



Dear Parent/Carer

This week our first prelim diet has taken place. Our pupils have been a credit to themselves and the school in terms of their conduct and the way they have applied themselves to these assessments. The hard work continues in the form of assignments, projects and coursework and in the second prelim diet in February. As always, we urge our pupils to adopt sensible study routines and to manage their wellbeing. It is natural to feel anxious at this time, but our staff are here to support and there are many after school revision and study classes available.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 22 January - Breakfast Bar, Minerva, 8.30 AM – 8.50 AM

Tuesday 23 January - Breakfast Bar, Minerva, 8.30 AM – 8.50 AM; S3 Parents Meeting, Minerva, 4.00 PM - 6.30 PM

Wednesday 24 January - Breakfast Bar, Minerva, 8.30 AM – 8.50 AM; S4 Barcelona Trip Parent Information Evening, 6.00 PM

Thursday 25 January – Breakfast Bar, Minerva, 8.30 AM – 8.50 AM; S3 Options Interviews, G4, all day

Friday 26 January – Breakfast Bar, Minerva, 8.30 AM – 8.50 AM; Burns Supper, café/Main Hall, 6.00 PM

Save the Date

SQA Musical Showcase – Wednesday 31 January

School Cross Country Competition; S2 Parents' Meeting – Thursday 1 February

Ski Trip – Sunday 4 – Saturday 10 February

S4-6 Prelims – Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February (2nd diet)

Burns Supper

A reminder to buy your tickets for our Burns Supper on Friday 26 January at 6 PM in the school café/Main Hall. A two-course meal of haggis, neeps and tatties, followed by a traditional dessert will be served and there will be performances by our talented pupils and a ceilidh.

The cost is £10 per person or £32 for a family/group ticket of two adults and two children (you could club together to mix families and save a few pounds.). Tickets will be available from the school office from week beginning 15 January.

Please join us for an evening of good food, entertainment and company.

Tesco Tokens

Voting is now open. Please vote for us and encourage family and friends to do the same. You can collect Tesco tokens from your local store. We are one of three organisations to be featured until the end of March. The school could receive up to £1500 to help sustain our breakfast bar, which is available for all pupils 5 mornings a week.



Winter Weather Arrangements

These arrangements can now be found on our school website and were shared via Groupcall Xpressions earlier this week.

Social Areas

Please remind your child of the following arrangements for social areas:

- S1 - Cafe (indoor); rear of school (outdoor)
- S2 - Cafe (indoor); front of link corridor (outdoor)
- S3 - Main Hall (indoor); front of main building (outdoor)
- S4 - Main Hall (indoor); front of main building (outdoor)
- S5 - Minerva (indoor); front of Minerva building (outdoor)
- S6 - Minerva (indoor); front of Minerva building (outdoor)

S1 on site at both break and lunch

S2 -3 on site at break, but allowed off at lunch

S4 -6 allowed off site at break and lunch

We are seeing an increasing number S1 pupils going off site at lunch and S1-3 pupils going off site at morning break. This is not permitted.

Meeting with Staff

A reminder that parents/carers who wish to meet with a member of staff to discuss matters regarding their child's welfare or progress should telephone the school office to make an appointment. We are seeing an increasing number of parents/carers arriving in school requesting to see staff immediately. Whilst we are delighted to welcome parents/carers to the school, the nature of the working day for staff means that unarranged meetings are usually not possible.

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

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

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