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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that our young people will return to Bellahouston Academy on Monday the 16th of August following the summer break, and I am particularly pleased to welcome the new S1 intake to our school; I hope that this session will be a settled, enjoyable and productive one for all of those in our school community.

Start Times and Arrangements on Monday the 16th of August

Our new S1 pupils should arrive at school by 8.50am, and will be directed to gather at the outdoor seating area. They will be met there by Mrs Duncan (Faculty Head of Inclusion) and Mr Macdonald (S1 Depute Headteacher) who will assign pupils to their Tutor groups, and introduce them to their Tutor teacher. Their Tutor teacher will then escort pupils to their class. Pupils will remain in their Tutor class for periods 1 and 2, so that they can be issued with their timetables, and be given the key information they will require to quickly “settle in” to life at Bellahouston Academy. At this time, pupils will also be made aware of the various Covid-19 mitigations in place for the initial weeks of term.

Our S2-S6 pupils should arrive at school at 9.15am, and should go directly to their Tutor class. Tutor classes are printed at the end of this letter as a reminder. Pupils will remain in their Tutor class for period 1 and 2, so that they can be issued with their timetables, and be reminded of the various Covid-19 mitigations in place for the initial weeks of term. S2-S6 pupils should ensure that they bring their fully-charged school iPad with them.

Covid-19 Mitigations

For the initial weeks of the new school session, a range of Covid-19 mitigations remain in place, in order to minimise, wherever possible, the risk of virus transmission. By following these mitigations, we can allow one another to feel safe and confident within the school setting.

- Pupils can be issued with Lateral Flow testing kits from the school office, and are encouraged to test themselves on a twice-weekly basis. If a pupil has a positive Lateral Flow Test result, they should self-isolate and book a PCR test at their earliest opportunity. Any pupil experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 should self-isolate and book a PCR Test. If the PCR test is positive, the pupil should follow guidance given by Test and Protect regarding self-isolation.
- Test and Protect (not the school) will undertake any required contact tracing. If a pupil is contacted by Test and Protect because they have been identified as a close contact of someone testing positive for Covid-19, they must follow guidance regarding the need for PCR testing and, where required, self-isolation.
- **All pupils and staff (unless exempt) must wear a suitable face covering when inside the school building, including when they are in class.**
- Regular hand washing will be encouraged, and pupils should make use of hand sanitising stations at the entrance and elsewhere in the building. Pupils who wish to bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser for their own personal use are permitted to do so.
- Staff will maintain a 2-metre physical distance from each other and from pupils; pupils are not required to maintain a physical distance from one another.





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- S1-S3 pupils should enter via the Gower Terrace entrance each morning; S4-S6 pupils will enter via the Urrdale Road entrance.
- Pupils in Arran and Iona house groups will have their morning interval at 10.30am-10.45am, and pupils in Mull and Skye house groups will have their interval at 10.45am-11.00am. This will ensure that the social areas assigned to each year group will be less crowded at these times. Young people will spend intervals and lunchtimes outdoors, unless the weather is particularly cold or wet. On cold and wet days, indoor areas are assigned to each year group.
- Classes on the ground and first floors will leave the building 5 minutes before the end of the school day (2.55pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 3.45pm on a Tuesday and Thursday). Classes on the 1st and 2nd floors will leave the building at the normal time (3.00pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 3.50 on Tuesday and Thursday). This will ensure that corridor and exit areas will be less crowded at these times.
- More generally, pupils should conduct themselves responsibly and appropriately at all times, so that the learning environment is calm and settled.

Contacting the School

Should you require to get in touch with the school to discuss matters relating to your child, you can contact their Pastoral Care Teacher. Pupils are assigned a Pastoral Care Teacher according to their House Group.

Pastoral Care Teachers

Arran – Mr S. Atha

Iona – Ms L. Kennedy

Mull – Mr M. Ruiseil

Skye – Mrs S. Rashid

Alternatively you can contact the Depute Headteacher responsible for your child's Year Group.

