriculum Prospectus shared at the parent information evening on our new 2020 Curriculum Framework. The timeline for Course Counselling can be found in both the PowerPoints and is also included on the back page of our Prospectus, however we will Group Call year groups throughout this period to remind you of key dates relevant to your child.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/bellbaxterhighschool/our-school/curriculum/>

## Bell Baxter Parent Council

Bell Baxter Parent Council has worked in conjunction with the school to look at the Standards and Quality report and produce a summarised version. We hope you will take the time to have a look, as we feel it is important that parents and carers know how the school is performing and the actions being taken in order to make improvements. (Mrs K Brown, Chairperson, Bell Baxter Parent Council)

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/bellbaxterhighschool/uploads/sites/9838/2020/01/24144109/BBHS-Parent-SQR-2019.pdf>

## Assemblies

There will be pupil assemblies for all pupils next week at the following times where there will be a number of year group specific issues covered.

| Year Group | Assembly    |
|------------|-------------|
| S1         | Tuesday 2   |
| S2         | Tuesday 1   |
| S3         | Wednesday 5 |
| S4         | Wednesday 3 |
| S5         | Thursday 4  |
| S6         | Friday 3    |

Please register your pupils and bring down to the assembly hall at the beginning of each period. (Mr D Lowrie)

## Fire Service follow up Assemblies

Colin Sanderson from the Fire Service visited the school last Tuesday to lead specially arranged Assemblies for all year groups. The Assemblies were used to highlight the danger of fire raising along with the wider impact on families and communities. Following the fire in the school last week, these very important messages were well received by all young people.

## Accessing Support in School

The Assemblies last week were used to highlight how to access support in school. The following methods were explained:

- Young people can ask their teacher for support and they will pass on concerns to Guidance.
- At break or lunch, young people can speak to Guidance or Pupil Support Officers if they are available.
- At break or lunch, young people can go to the school Reception and complete a 'Yellow Slip' then post it through the 'Drop Box'. Guidance/Pupil Services will send the young person an appointment slip with a time to meet.
- At break or lunch, young people can go to the school Reception and ask to speak to someone immediately. The Administration Team will place a radio call for Guidance/Pupil Services to attend.

Please note that young people will not be allowed out of class to go to Guidance/Pupil Services, unless they have an appointment slip.

## Thank You from The Toy Drive

Please see link below to view a thank you letter from The Toy Drive

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/bellbaxterhighschool/uploads/sites/9838/2020/01/20132539/Thank-you-from-the-Toy-Drive.pdf>



## Equalities Group

All S1-S6 welcome. Room 211 on Tuesday lunchtimes. You are welcome to bring your lunch along. (Miss T Pollock)

## Rag Bag Collection

Rag Bag collection carts will be in the foyer on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please note that parents can drop off donations at the Main Office on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January or Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Prefects will be handing out Rag Bags to S1 classes early this week. Donations can be accepted in any bag. Please see the link below for items that can be collected. (Global Goals Group) <https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/what-we-collect.php>

## CLUBS, EVENTS AND REHEARSALS

## Ski Trip 2020

Can all participants of the Ski Trip at Easter please see Mr Young as soon as possible to provide sizes for the trip hoody.

## Girls' Football

There was a meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January in the Games Hall at interval (10.25 am) to confirm availability for game on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January against Kirkcaldy High School. If you did not make it, please see Mr Baillie.

## Lunch and After School Clubs

Just a reminder that the following clubs are taking place each week and have now started. (Miss H Smith, Active School Co-ordinator)

| LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS   |                |                  |                    |                          |                                       |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                    | MONDAY         | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY          | THURSDAY                 | FRIDAY                                |
| LUNCHTIME<br>12.30 PM TO 1.00 PM   | S1 FITNESS     | S1 DODGEBALL     | S3 FUTSAL          | S2 DODGEBALL             | S1-S6 COUCH TO 5K                     |
|                                    |                | S2 FITNESS       | S2 FITNESS         | S1-S3 BASKETBALL         |                                       |
|                                    |                |                  | S1-S6 TABLE TENNIS | S1-S6 GIRLS ONLY FITNESS |                                       |
|                                    |                |                  | S1-S6 KICK BOXING  |                          |                                       |
| AFTER SCHOOL<br>3.40 PM TO 4.40 PM | S1/S2 FOOTBALL | S1 BASKETBALL    | S3 NETBALL         | S1-S6 BADMINTON          | S3 FOOTBALL & STAFF VS PUPILS 5 ASIDE |
|                                    | S1/S2 NETBALL  | S1-S6 GYMNASTICS |                    | S1-S6 GIRLS FOOTBALL     |                                       |
|                                    | S3 BASKETBALL  | S4-S6 NETBALL    |                    |                          |                                       |

