



## Parent/Carer Update 4 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

This week we celebrated the achievements of our S5/6 pupils at our Senior Awards Ceremony. Thanks must go to Colin Smyth, MSP, for being our guest speaker and to all who attended to make the event a success. Our pupils took part in football fixtures and netball festivals with great team and individual performances evident. We also held our first Parent Council meeting of the session. The Parent Council works hard to raise fund and works in partnership with the school to improve opportunities for our pupils. Please see more information about our Parent Council on our website at the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/dumfriesacademy/parent-zone/parent-council/>

We were fortunate to receive a second defibrillator for our school, courtesy of the DH Foundation. We are very grateful to Rodger Hill for this very important piece of equipment, which will be placed in our PE Department and supplements the other defibrillator we have in our school office.

All year groups will have received their first tracking reports by the end of the term. We encourage parents to download the parentsportal.scot app to mobile devices, as we are now able to issue digital reports via this app. Should you have any problems with downloading this, please contact our school office for support.

As we near the end of term, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and effort. It has been a very busy and productive term for our staff and learners. Well done to everyone!

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 7 October – S4 Sexual Health Workshops**

**Tuesday 8 October – S5/6 Geography Trip to Glasgow;**

**Wednesday 9 October - Barcaple Trip Information Evening, 6.00 PM, G4**

**Thursday 10 October – P7 Information Evening, 6.30 PM, Main Hall**

**Friday 11 October – Non-Uniform Day (Donations to support Victims of War); S1 Tracking Reports issued**

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

### Save the Date

**Tuesday 29 October, Hallowe'en Disco, 6.30 PM**

**Wednesday 30 October, S1 Family Learning Evening, 6.00 PM**



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### **P7 Information Evening - Reminder**

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

