

BANNOCKBURN HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter

AUGUST 2007

Dear Parent/Carer

This first newsletter of the session provides you with information about activities and events that will take place in the school during the course of the 2007 - 2008 school session.

Assemblies were held, as normal, for each year group over the first two days of the session.

The theme of these assemblies was RESPECT. Respect is at the core of the Bannockburn High School aims statement - working to raise -

CONFIDENCE
ACHIEVEMENT
RESPECT
EXPECTATIONS
STANDARDS

Respect was focussed, on this occasion, at pupils having Respect for themselves - keeping safe, healthy lifestyles, working hard and putting effort into their school work in order to gain the highest possible levels of personal achievement.

This theme will be developed in future assemblies this session.

S5/6 pupils were advised that study in subjects in years 5 and 6 at Higher and Intermediate 2 levels required a commitment of 5 - 6 hours per week per subject for Home Study. Home Study covers revision, reading, investigation and research as well as set homework issued by subject teachers. This level of self-commitment is necessary to provide the best possible chances of success in National Examinations.

J D McAlpine
Headteacher

SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>Term Dates And Holidays</u>	<u>Issue Of Report Cards From:</u>	<u>Special Events</u>
<p>Term 1 Mon. 20 August 2007 Autumn term begins. Mon. 10 September 2007 Autumn Holiday. Fri. 05 October 2007 Term Ends.</p> <p>Term 2 Mon. 15 October 2007 Winter Term Begins. Mon. 12 November 2007 Staff In-service. Tue. 13 November 2007 Staff In-service. Fri. 21 December 2007 Winter Term Ends.</p> <p>Term 3 Mon. 07 January 2008 Spring Term Begins. Thur. 07 February 2008 Staff In-service. Fri. 08 February 2008 Staff In-service. Mon. 11 February 2008 Mid-Term Holiday Tue. 12 February 2008 Mid-Term Holiday Fri. 21 March 2008 Good Friday Mon. 24 March 2008 Easter Monday Fri. 04 April 2008 Spring Term Ends</p> <p>Term 4 Mon. 21 April 2008 Summer Term Begins Mon. 05 May 2008 May Holiday Fri. 27 June 2008 Session Ends</p> <p>Exam Dates S4 Prelims Mon. 26 Nov.- Fri 7 Dec. S5/6 Prelims Thurs. 31 Jan.- Wed.6 Feb. S3 Exams Mon. 10 Mar.- Mon.17 Mar. S4 SQA Exams Start Tue. 29 Apr. S5/6 SQA Exams Start Wed. 7 May</p> <p>Bruce – House Head Mr. Bairner Pupil Support - Mrs Bruce – 1B1,1B2,2B1,3B1,3B2,4B1,4B2 Mrs Grant – 1B2,1B3,2B2,3B2,3B3,4B3,4B4 S5 – Mrs Bruce / Mrs Grant S6 – Ms. Anderson</p> <p>ASN – Miss Cooke, Mr Simpson SEBD – Mr Obre, Mrs Campbell</p>	<p>Issue Of Report Cards From: S1 Interim 29 November 2007 S1 Full 16 May 2008 S2 Full 13 February 2008 S3 Interim 15 November 2007 S3 Full 23 April 2008 S4 Full 17 January 2008 S5/6 Interim 26 October 2007 S5/6 Full 26 February 2008</p> <p>Parents Evenings (Note Parents' Evenings are from 4.15 – 6.45p.m.) S1 16 January 2008 S2 5 March 2008 S3 12 May 2008 S4 20 November 2007 S5/6 7 November 2007</p> <p>P7 Open Night 17 September 2007 7p.m. – 9.30p.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Head Teacher: Mr. J.D. McAlpine, Bannockburn High, Bannockburn Road, Broomridge, Bannockburn, FK7 0HQ. 01786 813519 e-mail:bannockburnhs.stirling.gov.uk</p> </div> <p>Stuart– House Head Mr. Walker Pupil Support – Miss Rice – 1S1,2S1,2S2,3S1,3S2,4S1,4S2 Miss Powell – 1S2,2S2,2S3,3S2,3S3,4S3,4S4 S5 – Miss Rice / Miss Powell S6 – Ms. Anderson</p> <p>ASN – Miss Cooke, Mr Simpson SEBD – Mr Obre, Mrs Campbell</p>	<p>S4 Work Experience Block 1 Mon. 1 Oct.- Fri 5 Oct. S4 Work Experience Block 2 Mon. 18 Feb.-22 Feb.</p> <p>S2 Edinburgh Book Festival Tue. 21 Aug. 2007 S3 Edinburgh Book Festival Mon. 27 Aug. 2007</p> <p>Photographer Wed. 12 Sept. 2007</p> <p>S2 Interhouse Games Fri.14 Sept. 2007, 25th Apr. 2008 S1 Interhouse Games Thu.20 Sept 2007,Wed.30 Apr 2008</p> <p>S6 Careers Convention Tue. 25 Sept. 2007</p> <p>Christmas Concert Wed. 12 Dec. 2007 Senior Dance Wed. 19 Dec. 2007</p> <p>Charities Events Wed. 2 Apr.- Fri. 4 Apr. 2008</p> <p>Senior Awards Ceremony Wed. 23 Apr. 2008</p> <p>M+ Trips: S1 Tue. 13 May 2008 S2 Wed. 14 May 2008 S3 Thur. 15th May 2008</p> <p>S6 Prom 13 Jun. 2008 School Show Tue.17 Jun. – Thur. 19 Jun. 2008</p> <p>Junior Awards Ceremony 25 Jun. 2008</p> <p>Wallace – House Head Mr. Wyllie Pupil Support – Mrs Lee – 1W1,2W1,2W2,3W1,3W2,4W1,4W2 Mrs Cochrane – 1W2,2W2,2W3,3W2,3W3,4W3 S5 – Mrs Lee/ Mrs Cochrane S6 - Ms. Anderson</p> <p>ASN – Miss Cooke, Mr Simpson SEBD – Mr Obre, Mrs Campbell</p>

