



Parent/Carer Update 20 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Last Friday we achieved our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award and our Bronze Heritage Heroes. Both are fantastic achievements, and we will be proudly displaying our banners next term. In the meantime, see below for information on how we achieved these accolades:

[Heritage Hero Awards | Archaeology Scotland](#)

[What is Silver: Rights Aware? - Unicef UK](#)

We saw some fantastic displays of talent and hard work this week at D&G Regional Sports and our school show, Mary Poppins. We welcomed over 400 people to see our first performances of the show on Wednesday; our P6/7 cluster pupils were enthralled with the matinee, followed by an almost full house in the evening. See our Facebook Page for photos and comments. Pupils also participated in school trips to Glasgow and the Grey Mare's Tale! Alongside all of this, learning and teaching continues up to the end of term – which is fast approaching

This has been a very busy start to June. It has been amazing to see the level of participation and achievement and highlights that fantastic support we have from our community. I am sure that everyone will agree that we really are *Learning together for a Better Future – Doctrina Promovet*

Dates for the Diary

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

Wednesday 18 June – P7 Family Breakfast, 8.15 AM, Minerva; P7 Induction Day

Thursday 19 June – P7 Induction Day; Blazer Fittings, 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM; informal drop-in, 5-6 PM; Family Quiz – 6.00 PM, Main Hall

Friday 20 June – P7 Induction Day; The Toon, Morning sessions at Park Farm (small S5/6 group)

Save the date

Thursday 3 July – Last Day of Term (school closes for summer holidays at 3.20 PM)

Reminder - 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!**



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| 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 |

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

Next year's proposed dates will be shared in the final update and again at the start of next session.

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: We are organising food parcels for those who may benefit over the summer holidays

Fairness: Our equity boxes and school uniform store have been re-stocked this week. Everyone can have access to school items free of charge or for a very small cost (£1 for replacement tie and we give new ones free of charge to all S1 and S4 pupils every year)

Respect: Pupils have been respectful towards others this week when participating in experiences in the community, such as trips and events

Ambition: Well done to all who showed ambition in their participation in the Regional Athletics Finals this week.

Responsibility: Well done to all who supported our school show including cast, crew and all those behind the scenes. Everyone played a part and took responsibility so that it was a team success.

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

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Headteacher



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Mary Poppins JR
19th - 20th June

Scan for tickets

Dumfries Academy
Tickets available at school office or online