



## Parent/Carer Update 6 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Pupils embarked on their new timetables this week and were motivated to start new courses. Our staff have been visiting primary schools to meet P7 pupils and speak to their teachers to help make the transition to secondary a smooth one. Senior pupils have also helped out at Primary School Sports. Our new S6 pupils participated in induction activities on Thursday and pupils presented to their peers on why they feel they would be able to represent the school as Head Persons. There will be a final vote to determine these positions next week. Prefects and committee roles will also be elected.

### Dates for the Diary

**Saturday 7 June – Thursday 12 June, School Trip to Battlefields, France and Belgium**

**Monday 9 June – Rotary Kids Day Our, 10.30 AM to 2.30 PM, Barony Campus**

**Tuesday 10 June – ACM Trip to Dumfries House, 8.10 AM to 2.00 PM, Cumnock; S1 Junior Awards, 2.30 PM, Main Hall**

**Wednesday 11 June - S2 Junior Awards, 2.30 PM, Main Hall**

**Thursday 12 June - S3 Junior Awards, 2.30 PM, Main Hall; S2 Walking Tour of Dumfries 1.45 PM – 3.15 PM**

### Save the date

**School Show – Mary Poppins Junior – Thursday 19 June and Friday 20 June, 7.00 PM, Main Hall**

**P7 Induction Days Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June**

### Change to School Day

The new school day is now in place.

Please note that it is imperative that pupils turn up on time for school, as lessons begin at 8.50 AM. Tutor Time now takes place later in the day. Please see structure of school day below. **Being 5 minutes late to school every day equates to 3 days of lost learning per year!**

Period 1	8.50 am - 9.35 am
Period 2	9.35 am - 10.20 am
Check In (Tutor time/PSE/Learning)	10.20 am - 10.35 am
<b>Break</b>	10.35 am - 10.50 am
Period 3	10.50 am - 11.35 am
Period 4	11.35 am - 12.20 pm
Period 5	12.20 pm - 1.05 pm
<b>Lunch</b>	1.05 pm - 1.50 pm
Period 6	1.50 pm - 2.35 pm
Period 7	2.35 pm - 3.20 pm



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### **School Show – Mary Poppins JNR** (Please see poster at end of this update for details)

We are delighted to announce that tickets are on sale for our school show, Mary Poppins JNR, which takes place on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 June at 7.00 PM. Please come along and see a wonderful production, performed by our very talented cast. Tickets are available now from the school office priced at £8 Adults and £5 concessions.

Or online at £9/£6.

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../mary-poppins-jr-tickets...>**

### **Financial Support for pupils going to University in September 2025**

Please find link below to 2 sources of funding support for pupils going on to Higher Education this autumn. The first is aimed that those in receipt of a bursary for SAAS, the second is open to all who start university in the autumn, but prioritising those planning to study at Edinburgh University and is also linked to academic performance to date. Many former pupils have been recipients of these bursaries. Please read the criteria to see if your child may be eligible to apply for support:

[Dumfriesshire Educational Trust | Dumfries and Galloway Council](#)

### **Parents Evenings/Pupil Reports**

We have had much discussion about the timing and nature of parents' evenings and reports. Our model for next session will be shared later this month.

### **Social Areas**

Social Areas for pupils from 2 June to 1 July are as follows:

S1 (New S2) – Café (indoor), rear of school (outdoor)

\* Will be allowed off-site at **lunch time only** from August

S2 (New S3) – Main Hall (indoor), front of link corridor (outdoor), town centre for **lunch time only**

S3 (New S4) – Main Hall (indoor), front of main building (outdoor), town centre for lunch time

**\*Will also be allowed off site at break from August.**

S4 (New S5) – Minerva (Indoor), front of Minerva (outdoor)

S5 (New S6) – Minerva (indoor), front of Minerva (outdoor)

\*Please note S1-3 pupils are not allowed off site at morning break

S1 pupils are also not allowed of site at lunch time. They will be allowed off site at lunch time from August.

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## Vision, Values and Aims

### *Learning together for a better future*



Each week we highlight examples of how our school community ensures that our values are embedded in our culture:

**Compassion:** Thank you to those who have supported others when they have been upset or struggling. Your compassion has been recognised by members of the public and in school.

**Fairness:** We are delighted that our new stage floor is being completed this week. This means that we have a more equitable resource to help support our school show be a success.

**Respect:** Thank you to those who are respecting our school uniform guidelines. This shows understanding of boundaries and respect for other peers.

**Ambition:** Pupils showed ambition when they presented to their peers to state why they would be suitable to represent pupils as Head Persons

**Responsibility:** Senior pupils helped out at Primary Sports events and took responsibility to support younger pupils to participate

All previous updates will be archived on our 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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**Mary Poppins JR**  
19th - 20th June

Scan for tickets

**Dumfries Academy**  
Tickets available at school office or online