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20<sup>th</sup> of May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **New Timetable – June 2024**

Our new timetable for session 2024-2025 will begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024. This will give pupils the opportunity to settle in to their new classes prior to the summer break. Pupils will collect their new timetables at an extended Tutor Time on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, and will follow these new timetables from Period 2 onwards. As these new timetables begin, the following reminders will, I hope, be helpful:

- Pupils should attend school and arrive at all lessons on time;
- Pupils should attend school each day with a fully-charged iPad, and the other materials they will need to engage properly with their learning;
- Pupils should be in full school uniform when attending school.

We believe **uniform** is important in ensuring our pupils develop a sense of Belonging, one of our school values. Please remember that jogging trousers, tracksuits, leggings, and jeans are not uniform items, and should not be worn to school. A sketch-note detailing our uniform policy can be found on the school website using the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/bellahoustonacademy2019/uniform/>

Thank you for continuing to support the standards we expect of Bellahouston Academy pupils.

### **Options Choices**

A small number of new S5 and S6 pupils may wish to make minor changes to the options choices they have selected; if so, they will have an opportunity to see their Pastoral Care teacher to discuss any proposed changes during our Senior Phase Induction Days; further details on the arrangements are made clear below. Please note that our new S5 and S6 pupils will also have an opportunity to make changes to their options choices in August, after they receive their SQA examination results. Further details on the arrangements for this opportunity will follow in due course.

### **Senior Phase Induction Days for new S5 and S6: Weds 29<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> of May**

Prior to the commencement of the new school timetable, pupils in our new S5 and S6 year groups should attend our Senior Phase Induction Days. These are mornings-only workshop sessions which will be led by our Senior Leadership Team and Principal Teachers. All new S5 and S6 pupils planning to return to school next session are expected to attend on the days and at the times assigned to their House group. The content of the Induction Days includes input on:

- Senior Pupil Learner Agreements;
- Senior Pupil Leadership Elections (inc. School Captaincy and House Captaincy);
- School Values and Revised House System;
- Target-Setting;
- Interview Preparation;
- Skills and Career-Readiness;
- UCAS;
- Wider Achievement.





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These induction days will last from 9.00-12.30. The schedule is as follows:

Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> of May	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> of May	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> of May
<b>Arran and Mull pupils only</b>	<b>Iona and Skye pupils only</b>	<b>Arran, Iona, Mull and Skye pupils</b>
Following the conclusion of the workshops, new S5 and S6 pupils from Arran and Mull houses will have the opportunity to see their Pastoral Care Teacher, if any further discussion of options choices is required.	Following the conclusion of the workshops, new S5 and S6 pupils from Iona and Skye houses will have the opportunity to see their Pastoral Care Teacher, if any further discussion of options choices is required.	Following the conclusion of the workshops, any new S5 and S6 pupils who have not yet had the opportunity to see their Pastoral Care teacher regarding any further discussion of options choices will have the opportunity to do so.

All returning S5 and S6 pupils should be wearing uniform when they attend school on these days.

**Revised House System**

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024, we will be making some improvements to our current House Group System. Pupils will have the same Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care as they do at present, but there will be some changes to other aspects of our practice:

- Depute Headteachers (DHTs) will have responsibility for supporting pupils within specified House Groups (not Year Groups, as they do at present). They will, therefore, be known as **House Group DHTs**.
- We will establish **House Teams**, which are comprised of a Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care, and a House Group DHT, who will be supported by Tutor Teachers, Junior and Senior House Captains, Class Representatives, and S5-S6 Pupil Ambassadors.
- Pupils will attend Tutor Time (8.50am-9.00am) in mixed year group classes (from S1-S6) so that our **House Team** pupil leaders can - on a daily basis - support younger pupils in meeting standards and expectations regarding attendance/time-keeping, bringing iPads and other materials, uniform, etc.

We have consulted with parents at a recent Parent Council meeting, with pupils, and with the staff most directly affected by this change, and identified the following benefits:

- Our **House Teams** will promote ethos and the school values by developing positive **House Group** identities;
- PTPCs and DHTs in each **House Team** will, on a regular basis, meet together to discuss the progress of pupils within their **House Groups**. This more streamlined approach will allow us to follow-up swiftly and effectively on any identified issues regarding academic achievement, attendance/time-keeping, merits/de-merits, etc.
- These **House Teams** will develop more lasting relationships with their caseload of young people (and parents/carers), as they will work with the same group of pupils (and parents/carers) throughout their time at Bellahouston Academy. Pupils (and parents/carers) will no longer be passed from one Year Group DHT to the next at the end of a school session.
- Parents/carers with children in different year groups will work with one **House Group DHT** (not up to four Year Group DHTs).





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If you would like to speak to a member of staff about your child, you should contact the appropriate **House Team** (either the Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care or the House Group DHT). Our new **House Teams** are as follows:

	<b>Arran</b>	<b>Iona</b>	<b>Mull</b>	<b>Skye</b>
<b>PTPC</b>	Mr S. Atha	Ms L. Kennedy	Ms A. Summers (Mon-Tues) Mr M. Ruiseil (Weds-Fri)	Ms S. Rashid
<b>DHT</b>	Ms S. Galloway	Mr M. Macdonald	Ms C. Cutler	Ms L. Galloway

You can contact these staff members by calling the school (0141 582 0030).

Elections of House Group pupil leaders (Junior and Senior House Captains, Class Reps, and S5-S6 Pupil Ambassadors) will happen in June and August 2024.

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please get in touch with me at the school.

Kind regards,

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