Year Group DHTs

S1 – Mr M. Macdonald

S2 – Mrs L. Galloway

S3 – Mrs S. Galloway

S4 – Mrs M. Watt (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs L. Galloway (Thursday-Friday)

S5-S6 – Ms J. Cairns

Campus Police Officer

PC Kevin McTaggart, our Campus Police Officer has moved on to a new role. We are very grateful to Kevin for the support he has given our young people and their families over the last few sessions since arriving at Bellahouston Academy. We wish Kevin all the best in his new role with the Police. We look forward to welcoming our new Campus Police Officer – PC Jaz Ahmed – to the school at the beginning of the new term.

Fuel Zone

Young people are able to purchase lunch from the Fuel Zone. A full lunch costs £1.90, and other snacks/refreshments are also available. Pupils entitled to a free meal should see Mr McDonald if they are





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unsure of the arrangements for this. In due course, it is hoped that we will be able to extend the Fuel Zone service to intervals, and I will keep you updated on this over the coming weeks. Pupils who bring a packed lunch to school are also permitted to use the Fuel Zone.

Further Information

I would encourage you – if you have not already done so – to visit our school website, where you will find a great deal of additional information about our school, such as our Uniform code, our school handbook, and a “virtual tour” of the building. You can also find details on how to download and use our school App. We also have a school Twitter feed (@BellahoustonAc) which is regularly updated.

Please get in touch with me at the school, if you would like to discuss any of the matters above.

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Tutor Classes

S2-S6 pupils should go directly to the assigned room at 9.15 on the Morning of the 16th of August.

House	Class	Student Tutor	Location	House	Class	Student Tutor	Location
Arran	1A1	R Jordan	Soc Sub 5	Iona	1I1	H Moy	Eng 6
Arran	1A2	H McIntosh	Music 2	Iona	1I1	D Rorrison	Eng 5
Arran	2A1	C Thomson	RE 1	Iona	2I1	R Wason	Eng 7
Arran	2A2	G McWhinnie	RE 2	Iona	2I2	J Dickie	Mod L 2
Arran	3A1	J Connelly	HE Grnd	Iona	3I1	M Amjad	Mod L 3
Arran	3A2	L McConnell	HE Lower	Iona	3I2	L Gibson	Mod L 5
Arran	4A1	C Gibson / E Kilbride (Thursday)	Drama Room	Iona	4I1	K Auld (M-W) /R. Diengulia (T/F)	Mod L 6
Arran	4A2	J Beacher (M) N McFadzean (T-F)	Soc Sub 3	Iona	4I2	L McKerley	Eng 8
Arran	5A1	J Brown (S Barbour)	C2	Iona	5I1	M Canzanella	Eng 1
Arran	5A2	M Scouler	Soc Sub 2	Iona	5I2	E Vanni	Eng 2
Arran	6A1	G Fraser	Music	Iona	6I1	J McVittie	Eng 3
Arran	6A2	C Hemming	Soc Sub 7	Iona	6I2	J. McGowan (English)	Eng 4
House	Class	Student Tutor	Location	House	Class	Student Tutor	Location
Mull	1M1	W McCafferty	Lab 4	Skye	1S1	C Johnston	Lab 5
Mull	1M2	J Morran	Maths 3	Skye	1S2	J Murray	Lab 1
Mull	2M1	J Deans	Maths 1	Skye	2S1	J. McGowan (Science)	Lab 7
Mull	2M2	P McCloy	Maths 2	Skye	2S2	S Dadgostar	Lab 8
Mull	3M1	M Coyle	Bus Ed 1	Skye	3S1	K Davidson	Lab 9
Mull	3M2	P Gibson	Bus Ed 3	Skye	3S2	J Williams	ICT Lab
Mull	4M1	M Mohammed	Bus Ed 2	Skye	4S1	S McDerimid	Lab 10
Mull	4M2	C Mullaney (M/T)/ P Bain (W-F)	Maths 6	Skye	4S2	S Rudra	Tech 2
Mull	5M1	A Jordan (M-W) /R Baber (T/F)	Maths 4	Skye	5S1	Y Ahmed T-F/A Summers (M)	Lab 2
Mull	5M2	C Ferguson	Maths 5	Skye	5S2	S Grant	Lab 6
Mull	6M1	J Murphy	Maths 7	Skye	6S1	N Perkins	Lab 3
Mull	6M2	N Love	Maths 6	Skye	6S2	R Bisland	Fitness Suite

