



## Parent/Carer Update 26 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We had a number of events and trips this week. Groups of pupils visited Dumfries House and Crawick Multiverse. Both of these trips were designed to develop pupils' skills for work and increase their knowledge of careers within rural industries. Our other events and trips were also a great success. As always, our pupils were a credit to themselves and our school.

We received our banner to confirm that we have been awarded our Silver Rights Respecting School Award. This is testament to a huge amount of work across the school by Miss McGuire, pupils and staff.

Our European Languages Day was a great success. We had a great bake sale, tried out greetings in different languages, had a selection of European fayre at breakfast and had fun with props!

A reminder to make sure you have downloaded our apps that we use to communicate with home. Key messages, pupil reports and other items are shared via these.

Please see links to both apps below:

[Get the Eduspot App | Eduspot](#)

[parentsportal.scot | The digital doorway to your child's school.](#)

### **Health and Safety**

Over the last 2 weeks, we have held a Fire Drill and a Safe Inside Together Drill (lockdown). Both went well and help pupils and staff to understand and rehearse what to do in the event of an emergency. Such emergencies are rare, but we do try to ensure that we know what to do to keep people safe should they arise.

### **School Improvement**

There has been lots of recent activity with staff and pupils to evaluate learning experiences in school. Once we have collated all of the information, it will be shared with the wider community. We have seen lots of good practice and experiences around the school. The vast majority of our learners are engaging in lessons and doing well.

### **Uniform Consultation**

Please note that any new policy will not come into effect until session 2026-2027 and that, although items may be available from October this year, there is absolutely no compulsion to buy them. Equally, we will allow time to phase out any items that may not be part of the new guidelines. We have made a short video to explain why our consultation has been initiated and what any changes might mean. This will be shared early next week. Thereafter, we will share a summary of the consultation and next steps.



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### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30 September – Scottish Cup Basketball, 3.00 PM – 4.30 PM; Senior Awards Ceremony, Main Hall, 6.00 PM

Wednesday 1 October – GRIT trip to Dumfries House, all day

Thursday 2 October - U 16 Football match, St Joseph's College, 3.20-5.00 PM

Friday 3 October - Higher Geography Trip, Glasgow, 9.00 AM- 4.00 PM

### Save the date

Tuesday 7- Thursday 9 October – S2/3 Wellbeing Surveys

Tuesday 7 October – Family Cooking Event, 6.00 PM

Thu 9 Oct – P6/7 Transition Drop in for those who missed previous evening, 4.00 PM; S1 Netball Season Opener, all day

Friday 10 October – School closes at 3.20 PM for October Break

Monday 27 October – School resumes at 8.50 AM

### Parents Evenings/Pupil Reports

Please see provisional dates for this session (see slight amendment to previous versions):

Year Group	Parents Evening	Reports
S1	29 October – Sharing the Learning 23 April - Tutors	13 November (Tracking), 9 March (Tracking), 21 April (Full)
S2	26 February – Subject teachers	18 September (Tracking), 13 November (Tracking), 23 February (Full)
S3	10 December – Subject Teachers	18 September (Tracking), 3 December (Full)
S4	14 January – Subject Teachers	2 October (Tracking), 8 January (Tracking), 25 March (Tracking)
S5	10 February – Subject Teachers	2 October (Tracking), 6 February (Tracking), 25 March (Tracking)
S6	10 February – Subject Teachers	2 October (Tracking), 6 February (Tracking), 25 March (Tracking)

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