



Parent/Carer Update 13 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

This week we held a senior phase information evening, a family football event, our Parent Council AGM and an information evening for those going on the S1 Broomlee trip. Whilst most of these events were fairly well attended, we are keen to reach out to all parents. We will, of course, share materials from our senior phase evening on our website and will shortly share minutes from our Parent Council AGM with parents/carers. I have included a number of dates below for events up to the October Break and hope that you can note these in your diary so that you can attend where appropriate.

Our S6 leaders are providing great support in a number of areas and are now running our Breakfast Bar, as well as supporting last week's family events. Well done to all involved!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16 September - N/A

Tuesday 17 September - N/A

Wednesday 18 September – N/A

Thursday 19 September – N/A

Friday 20 September – S2 Family Breakfast, 8.15 AM, Minerva

S2 Family Breakfast

We would like to invite families of S2 pupils along to breakfast on Friday 20 September from 8.15 AM to 8.50 AM in Minerva. After the success of our S1 Family Breakfast, we want to extend the invitation to other year groups so that families can join in and support a positive start to the day for our learners. Please feel free to join us. We are able to offer an array of breakfast items including toast, bagels, cereals and hot and cold drinks at no cost.

Save the Date

Maths Week Scotland Wednesday 25 September – Tuesday 1 October

Tuesday 24 September - History Trip to Bannockburn and Stirling

Wednesday 25- Friday 27 September – S1 Trip to Broomlee

Thursday 26 September - Regional Maths Challenge

Friday 27 September – 2nd Generation Holocaust Assembly

Tuesday 1 October – Senior Awards Night

Wednesday 2 October – Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 10 October – P7 Information Evening

Annual Data Checks

On Monday 9 September we issued our annual data check forms to pupils. Please return this from your child's Tutor as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have downloaded the parentsportal.scot app, you can carry out this check quickly and simply on this portal. You should have received an e mail prompting you to do so.

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SQA Exam Timetable 2025

The 2025 SQA Exam Calendar has been published. Please find a copy embedded below so that you and your child can plan ahead for next year's diet. Please remember that you should not plan family holidays or events that may cause your child to be absent from an exam. Pupils absent for this reason are not eligible for absentee consideration.



Nq 2025 Exam
Timetable (2).pdf

Recognising Good Service and Support

It is lovely to receive compliments from parents/carers who feel 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>

School Uniform

The standard of school uniform is particularly pleasing at the moment. Please be aware that we have various pre-loved and new items available in school. We will be displaying these at family events and merely asking for a small donation, depending on the item.

Tights, socks and shoe laces can be obtained by pupils at any time, at no cost, from our equity boxes placed in Minerva.

Social Areas – This reminder will be removed from future updates and will be available on the school website

S1 – Café (indoor), rear of school (outdoor)

S2 – Café (indoor), front of link corridor (outdoor), **town centre for lunch time only**

S3 – Main Hall (indoor), front of main building (outdoor), **town centre for lunch time only**

S4 – Main Hall (indoor), front of main building (outdoor), **town centre for break/lunch**

S5 – Minerva (Indoor), front of Minerva (outdoor), **town centre for break/lunch**

S6 – Minerva (indoor), front of Minerva (outdoor), **town centre for break/lunch**

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.



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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.

Please see poster at the end of the newsletter, which highlights the benefits of good attendance and also invites you to scan the QR code for advice and support.

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

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