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New Session 2025-2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a restful break over the summer months. We very much enjoyed welcoming our young people back to school today. I would like to give a particularly warm welcome to new pupils joining us in S1; **Belonging** is one of our school values, and we hope that these pupils and their families already feel that they are important members of our school community.

SQA Results

We were very pleased and proud to see so many of our young people perform well in their SQA examinations. On Monday the 11th of August, S5-S6 pupils who wished to change their previously-selected options choices were invited in to school to meet with our Pastoral Care teachers. We are now in the process of any processing requested changes. If any young people, having received their SQA results, would benefit from reassurance or advice around their future pathway, their Pastoral Care teacher would be the most helpful initial contact. A reminder of our House Teams is given below:



BELONGING



ACHIEVEMENT

	Arran	Iona	Mull	Skye
PTPC	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)
DHT	Mr S. Atha	Mr M. Macdonald	Ms C. Cutler	Ms L. Galloway

Any pupils who wish advice regarding the SQA Appeals service may wish to speak to Mr Macdonald (Depute Headteacher), our school's SQA co-ordinator.

Start of New Term

During our extended Tutor Time this morning, all pupils were reminded of school standards and expectations. The key points to note are:

- Pupils should attend school and arrive at all lessons - including Tutor Time - on time;
- Pupils should attend school each day with a fully-charged iPad (these will be issued to new S1 pupils early in the session), and with the other materials they will need to engage properly with their learning;
- Pupils should be mindful of school rules in relation to mobile phones and earphones;
- Pupils should be in full school uniform when attending school;
- S1-S3 pupils are not permitted to leave the school premises at morning interval;
- S1 pupils should also stay on the school premises at lunchtime.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from parents/carers in ensuring these expectations are met. For instance, uniform standards today are outstanding, and it is very pleasing to see our young people identify themselves as proud Bellahouston Academy pupils in this way.





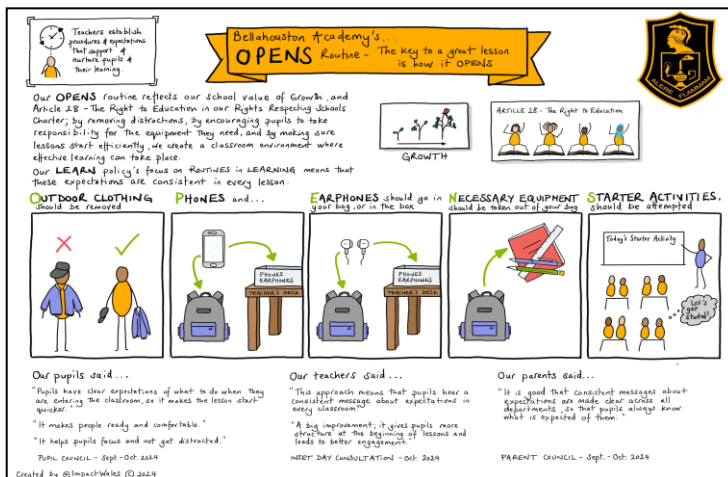
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Each Bellahouston Academy lesson begins with a reminder that the key to a positive lesson is how it **OPENS**:

- **O**utdoor clothing should be removed;
- **P**hones and
- **E**arphones should be put away in the pupil's bag, or placed in the box on the teacher's desk;
- **N**ecessary equipment should be taken out of the pupil's bag;
- **S**arter activities provided by the teacher should be attempted.

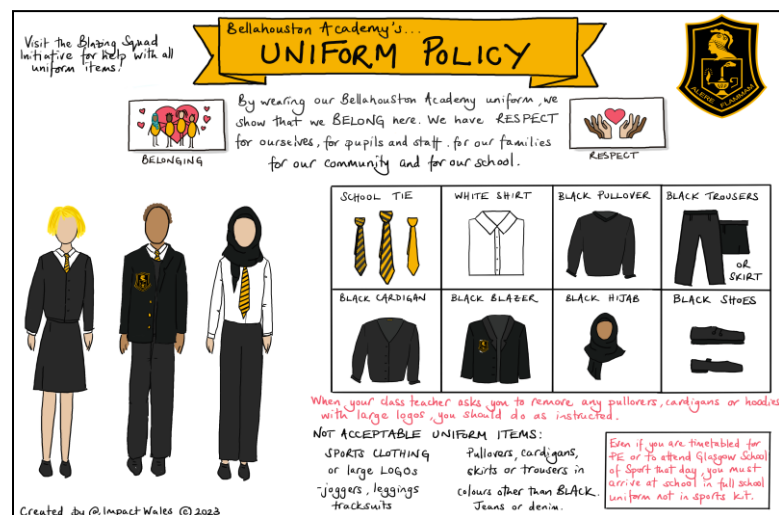
Our school value of **Growth** means that we want pupils to get the most out of every lesson. We believe every lesson to be important in creating opportunities for pupils to develop their skills and knowledge.



Uniform Policy

Our school uniform policy sketch-note can be seen below or accessed through this link:

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



Jogging trousers, leggings or other items of sportswear (such as sweatshirts/hoodies with prominent or colourful branding) are not considered uniform items. Please also be aware 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, parents/carers can get in touch with Sharon Graham, our Financial Inclusion Support Officer (0141 773 5850), and/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. We believe the promotion of uniform is linked to our school value of **Belonging**; we want all young people to feel connected to their school, and to show this by identifying themselves - through their uniform - as proud Bellahouston Academy pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Barry Mochan
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