



Dear Parent/Carer

S4-6 Prelims have gone well and we thank pupils for their hard work and good conduct during these assessments. Our Nurture Hub pupils have been working with Gary Erskine, Writer in residence. Dumfries Academy Pupils did very well, winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the recent Burns Festival. As always, please see our Facebook page and local press for news of pupils' achievements.

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 26 February – New S3+ Timetable Begins**

**Tuesday 27 February - Teenage Booster Vaccinations, All Day, Main Hall**

**Wednesday 28 February – SQA Music Showcase (invited families), 5.00 PM – 7.30 PM, Main Hall**

**Thursday 29 February – S2/3 Live 'n' Learn Workshops, All Day, Main Hall; S1 Reports Issued; Parent Council Meeting, 6.30 PM – 8.00 PM, G4**

### Save the Date

**Tuesday 5 March, S4-6 Option Information Evening, 6.30 PM, Main Hall**

**Wednesday 6 March, S1 Family Football Event, 6.30 PM, Games Hall**

### Feedback

Thank you for your feedback on our recent Parents Meetings for pupils in S2 and 3. Links to the results can be found below:

#### S2

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?AnalyzerToken=ufEGfh7vzhtKClwiTzh9BrO8VcinpQU&id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKclgi4gMuVJPvkU\\_Vj8jQBhURDg1MjlxTVdYSFlwSzVMR0VWTUxZUE1KVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?AnalyzerToken=ufEGfh7vzhtKClwiTzh9BrO8VcinpQU&id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKclgi4gMuVJPvkU_Vj8jQBhURDg1MjlxTVdYSFlwSzVMR0VWTUxZUE1KVC4u)

#### S3

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### Purple Friday

Thank you to those who took part in Purple Friday. We managed to raise £130 in support of raising LGBT awareness and training.

### Tesco Tokens

Please keep voting for us and encourage family and friends to do the same. Our slot ends mid-March so please continue to collect as many as you can.



### Recognising Good Service and Support

It was lovely to receive compliments from parents/carers who felt that their children have been well-supported and cared for at Dumfries Academy. It is always good to hear what is going well, so please remember to let us know via the link below. All compliments are shared with staff concerned.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HMcANQqJn1>

### Winter Weather Arrangements

These arrangements can now be found on our school website.

### 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.**

### 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, Parent Portal, social areas, health and safety and other key school information

Joanne Dillon

Headteacher