

Educational Services

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a busy start to the year with young people settling in quickly. Thank you to all staff for supporting young people. You can keep up to date with all our news at our website or follow us on Facebook, X or Instagram.

S1

We welcomed over 140 S1 pupils to the school and they have settled in well, our S6 pupils have been an excellent support to our new young people. S1 pupils will soon meet their buddy who will support them this year. Events with buddies will include S1/S6 welcome Mass and a buddy breakfast. Places in S1 and S2 are now limited with both year groups at capacity.

Contacting the School

If you require to speak to the school you can call 01292 612020 or email QMA.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk In the first instance you should speak to you child's guidance teacher.

Assisi	Mrs Paterson
Galilee	Mr Wood/Mr Oates
Jericho	Miss Phillips
Lourdes	Miss Thomson

DHTs are responsible for the following year groups

S1/S4	Mr McGeough
S2/S5	Mr Mallon
S3/S6	Miss McGhie
SLC	Mrs Semple

If you are unsure who your child guidance teacher is the office will be able to direct your call.

Clubs and Activities

There are a number of clubs and activities open to young people. You can find information about our extracurricular activities attached to this letter. Please encourage young people to go along, it is an excellent way to learn something new and meet new people.

Attendance

We continue to focus on attendance, which is also a priority for the local authority. You will see that students from Queen Margaret Academy took a lead role in South Ayrshire Councils Every Learner Every day Campaign.

Annual Consent 2024/2025

If you have not yet returned or completed online an annual consent form please ensure that this is completed as a matter of urgency. We require this updated if young people are to attend trips or offsite visits. To complete form online please link to <https://parentsportal.scot/home/> alternatively you can complete the paper copy attached and return it to the school office.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council will be meeting for the AGM and first meeting of the session on Thursday 5th September at 6pm. If you are not already a member of the forum, and you would like to attend, can you please email your details to QMA.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk and you will be sent a copy of the Agenda. Meetings are held in the school, and everyone is welcome to come along.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the standard of uniform is high. If you require any support with uniform please contact your child's guidance teacher.

School Fund

We are committed to supporting all our young people and our school fund is used as a way to support pupils and families across the school. This year our school fund has supported us to provide a school tie to all new S1 pupils, to help families with items of uniform, subsidised school trips to keep the cost as low as possible, provide transport to trips and events and to support families across our school community experiencing difficult times. As a school we promote the value of Community in the coming session parents and carers who can support the school fund will be able to do so throughout the year by donating through Parentpay <https://www.parentpay.com/> to the **QMA Donations Fund**. We know that not all will be in a position to donate but ask that if you are you consider supporting the school to continue provide for our community.

The school will be closed for local holidays on Friday 20th September and Monday 23rd September and we will welcome pupils back on Tuesday 24th September at 8.45am.

We are looking forward to our annual Prizegiving which will take place on the 25th September. Letters will be sent to all prize-winners and more information will be sent out in due course.

It has been a very positive start to the session, and we are looking forward to a busy and productive year. Thank you for you continued support.

Yours faithfully



Oonagh Browne
Head Teacher