



Dear Parent/Carer

We've had yet another busy week. In the lead up to SQA exams, we are aware of the workload that senior pupils are experiencing. Well done to all those who have completed assignments, investigations, portfolios and practical assessments. We have now completed almost all senior phase option interviews and were pleased to welcome parents to our senior phase information evening on Tuesday.

In our BGE, we have also been working hard and had a successful pupil and parent football evening.

We welcomed around 20 visitors to our school today. Our local councillors were taken on a tour of the building and were very complimentary about our senior pupils, who acted as guides.

Our visit from our Quality Improvement Officer also took place and she was very impressed with the schools' work to develop our approach to high quality learning and teaching – The DA Way.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 March – CRY Charity Cycle Event 1.15 PM; Parent Council, 6.00 PM, G4

Tuesday 12 March –

Wednesday 13 March -

Thursday 14 March –

Friday 15 March – Comic Relief Non Uniform Day

Save the Date

Easter Holiday – Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April. Pupils return Monday 8 April.

SQA Exam Leave starts Monday 29 April. New Timetable starts week beginning 29 May.

Parent Council

The Parent Council will meet on Monday 11 March at 6.00 PM in G4. New members welcome.

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>

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

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