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Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Staffing News**

In my April letter, I made you aware that Ms Shaheen Rashid, Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care for Skye House would be moving to a new working pattern, and would now work on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Ms Heather Davies, has now been appointed as Acting Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care, and will have responsibility for pupils in Skye House on a Monday and Tuesday. A reminder of our House Teams is below:

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

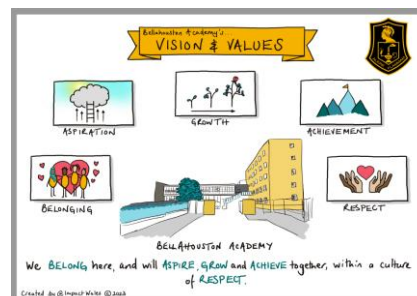
### **Changes to Tutor Time**

I am pleased to report that the recent changes to our Tutor Time arrangements have been successfully implemented. These changes, as you may remember, were:

- Pupils now attend Tutor Time in year groups classes, rather than in mixed-year group classes.
- All Tutor Time classes now follow a consistent programme, designed to support attendance and engagement.

We made these changes in order to emphasise the importance and value of Tutor Time within our curriculum, and promote our school vision and values. Attendance at Tutor Time has been much improved and significantly more consistent since the recent change.

A small number of young people continue to miss Tutor Time, as they are arriving late at school. Missing Tutor Time means that these pupils do not benefit from the activities undertaken at the beginning of the day, which are designed to ensure that they are fully prepared for a day's learning. I would be grateful if parents who receive a communication from the school regarding their child's non-attendance at Tutor Time would encourage better attendance.



### **SQA Examinations**

We are very proud of the positive attitude our young people in S4-S6 have displayed as they have attended SQA examinations at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level. The SQA invigilators have once again praised their conduct and application. I know we are all hoping that our candidates achieve the grades they deserve when they receive their results in August.

A small number of our young people have yet to complete unit assessment(s) related to other qualifications. Should parents receive a communication from the school regarding this, I would be grateful if they would ensure that their child takes up the support on offer to complete these.





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### New Timetable

Our new timetable begins on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. From this date, our young people will follow their session 2025-2026 timetables. For S2 (new S3) and S4-S5 (new S5-S6) pupils, these timetables will reflect the options choices they made earlier in the session. It is vital, therefore, that good attendance is sustained in the remaining weeks of the session. On Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June:

- S1-S3 pupils (new S2-S4) will begin their school day at 8.50am in their current Tutor Time class, where they will be issued with their new timetables.
- New S6 pupils will begin their school day at 9.00am in the Assembly Hall, where they will be issued with their new timetables.
- New S5 pupils will begin their school day at 9.50am in the Assembly Hall, where they will be issued with their new timetables.

Pupils who may require further discussion regarding their options choices will have the opportunity to meet with the relevant staff over the first few days of next week.

### Uniform Policy

Our school uniform policy sketch-note can be accessed through the link below:

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

**I would remind you that that jogging trousers, leggings or other items of sportswear such as sweatshirts/hoodies with prominent or colourful branding, are not considered uniform items, and that – even if they are timetabled to be in P.E. or the Glasgow School of Sport for period 1 – pupils should always arrive at school in uniform.**

If the purchasing of uniform items may cause financial difficulty for our families, I would encourage parents/carers to get in touch with Sharon Graham, our Financial Inclusion Support Officer (0141 773 5850) to see if any support may be accessed, or to make use of our Blazing Squad initiative, where uniform items can be borrowed. Ms Gibson in the Faculty of Technologies is the point of contact for this.

We believe the promotion of uniform is linked to our school value of **Belonging**; we want all of our young people to feel connected to their school, and to show this by identifying themselves – through their uniform - as proud Bellahouston Academy pupils.



Please feel free to get in touch if you have any feedback or questions in relation to the above.

Yours faithfully,

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