



Parent/Carer Update 3 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We had a number of events. In particular, it was great to see so many parents/carers at our Senior Awards Ceremony to celebrate the successes of our new S5/6 pupils. We also issued S4-6 Tracking reports which show early progress and engagement with senior phase courses.

Attendance

As you know, good attendance is a very significant factor improving chances of success in SQA courses. At the moment, our overall average attendance is 87%. Our S1 & S5 pupils are doing really well and are above 90%. However, S2,3 and 4 have dipped below this minimum target. This means many pupils are at risk of underperforming. Good attendance and timekeeping are vital for success. We will be writing to parents/carers to advise of the impact of attendance and latecoming on overall success in school.

We realise that there are times when illness and injury prevent pupils attending school and understand that they may need to rest and recover.

We would also like to remind families that term-time holidays are unauthorised absences.

SQA Exams 2026

The SQA Exam Timetable for 2026 has been published and can be found via the link below:

[National Qualifications 2025 Exam Timetable](#)

Please note that family holidays should not be taken during the exam diet. Pupils absent for exams for the above reason will not receive an award in the subject where the exam has been missed.

School Improvement

There has been lots of recent activity with staff and pupils to evaluate learning experiences in school. Once we have collated all of the information, it will be shared with the wider community. We have seen lots of good practice and experiences around the school. The vast majority of our learners are engaging in lessons and doing well.

Uniform Consultation

Please note that any new policy will not come into effect until session 2026-2027 and that, although items may be available from October this year, there is absolutely no compulsion to buy them. Equally, we will allow time to phase out any items that may not be part of the new guidelines. Further information and a final consultation will be issued shortly. Many thanks to all who responded to our initial consultation.



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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7- Thursday 9 October – S2/3 Wellbeing Surveys

Monday 6 October – History Trip to Bannockburn and Stirling, all day; P6 Cluster Basketball tournament; Games Hall; 1.30 – 3.00 PM

Tuesday 7 October – Language and Literacy Review, all day; Family Cooking Event, 6.00 PM

Wednesday 8 October – GRIT Trip to Dumfries House, all day

Thu 9 Oct – (Rescheduled) Higher Geography Trip to Glasgow, all day; P6/7 Transition Drop in for those who missed previous evening, 4.00 PM; S1 Netball Season Opener, all day

Friday 10 October – School closes at 3.20 PM for October Break

Save the date

Monday 27 October – School resumes at 8.50 AM

Tuesday 28 October – GRIT Trip to Dumfries House; Dumfries Academy Cluster Family Roadshow (event for Cluster parents on what support/events are available for families in our area)

Wednesday 29 October – S1 Parents Family Learning Event, 6.00 PM (information evening for S1 parents and chance to speak to staff about learning/wellbeing)

Parents Evenings/Pupil Reports

Please see provisional dates for this session:

Year Group	Parents Evening	Reports
S1	29 October – Sharing the Learning 23 April - Tutors	13 November (Tracking), 9 March (Tracking), 21 April (Full)
S2	26 February – Subject teachers	18 September (Tracking), 13 November (Tracking), 23 February (Full)
S3	10 December – Subject Teachers	18 September (Tracking), 3 December (Full)
S4	14 January – Subject Teachers	2 October (Tracking), 8 January (Tracking), 25 March (Tracking)
S5	10 February – Subject Teachers	2 October (Tracking), 6 February (Tracking), 25 March (Tracking)
S6	10 February – Subject Teachers	2 October (Tracking), 6 February (Tracking), 25 March (Tracking)

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