



Parent/Carer Update 9 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope everyone enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend.

The SQA exam diet is still going well. Our pupils have been a credit to themselves and our school. Please ensure that your child is familiar with exam protocols and that he/she arrives in plenty of time. There are various traffic works around Dumfries and these should be factored into travel time. The SQA will not make allowances for latecoming.

This week, our new S2/3 pupils took part in workshops run by D&G Youthwork Team. These workshops were well-received by pupils.

Lennox, Ethan, Coral and Theia laid a wreath at the war memorial on Lover's Walk to commemorate VE Day and were great ambassadors for our school.

Over 40 pupils (new S4) are looking forward to our London Trip next week. I am sure they will have a great time.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13 May – Regional Disability Schools Athletics, Dumfries High School, 10.00 AM – 2.00 PM; U13 Football Tournament, Palmerston, all day

Wednesday 14-Friday 16 May – S3 London Trip

Thursday 15 May – Junior Netball Event, KGV, all day

Save the date

Monday 19 – Friday 23 May – Health Week

Wednesday 21 May – Parent Council Meeting

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 at 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](#)

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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 27 April to 1 July are as follows:

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

S2 (New S3) – Café (indoor) until 29 May, then Main Hall, front of link corridor (outdoor), town centre for lunch time only

S3 (New S4) – Games Hall until 29 May, then Main Hall (indoor on wet days), front of main building (outdoor), town centre for lunch time only. 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

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: I have seen numerous of pupils helping and supporting each other during the exam diet, recognising that pupils may find exams stressful



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Fairness: We continue to support families so that pupils are not disadvantaged by circumstances outwith their control. We have supported in the following ways recently: obtaining funds for individual families to finance trips; providing clothing; providing necessary equipment; signposting support for families

Respect: Lennox, Ethan, Coral and Theia laid a wreath at the war memorial on Lover's Walk to commemorate VE Day

Ambition: Our U13 football team showed ambition and determination to move forward to the final of the Gordon Cup

Responsibility: Our S3 pupils have taken on buddy/prefect duties with younger pupils and have been working in the breakfast bar from 8.15 AM

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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