STAFF CHANGES

The following new members of staff joined us this August:-

Mrs A Farley - Principal Teacher of History, Geography and Modern Studies.

Miss J Bond - Geography

Mr I Fulton - English

Mr F McMenemy - Technological Studies

Ms D Meek - PE

Miss A Park - Home Economics

Mr R McKenzie - Mathematics

Mr K Jozaytis - RME

Mr S Boyle - Modern Studies

Mr P Reynolds - Technological Studies

Mrs S Kennedy, Teacher of History, has had to retire from teaching as a result of a medical condition affecting her knee which had been operated on 8 years ago after an accident. This retirement took all of us, including Mrs Kennedy, by surprise after a medical examination last week. I am sure that you will wish Mrs Kennedy better health in her retirement and thank her for her excellent work in the school with pupils over the last 15 years.

Steps are already in place to find a successor to Mrs Kennedy as quickly as possible.

SCHOOL EXTENSION

The work is proceeding apace on our new extension and everything is on schedule for it being ready as planned next May. There have been some problems with water ingress at the gable end of the building where work is being undertaken. This has affected our Library to a limited extent and created some very unpleasant smells due to carpets becoming soaked.

FIRE DRILL

A planned drill took place on the afternoon of Friday 24 August. Everything went according to plan with the school being fully evacuated in 2 minutes 20 seconds and pupils returning to class after only 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes.

SCHOOL BUDGET

The plans have been implemented to reduce average class sizes in S1 and S2 to the overall lowest ever. This should enhance learning for all pupils at these stages.

Stirling Council Children's services have placed savings targets on all schools to make savings from their devolved budgets. This financial year the savings target set for Bannockburn High is £79,000. This is a very challenging sum to find and is on top of considerable budgetary reductions last session.

S5 PUPILS - INTERVIEWS WITH HOUSE HEADS

The four House Heads - Mr Walker, Mr Wyllie, Mrs Marshall and Mr Bairner will be interviewing pupils entering S5 during the second week of the session. This will enable timetables to be checked and suitability of courses to be monitored.

S1 PUPILS - NATIONAL ENTITLEMENT CARDS

Staff from Young Scot have been in school this week to make arrangements for S1 pupils to receive their National Entitlement Cards. This allows young people to access discounts in certain shops and on public transport.

S2 PUPILS - EDINBURGH BOOK FESTIVAL

Around 35 pupils from S2 attended the Edinburgh Book Festival on Monday 27 August on a visit arranged by staff from the English Department.

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY

The September holiday is Monday 10 September, 2007 as detailed earlier and not as given in the School Diaries issued to pupils.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer is in school on Wednesday 12th September 2007. Photographs are planned for First, Third, and Fifth/Sixth year pupils.