

# **Dumfries Academy**

## **Parent Update 29 September 2023**



Dear Parent/Carer

This week saw our schools closed to pupils for 3 days due to industrial action. I thank you for supporting your children at home during these three days and hope that our learners were able to complete online work set by staff.

The annual September Fair is in Dumfries this weekend. I would urge parents/carers to express the need for their children to behave safely and responsibly at the Fair. Often, we find that poor behaviour has implications for behaviour in school when pupils return on Monday morning. We would like our learners to have fun and enjoy the Fair, if the weather holds up.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Monday 2 October – S1 Modern Languages Trip to Robert Burns Centre, 9.00 AM – 10.30 AM**

**Tuesday 3 October – Parent Council Meeting, 6.30 PM, room G4.**

**Wednesday 4 October – Senior Awards Ceremony, 6.30 PM, Main Hall; Ski Trip Parents' Meeting, Castle Douglas High School, 6.45 PM**

**Thursday 5 October – U16 Football Match, Stranraer Academy, 2.00 PM – 7.00 PM**

**Friday 6 October – S1 Modern Languages Trip to Robert Burns Centre, 1.45 PM to 3.15 PM**

### **School Trips**

We indicated that we would be running a number of residential trips for S1-5 pupils this session. We have already launched S5 Trip to Greece and the Ski Trip is running in January 2024.

The following Trips will be launched before the October Break:

S3 Trip to London – 14 – 16 May 2024

S4 Trip to Barcelona – 31 May - 3 June 2024

The following Trip will be launched immediately after the October Break

S1 Trip to West Linton, 15 – 17 April and 17-19 April. We will be running the same trip twice during week beginning 15 April. This means all S1 pupils can participate if they wish to do so.

### **Save the Date**

P7 Transition Evening - Tuesday 10 Oct, 6.30 PM, Main Hall

Senior Dance – Thursday 14 December, 7.30 PM to 10.30 PM, Main Hall

(Please note there was an error in the key dates calendar that said the senior dance was on 15 Dec)

Junior Dance – Wednesday 20 December, 7.00 PM to 9.30 PM, Main Hall

### **SQA Exam Timetable 2024**

The updated SQA timetable is now available on the SQA website and can also be found on the link below:

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/nq-2024-exam-timetable.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2024-exam-timetable.pdf)

Family holidays should not be planned during exam diet as there is no absentee consideration available in these circumstances.

### **Attendance**

A reminder to report pupil absences via the pupil absence line below. You should state the pupil's name, Tutor Group, reason for absence and expected duration of absence.

Pupil Absence Line: 01387 274356

### **Health and Safety**

We will be holding a Safe Inside Together (Lockdown) Drill before the end of term. The Fire Drill was completed successfully and pupils are now fully aware of procedures in the event of a fire.

All previous updates will be archived on our new website, which is due to be launched shortly. You will be able to find reminders about school uniform, social areas, health and safety and other key school information

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