### **Ardeonaig – Expressive Arts Trip**

All pupils attending the above trip must attend a final meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. This will take place in Room 402 at 12:30 pm and cover all final arrangements for the trip. (Mr C McNicol)

### **Andalucía Trip Meeting 2020**

There will be a short meeting for participants of the Andalucía trip at break time on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January in Miss Aitken's Room (322), to discuss passports and pen pals. Thank you. See you there. (Miss Aitken)

### **Cupar Burns Competition**

All pupils who have entered Cupar Burns Competition on 6<sup>th</sup> February should attend a short meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at lunchtime in Room 402. (Mr C McNicol)

### **Bronze DofE Meeting**

A reminder that the next Bronze DofE meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January (2.50 pm – 4:15 pm). All participants should ensure that eDofE logs are up to date, and all sections are well underway. (Mr C McNicol)

### **Scottish National Schools Aquathlon Championships**

**Date:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Venue:** Michael Woods Sports & Leisure Centre, Glenrothes, Fife

**Age:** S1 to S6 inclusive

**Format:** Individual and Mixed Team Relay Aquathlons

S1/S2 = 250m swim, 2km run

S3/S4 = 400m swim, 3km run

S5/S6 = 500m swim, 4km run

Mixed Team Relay: 200m swim and 1km run per athlete in an S1-S3 Girl, S1-S3 Boy, S1-S6 Girl, S1-S6 Boy format.

**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes are available in each category for both boys and girls.

**Entry Fee:** £7.50 per individual and £15 per team via invoice to schools.

Sign up on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10.25 am in the Health & Wellbeing Department. You will need to supply a recorded swim time for the allocated distance to sign up. Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements and have a guardian stay with them for the day. The event will start at 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.

## Scottish Schools' Cross County

Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Venue: Hopetoun House Estate, South Queensferry

Format:

| Events |         |          |       |          |        |
|--------|---------|----------|-------|----------|--------|
| a.     | Group D | Under 14 | Girls | 12.45 pm | 3,000m |
| b.     | Group D | Under 14 | Boys  | 1.05 pm  | 3,000m |
| c.     | Group C | 14–15    | Girls | 1.25 pm  | 4,000m |
| d.     | Group C | 14–15    | Boys  | 1.45 pm  | 4,000m |
| e.     | Group B | 15–17    | Girls | 2.05 pm  | 4,000m |
| f.     | Group B | 15–17    | Boys  | 2.25 pm  | 5,000m |
| g.     | Group A | Over 17  | Girls | 2.45 pm  | 4,000m |
| h.     | Group A | Over 17  | Boys  | 3.05 pm  | 6,000m |

Sign up on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10.25 am in the Health & Wellbeing Department. Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements and have a guardian stay with them for the day. The event will start at mid-day. (Active Schools)

### S1 - S3 MESSAGES

#### S2 Parents' Evening

S2 Parents' Evening is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and the system will go live on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 00:05 hours for booking appointments. More information will be sent out in due course via Groupcall.

#### S3 Parents' Evening

S3 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 5.00 pm-7:30 pm (Online system went live on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 00:05 hours and will close on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00 hours).

### S4 - S6 MESSAGES

#### Emotional Support Ambassadors

Bell Baxter is the first school in Fife to train up a combined team of pupils and staff to support our young people's emotional wellbeing. This is a partnership approach, with experts from CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) delivering the training. The team will complete a training course over four evenings, and when this is complete, will be available as a first point of contact for pupils at a drop in service. (Mr N Duncan)

## **Exam Stress**

Bell Baxter has produced an information sheet to assist pupils and parents at this time as assessment in the Senior Phase increases. This is intended to provide some simple advice and further links to support. Please see link below. (Mr N Duncan)

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/bellbaxterhighschool/uploads/sites/9838/2020/01/23162113/Exam-Stress.pdf>