



Parent/Carer Update 13 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

This week has been one of the busiest this term: a very successful trip to the Battlefields of WW1; 3 very enjoyable, and well attended, Junior Awards Ceremonies; the equally enjoyable senior prom; our ACM Trip to Dumfries House; our Rotary Kids Day Out and the election of our pupil Headpersons. The week culminated in receiving confirmation that we have been awarded Silver Rights Respecting School accreditation and Heritage Heroes Bronze Award. I will share more on these projects next week and what they mean for our school community.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17 June – University of Glasgow Visit, 9.00 AM – 5.45 PM

**Wednesday 18 June – Mary Poppins Matinee for our Primary Pupils, 2.00 PM- 3.30 PM
Regional Athletics Finals, all day, Dumfries High School**

Thursday 19 June – Mary Poppins Junior 7.00 PM, Main Hall

Friday 20 June – N5/H Geography Trip to Grey Mare's Tail, 11.00 AM – 3.00 PM; Mary Poppins Junior 7.00 PM, Main Hall

Save the date

YPI Final, The Bridge, 6.00 PM, Tuesday 24 June,

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
Break	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
Lunch	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 - Final Reminder to buy tickets

(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: Pupils who participated in the WWI Battlefield trip showed compassion for those who gave their lives for others in battle.

Fairness: Our hard work in ensuring that we are an inclusive school has been recognised through the awarding of the Rights Respecting School Silver Award for Dumfries Academy this week. Well done to Miss McGuire, who has led our journey

Respect: Pupils have been respectful towards others this week when participating in experiences in the community, such as trips and events (Disability Sports/Trip to Dumfries House)

Ambition: Well done to all who showed ambition in their participation in school sports. Good luck to those who have progressed to the Regional Athletics Finals

Responsibility: Our Heritage Heroes took responsibility when they completed a project, which has enabled them and the school to receive the Heritage Heroes Bronze Award this week. Well done to Miss Chalk, who has led this project

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

Headteacher



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Mary Poppins JR
19th - 20th June

Scan for tickets

Dumfries Academy
Tickets available at school office or online