



Balfon High School

Parent Council Meeting

14 January 2025



SLT Update - 14 January 2025



- Prelims (PS)
- UCAS - deadline 31 January 2024
- School day Update (DB)
- Course Choices (DB)
- Highlights since last meeting
- Wider achievements
- Movember
- Sports Council
- Mobile Phone Update
- Uniform
- Calendar
- Pupil Support Structure (CA)
- Health & Wellbeing Survey (CA)
- Attendance (CA)

Highlights from 2024...since we last met



A sneak peek...Festive activities 2024



Notable wider Achievements



Rotary Young Musician of the year



S6 Baristas trip to Parallel Coffee



Murray - S2 Football coach



Mary & Rose through to next round of Donald Dewar Debating

Raising awareness of male mental health & prostate cancer -Movember

60K Challenge



Learners influencing decision making - Sports Council



Suggest improvements for PE:

More games for smaller sports like Volleyball and basketball.

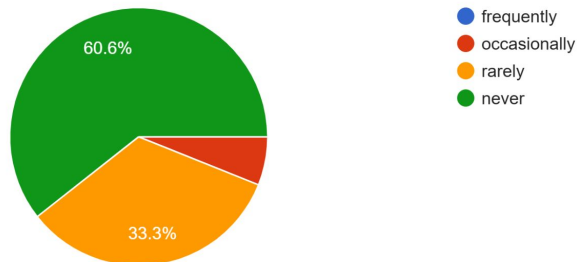
Promote Para and Disability sport, - we've added Boccia and goal ball (similar to blind football) to Inter House programme

Pupils asked to leave PE in kit at the end of the day and S4 asked to come in on a Tuesday period 1 - both of those now happening.

Mobile Phone Policy Implementation (review in Feb)

In the first few days of the new policy, how often has mobile phone use interrupted learning & teaching?

33 responses



5 phones were confiscated in the first week:

- 2 x S4
- 2 x S3
- 1 x S1

Senior Team spot checks. Some feedback:

'Working well'

'easier than I thought'

'takes less time than anticipated'

'pupils have been great'

'Easy and quick to administer'

'I think it has been very smooth and have had no difficulties myself. I also had no issues with young people not handing over their phone'

Uniform Review Next Steps

- Reminder of policy
- Get core items right:
 - shirt/ tie/ plain black/Balfron jumper/ black shoes
- Communication - reminders, highlight policy, provide support
- Individual texts/ calls/ meetings

Next steps:

Review - pupils, parents, staff

Surveys - focus groups - decisions by May

“High achievement
always takes
place in the
framework
of high expectation.”

Charles Kofsey

Calendar - What's happening at Balfron High 24-25



15 January	S2 Parents Evening
27 January	Course Choice Evening
27 January	S2 & S3 Course Choice Interviews begin
10 February	Holiday for pupils/ Inset for Staff (Mon/Tues)
	S4-6 Tracking emailed to parents/carers
17 February	Return to school
18 February	Deadline for S2/3 Course Choices
20 February	S4 Parents Meeting (online)

Update of Pupil Support Structure and Team



S1	1C1	1C2	1E1	1E2	1L1	1L2
S2	2C1	2C2	2E1	2E2	2L1	2L2
S3	3C1	3C2	3E1	3E2	3L1	3L2
S4	4C1	4C2	4E1	4E2	4L1	4L2
S5	5C1	5C2	5E1	5E2	5L1	5L2
S6	6C1	6C2	6E1	6E2	6L1	6L2

Campsie
Mr Mcfarlane

Endrick
Mrs Shaw

Lomond
Mrs Johnstone
Mrs Fisher

Dr Burns
(Across all three houses)

Balfron HS Wellbeing Survey

S1s completed the survey in October

S2s January

S3s March



[Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile \(GMWP\) | Resources | Education Scotland](#)

Balfron HS Wellbeing Survey

Example of statement

I like this school

(1-3) stars means not true at all

(4-7) stars means sometimes true

(8-10) stars means almost always true



Example of statement

Other pupils look out for me in school

(1-3) stars means not true at all

(4-7) stars means sometimes true

(8-10) stars means almost always true

Promoting, Supporting & Managing School Attendance



Why does attendance matter?



**“1% drop in attendance
results in 3% drop in
attainment.”**

Klein & Sosu, 2022

**“Students who drop out of
high school are 24 times
more likely to experience 4
or more negative life
outcomes.”**

Langsford et al, 2019

What does 90% attendance REALLY look like?



- 90% equates to:
- ½ a day off every week
- 19 days off a year
- 247 days off over 13 academic years

Low attendance

- ..is linked with lower levels of attainment.
- ..can impact peer relationships.
- ..can impact on emotional and behavioural needs and regulation.
- ..can impact on wellbeing and school connectedness.
- ..is linked with reduced employment opportunities.
- ..can indicate children at risk of harm.



Attendance Data



2023/2024	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24
School Total	91.70%	90.70%	91.00%	90.80%	89.80%	90.20%
2024/2025	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25
School Total	93.70%	92.70%	92.40%	92.20%	86.04%	92.08%

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