



Parent/Carer Update 27 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

This week has been exceptionally busy for our staff and pupils, with our almost 40 S1 pupils enjoying a residential trip to West Linton and our senior pupils enjoying a day trip to Bannockburn. We have also seen some excellent learning from S2 pupils, as part of Murderous Maths, our particularly moving 2nd generation Holocaust memorial assembly and our S6 pupils visiting the Higher Education Conference at The Bridge to find out more about Higher Education pathways after school. Our sporting teams and swimmers have also been in action, we had a European Breakfast offering on European Day of Languages and also had time to launch our school show, Mary Poppins, for June 2025.

As part of our own quality assurance, we carried out a review of learning and teaching in our Science faculty and were delighted to welcome staff from other schools and the local authority to observe lessons and speak to staff and pupils. Findings from the review will be gathered, shared and will influence school improvement.

I think you will all agree that our staff and pupils are really embracing all that Dumfries Academy has to offer!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 30 September – Senior Netball Festival, KGV Sports Complex, all day

Tuesday 1 October – U16 Football, 3.15 PM, Dumfries High School; Senior Awards Night, Main Hall, 6 PM

Wednesday 2 October – Parent Council Meeting, 6.30 PM, G4

Thursday 3 October – Pathway Group Trip to Dumfries House, all day

Friday 4 October – S3 Family Breakfast, 8.15 AM, Minerva; S4-6 Tracking Reports issued

Save the Date

Tuesday 8 October – Geography Trip to Glasgow;

Wednesday 9 October - S2 Boys Barcaple Trip Information Evening

Thursday 10 October – P7 Information Evening

Friday 11 October – Non Uniform Day (blue theme for QOS Community Charity)

October Break – Monday 14 October to Sunday 27 October (inclusive)

Senior Awards Ceremony

A reminder that our Senior Awards Ceremony takes place on Tuesday 1 October at 6 PM prompt. Invitations have been sent to parents/carers. Please come along and celebrate your child's achievements.



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P7 Information Evening

If you have a child in P7, please come along to our P7 Information Evening on Thursday 10 October at 6.30 PM. We will be showcasing our faculties and sharing information on the S1 experience. You will meet staff and pupils, as well as hearing about the extra-curricular trips and experiences we have on offer.

If you are intending to attend, please scan the QR code below to assist us with planning for the evening.

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.

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

Dumfries Academy P7 Information
Evening - Thursday 10 October,
6.30 PM

