

Parent Update

18 June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

P7 – S1 Transition

It was great to be able to welcome our incoming S1 students to the school for a short visit this week. The P7's took part in a range of subjects within classrooms in the morning, giving them an opportunity to get a feel for the layout of the school building and meet some of our teachers and support staff. In the afternoon they displayed a brilliant level of enthusiasm and healthy competitiveness on the school outdoor sports grounds, much to the delight of the PE staff. We are really looking forward to all of our new students joining us fully in August.

S6 Leavers

Last night we said our final goodbyes to our S6 students. The event was able to be held in school and although it was a bit different from our usual farewell due to the Covid restrictions, it was nonetheless a lovely evening. We wish all of the students who are leaving us this summer the very best for a successful and happy future.

August Arrangements

The latest information I have received from Scottish Government is that the majority of safety measures we currently have in place should remain for the new term starting in August. This includes face coverings, split lunches to keep students within their 'bubbles', 2 metre distancing for staff and the offer of LFD test kits. I am expecting further updates towards the end of the summer holiday and I will send out full information to you at the start of August to include this.

At the moment the expectation is that we can safely use the PE changing rooms once again therefore students will be expected to come to school dressed in school uniform every day and should not wear leggings or joggers to school.

The school uniform consists of

- Deans jumper/tank-top or plain black jumper/cardigan
- Plain black school trousers or skirt
- Black school shorts or black chino type shorts (not sport or denim)
- Tights should be black or neutral
- White shirt (short or long sleeved)
- S1-4 'junior' tie
- S5-6 'senior' tie
- Black shoes (must be all black)

Black school blazer (optional)

Your support in ensuring your child is arriving to school each day in school uniform is essential and greatly appreciated. If you have any difficulty in sourcing any uniform items, please get in touch with us.

I have attached information regarding ordering blazers should you wish to buy one for your child.

SQA Results

Parents and carers of S4/5/6 students will receive a letter next week informing them of the results that have been submitted to SQA. Students have been informed over the past couple of weeks of what to expect by their class teachers.

Rebel Girls

Despite the Covid 19 Pandemic, some very talented S6 pupils have managed to produce a socially-distanced, 1-person-per-scene, original musical "Rebel Girls - the musical".

The world premiere of this new show will be streamed via the school's website week beginning 21st June.

"Rebel Girls - the musical" centres around 5 of history's most impressive and influential women - Ada Lovelace, Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst, Amelia Earhart and Coco Chanel. These strong and inspiring women tell their tales of struggle and success through a monologue and a song each.

As well as giving the students their first opportunity in 18 months to perform, the show also allowed them to explore these significant women and the changes they made for the world.

As always, many thanks for your continued support and I hope that you and your family remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.