



# Bannockburn high school



SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

## SQA EXAMINATION RESULTS 2008

Results obtained by pupils in this year's SQA Examinations have shown a significant overall improvement.

Obviously individual pupil performances will have been varied according to a number of individual factors.

There was a considerable increase in the number and quality of awards gained by pupils in Fourth Year at Credit level with 37% of all pupils gaining 3 or more awards and 28% gaining 5 or more awards.

The proportion of pupils gaining 3 or more grades 1 - 3 increased to match the highest ever achieved in the school at 70%.

In Fifth Year good results were attained in Intermediate 1 and 2 examinations as well as Higher Grade.

There was an almost doubling in the number of A-Grade Higher awards compared to the previous session along with a similar increase in the proportion of pupils gaining 5 Higher Grade passes.

Performances of pupils undertaking study in Advanced Highers also improved with a number of A grades achieved at this level.



## SESSION DATES

SESSION STARTS	TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2008
SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY	MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2008
AUTUMN TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2008
OCTOBER HOLIDAY	MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2008 TO FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2008
WINTER TERM STARTS	MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2008
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2008 & TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008
WINTER TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2008
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2008 TO FRIDAY 2 JANUARY 2009
SPRING TERM STARTS	MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2009
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2009 & TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009
MID-TERM HOLIDAY	WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2009 THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2009 FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2009
SPRING TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2009
EASTER HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6 APRIL 2009 TO FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2009
SUMMER TERM STARTS	MONDAY 20 APRIL 2009
MAY HOLIDAY	MONDAY 4 MAY 2009
SESSION ENDS	FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2009

## PARENTS' EVENING DATES

4 <sup>th</sup> Year	Wednesday 29 October 2008
5/6 <sup>th</sup> Year	Monday 17 November 2008
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Monday 19 January 2009
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Tuesday 24 February 2009
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Wednesday 6 May 2009.

ALL MEETINGS START 4.15 AND END 6.45

# EXAMINATION DATES

This session the examination dates will operate as follows -

## FOURTH YEAR PRELIMS

START MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2008

END FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2008

Pupils in S4 need to attend for exams only as the normal timetable is suspended during this time.

## FIFTH AND SIXTH YEAR PRELIMS

START THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2009

END THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2009

Pupils in S5 and S6 need to attend for exams only as the normal timetable is suspended during this time.

## THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS

START WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009

END WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009

Normal timetable operates in conjunction with third year examinations

# SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

Planning for the REFURBISHMENT of the original building is now well advanced and the contract should be issued for tender in December. The work for this is scheduled to commence in April 2009

The window replacement programme is due to be started this year and completed by Spring 2009.

Work to install the new ALL WEATHER sports facility is expected to start once the contractor has been identified and be in use for pupils and the community once completed.

## STAFF CHANGES

### NEW STAFF

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY  
TEACHER OF HOME ECONOMICS

MISS J BOND  
MS A PARK

TEACHER OF PE  
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