



## Parent/Carer Update 25 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter weekend.

This week we have been hosting assemblies to help prepare pupils for moving forward with new classes. At this point, S1-3 pupils are embarking on new courses. However, the formal move to the new school day structure takes place when our senior pupils return from study leave on 2 June.

We have a lot to look forward to this term. The SQA exam diet starts this week, with Computing Science and Psychology exams taking place today. 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.

During exams, snacks and drinks are available for pupils in Minerva during breaks or prior to starting. These are free for all seniors sitting exams.

A reminder that breakfast is still available in Minerva every morning for all pupils. Pupils are also entitled to help themselves to any items they need from our equity boxes. These items include tights, socks, toothpaste and brushes, toiletries, stationery, shoe laces and sanitary products.

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 28 April – SQA Exam Study Leave begins**

**Tuesday 29 April – U13 Semi-Final Football Match against Lockerbie Academy; 2.30 PM – 6.00 PM; Dumfries High School**

**Wednesday 30 April – S1 Full Reports Issued**

**Thursday 1 May – S1 parents Evening (with Tutors), 4.00-6.30 PM, Minerva**

### Save the date

**Monday 5 May – May Day Holiday**

**Wednesday 14-Friday 16 May – S3 London Trip**

**Wednesday 21 May – Parent Council Meeting**

### Social Areas

Social Areas for pupils from 27 May 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

## Parent/Carer Update 25 April 2025

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

### Parents Evenings/Pupil Reports

We have had much discussion about the timing and nature of parents' evenings and reports. This term, we will send out our revised plans for next session, once these have been agreed with all staff. We thank you for sharing your views, and appreciate that there will be a range of opinions. We have taken these into account and hope that our model for next session works for the majority of our community.

### School Uniform

We are looking to revise our policy slightly over the next 12 to 18 months and are excited to share some of our proposals with our Pupil and Parent Council later this term. As always, we try to be mindful of cost to parents, but whilst retaining the school's identity and heritage.

A reminder that pupils should wear black footwear. **Crocs are not permitted.** All pupils were gifted a school tie on starting with us. If ties have been lost, replacements can be purchased from our school office at a cost of £6.50. We do have a stock of pre-loved uniform items and any parent/carers should contact us should they wish financial support/advice with uniform.

## Vision, Values and Aims

### *Learning together for a better future*





## Parent/Carer Update 25 April 2025

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

We will share these from next week.

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

Easter School

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

## Parent/Carer Update 25 April 2025

Subject	Time	Teacher	Room
N5 Biology	9:15am – 11:00am	Miss Barton	T31
N5/H CompSc	9:15am – 11:00am	Mr Wilson	M15
N5 Maths	9:15am – 11:00am	Mrs Inglis	F11
H Applications of Maths	9:15am – 11:00am	Mr McWilliams	F12
N5 Applications of Maths	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mr McWilliams	F12
H Biology	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mr Grierson	T31
N5 Design and Manufacture	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mr Rosie	T1
H PE	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mr Scott	F14
Supervised independent study	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mr Wilson	M15

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Subject	Time	Teacher	Room
H Admin	9:15am – 11:00am	Mrs Wilson	M11
N5 Chemistry	9:15am – 11:00am	Miss Gibson	T33
H English	9:15am – 11:00am	Ms Kell	G2
N5 Geography	9:15am – 11:00am	Miss McGuire	M6
N5 Modern Studies	9:15am – 11:00am	Mrs Spence	M4
H Spanish	9:15am – 11:00am	Mrs Wilson	F7
N5 Admin	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mrs Wilson	M11
H Chemistry	11:15am – 1:00pm	Miss Desai	T33
H Geography	11:15am – 1:00pm	Miss McGuire	M6
N5 Media	11:15am – 1:00pm	Ms Kell	G2
H Modern Studies	11:15am – 1:00pm	Mrs Spence	M4