



## Parent/Carer Update 14 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

A further two S1 classes visited the Oasis Centre and D&G Police this week to find out how to keep themselves and others safe. Our Parent Council hosted an employability event for parents on Thursday, with Citizens' Advice, Third Sector and SDS attending. We hope this was of benefit to those who came along. A group of our S4 pupils went to Smiths at Gretna to develop their employability skills and our S2 options interviews took place. SQA practical exams took place in Music and all pupils did their best and performed well. We wish them all the best in the other papers which take place next term.

As SQA examinations are looming, we would like to wish all pupils good luck in the last few weeks of course-work. Please encourage your child to strike an appropriate balance of study and leisure and to persevere with assignments, investigations and folio work. They have worked hard and should now ensure that they complete all course components that count towards their final award.

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 17 March – S1 HPV Vaccinations (plus catch-ups), Period1-4, Main Hall; Powering Futures Event at DAGCOL, S5/6 Group), 12.15 PM -3.15 PM**  
**Wednesday 19 March – Music Competition heats, Music Dept., 3.30 PM – 5.00 PM**  
**Thursday 20 March -1H1&1H2 Visit to Oasis Centre/Police Station, all day**  
**Friday 21 March – Nurture Bake Sale, Minerva, morning break; Comic Relief**

### Save the date

**24 March – Malory Nursery visit**  
**27 March – S6 Leavers Ceremony, Main Hall, 1.45 PM; S4-6 tracking Reports issued (final estimates)**  
**28 March – S6 Trip to Alton Towers, Easter Service**  
**Tuesday 8 April – Thursday 10 April, Easter School (study/revision classes)**  
**Monday 31 March – Friday 11 April, Easter Holidays**

### S6 Leavers Ceremony

All S6 parent/carers are invited to attend their child's leaving ceremony on Thursday 27 March. Please arrive at 1.45 PM. The ceremony is in the Main Hall. It is a lovely event to celebrate your child's time at Dumfries Academy. A separate message will be sent to parents/carers next week to gauge numbers attending. We do hope you can attend.

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### S6 Prom

We understand that the S6 Prom can be a costly event. In the past we have had successful dress exchange events for school dances and would like to do the same for Prom. If you have any prom dresses, suits, shirts, ties, shoes that belonged to older siblings that are no longer of use, we are looking for donations and will be holding an event on Wednesday 26 March at 3.15 PM in Minerva where pupils may try on pre-loved items and take them away. A small, suggested donation is all that we will ask for. Or you can bring in a suitable item and exchange it for another, free of charge.

### Easter School

Any pupil who would like to attend Easter School should sign up for sessions via the link below. Revision sessions will run for 3 days from Tuesday 8 -Thursday 10 April between 9.15 AM and 1.00 PM. Pupils will be asked to sign up for sessions they wish to attend. The schedule will be published next week once all preferences have been considered. Should a particular subject not be available as a revision class, or a pupil just wishes to study away from their home environment, study space will be made available across the 3 days.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hk6a3hahAf>

## Vision, Values and Aims

### *Learning together for a better future*



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

**Compassion** – Our life-skills group took part in CPR training run by the DH9 Foundation so that they can help others in the event of an emergency

**Fairness** – We have received a further parental donation of items for our breakfast bar and also from our Parent Council to help all pupils make a positive start to the day.



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**Respect – Our S1 pupils visited the Oasis Centre and D&G Police to learn more about making good choices to keep themselves safe. They were very respectful to the partners who delivered these sessions**

**Ambition – A group of pupils went on a trip to Smiths Hotel in Gretna this week to develop skills needed to support future career ambitions**

**Responsibility: Our Parent Council organised an event to help other parents who need advice or information about career opportunities.**

### **School Café**

A reminder that pupils can now pay for school lunches using Google/Apple/contactless payments. Pupils entitled to free school lunches will be able to link up to this via the wallet on their phone.

Should you feel you require any financial assistance with school meals or clothing, you can contact us at the school for advice or use the link below to see if you are eligible for assistance:

[Free school meals | Dumfries and Galloway Council](#)

### **School Uniform**

School ties continue to be available at the school office, priced £6.50. We will contact parents/carers if their child is still not in possession of a basic school uniform to see how we can help.

**Crocs are not permitted in school. They are a health and safety hazard in practical subjects and when moving around the school.**

Please let the school office/your child's Tutor know of any short-term mitigations that need to be taken into account.

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

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