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Dear Parent/Carer,

New Session 2026-2027

I hope that our families have enjoyed a relaxing break over the summer months, and that our young people are looking forward to returning to school at 8.50am on Wednesday 12th of August.



SQA Results

We would like to congratulate our pupils on their recent SQA results; we are, as always, very proud of their successes, as we value **Achievement** in all of its forms.

On Friday the 7th of August, we invited young people in our new S5-S6 into school to discuss any possible options changes in light of their results. Any pupils who wish further advice on their pathway for next session should see their Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

Young people who wish any advice on the appeals process should see Mr Macdonald (DHT), our Qualifications Scotland co-ordinator, on their return to school.

Pupil Return on Wednesday the 14th of August

On Wednesday the 12th of August, pupils in the new S1 will gather in the Assembly Hall, so that they can be accompanied to their Tutor class; once there, they will be given their new school timetables. Pupils in S2-S6 should attend the same Tutor Time classroom as last session. There will be an extended Tutor Time (from 8.50am-9.15am) to ensure that any timetabling issues can be made known to the appropriate member of staff.

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 later 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 stay on the school premises at lunchtime.

Uniform Policy

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

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

As in previous sessions, jogging trousers, leggings or other items of sportswear such as sweatshirts/hoodies with prominent or colourful branding, are not 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 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.





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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.

House System

I am very pleased to inform you that we have made some improvements to our House System for this session. Our school roll has grown significantly over a number of years, meaning that the number of pupils assigned to each Pastoral Care Teacher has also risen. So that our young people and families receive the best support possible from our very experienced Pastoral Care team, we have taken steps to lower the number of pupils assigned to each Pastoral Care Teacher's caseload; this should mean that pupils and families will have more regular access to the relevant Pastoral Care Teacher when it is required. Two key changes have been introduced:

- Firstly, we have introduced a new (fifth) House Group. This new house group will be named **Harris House**; the Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care for Harris House will be Ms Gribben (who has joined our school at the beginning of the new session) and the Depute Headteacher will be Ms Cutler. S1 Harris House pupils will join their House group on Wednesday the 12th of August. S2-S6 Harris House pupils will join their new house group over the coming weeks; parents of pupils affected will be informed in good time, so that they and their child/children are prepared for this change. There will be an opportunity for these parents to be introduced to Ms Gribben and Ms Cutler over the coming weeks; further information will follow in due course.
- Secondly, we have identified a specific group of young people across S1-S6 who would benefit from additional targeted pastoral support in order to engage with their learning more successfully. These pupils will remain in their current House Group, but their Pastoral Care Teacher will be Ms Whelehan. We will contact the parents of the pupils affected in due course to ensure that they are aware that their child will now be supported by Ms Whelehan, and that she will be their first point of contact. Ms Whelehan's role is entitled **Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care (Engagement)**.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff about your child, you should contact the appropriate Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care or Depute Head Teacher. Our House Teams, updated in light of the above, are as follows:

	Arran	Harris	Iona	Mull	Skye
PTPC	Ms S. Dadgostar	Ms. C. Gribben	Ms L. Kennedy	Ms A. Summers (Mon-Tues) Mr M. Ruiseil (Weds-Fri)	Ms H. Davies (Mon-Tues) Ms S. Rashid (Weds-Fri)
DHT	Mr S. Atha	Ms C. Cutler	Mr M. Macdonald	Ms C. Cutler	Ms L. Galloway
PTPC (Engagement)	Ms K. Whelehan				

If you wish to speak with any of the staff members above, please call the school on 0141 582 0030.

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