



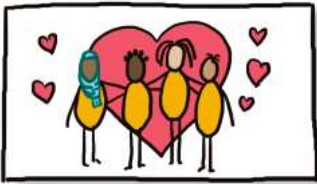
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Engagement Calendar 2024-2025



BELONGING

At Bellahouston Academy, we greatly value the opportunity to work in partnership with parents to support our pupils. Our school values of Belonging and Respect mean that we want our parents to feel welcome at the school, and know that we are grateful for their input.

I am writing to explain the various ways in which we will engage parents this session, in order to make you more aware of the learning undertaken

in our classrooms, update you on your child's progress, and hear your views on how you would like to see our school's provision develop in the coming years.

There are five main ways in which we will do so:



RESPECT

1) Tracking Reports

Parents/Carers will receive a report giving grades for Progress, Behaviour, Engagement, and Home Learning, and an indication of the level at which the young person is working. For S4-S6 pupils, we will also give an Aspirational Grade, so that learners are aware of their potential target. On these Tracking Reports the class teacher will also have written a comment identifying the pupil's strengths, areas for development, and next steps. The first Tracking Report of the session, the Settling-In Tracking Report does not give a comment, as this is issued early in the session; its purpose is either to reassure parents that all is progressing as expected, or highlight any issues which may require further contact between a parent/carers and the relevant House Team (our Pastoral Care Teachers and Depute Headteachers).

2) Parents' Consultation Evenings

Parents/Carers will be able to book appointments to speak with their child's class teachers, so that they might be updated on the progress their child are making in their learning. More detailed arrangements for booking appointments will be communicated to parents/carers nearer the time. Interpreters are made available for parents/carers who speak languages other than English.

3) Parent Information and Workshop Events

Parents/Carers in specific year groups will be given the opportunity to attend presentations from key members of staff in relation to particular areas of our practice. Parents/Carers will then have the opportunity to visit the different Faculties and Departments across our school to see how these areas of our practice are supported by all colleagues on a day-to-day basis. For instance:

- In October, we will invite our S1 parents/carers and the parents/carers of P7 pupils in our associated primaries to hear about how we support the **transition** to Secondary School.
- In November, we will invite our S2 and S4-S5 parents/carers to hear about how our options processes support the various **pathways** open to young people, both in school and beyond.





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4) Parent Partnership Surveys and Focus Groups

On two occasions per session, we will issue an **online survey** - focusing on a significant area of our school improvement plan - to all of our parents. We will collate your feedback from survey responses, and identify themes we feel require further discussion with our parents/carers. We will invite parents/carers to visit us in school, and form **focus groups**, so that we can hear more detailed views on how our practice is effective, and how it could be further improved.

5) Contact with House Teams

Our House Teams (Principal Teachers of Pastoral Care and Depute Headteachers) will make contact with parents/carers if any issues emerge which require us to work in partnership to support your child. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress, you should feel free to contact the appropriate House Team.

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

Parents/carers should also be aware that we are very pleased to work with our active Parent Council. Last session, our Parent Council worked with us to look at a range of issues, including the bullying policy, and the means through which we communicate with parents/carers. Our Parent Council empowers our parents/carers, so that they feel consulted on important aspects of our school’s practice, and have a voice in decision-making which affects them and our young people. More information on our Parent Council can be found on the school website, using the link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/bellahoustonacademy2019/parent-council/>

Please see overleaf a calendar confirming when you can expect to receive contact from the school in relation to your child’s progress (in the form of tracking reports), the dates on which Parents’ Consultation Evenings and Parent Information and Workshop Events will take place, and the points of the session when we will look to hear your views through Parent Partnership Surveys and Focus Groups. We have also included the dates of this session’s Parent Council Meetings.

Yours faithfully,

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Parental Involvement and Engagement Calendar 2024-2025

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5-S6
August-October	October: Settling-In Tracking Report 1 7 th of October: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Transitions	October: Settling-In Tracking Report 1	October: Settling-In Tracking Report 1	October: Settling-In Tracking Report 1	October: Settling-In Tracking Report 1
	19 th of August: Parent Council Meeting 16 th of September: Parent Council Meeting				
October Break					
October-December	23 rd of October: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Interdisciplinary Learning	November: Tracking Report 2 20 th of November: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Pathways December: Tracking Report 3	6 th of November: S3 Parents' Consultation Evening	November: Tracking Report 2 20 th of November: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Pathways 4 th of December: S4 Parents' Consultation Evening	December: Tracking Report 2 20 th of November: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Pathways
	13 th of November: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Supporting Adolescent Challenges (P7-S2)		29 th of October: Parent Information and Workshop Event: Study Skills		
	21 st of October: Parent Council Meeting 25 th of November: Parent Council Meeting				
	Parent Partnership Survey/Focus Group 1: Curriculum/Learning and Teaching				
Christmas Holidays					
January-April	February: Tracking Report 2 19 th of March: S1 Parents' Consultation Evening	15 th of January: S2 Parents' Consultation Evening	March: Tracking Report 3	January: Tracking Report 3	January: Tracking Report 3 5 th of February: S5-S6 Parents' Consultation Evening
	13 th of January: Parent Council 3 rd of March: Parent Council				
Spring Break					
April-June	May: Tracking Report 3		June: Tracking Report 3		
	12 th of May: Parent Council Meeting				
Parent Partnership Survey/Focus Group 2: Parental Involvement, Engagement and Communication					

