

BANNOCKBURN HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter

DECEMBER 2007

Dear Parent

As I compile this newsletter the pupils in Fourth Year are undertaking their SQA Preliminary Examinations. These exams will give every pupil a clear indication of how well they are progressing in their courses ahead of the full SQA external examinations in April/May 2008.

We are currently looking at improving our procedures to monitor and track pupil progress throughout the school. These changes could bring adjustments to our reporting schedule next session. In addition the issue of young people taking greater responsibility for their own learning is being considered and staff in all departments will be implementing strategies to promote Independent Learning. The aims of these developments are to promote more effective learning and raise achievement.

We plan to issue helpful information leaflets about Independent Learning in early 2008.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and enjoyable festive season.

Yours sincerely

J D McAlpine
Headteacher

Arrangements for the end of Term

Normal timetable for all pupils will operate during the last week of term. On Friday 21 December the timing of periods will be altered as follows.

8.55	Start of School
8.55- 9.10	Form Period
9.10 - 9.50	Period 1
9.50 - 10.25	Period 2
10.25 - 10.45	Interval
10.45 - 11.20	Period 3
11.20 - 12.15	Period 4
12.15 - 12.50	Lunch
12.50 - 1.30	Period 5
1.30	Close of School

Extension

Work on the extension is progressing very well. It is planned that we will be able to occupy the new facilities in May 2008.

Once the new car parking area is opened we will close the existing car parking area west of the Main Entrance to Car Parking. This will then become a hard standing area available to pupils. This area will also be made available as a Pick-Up Area for parents with cars collecting children at the end of the school day.

Parking on the Access Road and Bus Circle will be STRICTLY PROHIBITED when these new facilities are opened.

Charities Committee Success

All of the activities organised by members of our Charities Committee to raise money for the BBC's Children in Need event last month raised a spectacular total of £925.

Standards and Quality Report

The statutory Standards and Quality for session 2006 - 2007 has now been completed. This is available for you through the school website www.bannockburnhigh.org.

Out of School Trips

Pupils across the school have been taking part in range of out of school visits organised by various members of staff with a variety of purposes including curricular enhancement.

These have included -

1. Visit to the MacRobert Christmas Pantomime - Cinderella for 1st year pupils on 28 November 2007.
2. Visit to Dynamic Earth for 2nd year pupils on Friday 7 December 2007.

Non-Uniform Days

The following days have been identified as non-uniform days by the Charities Committee.

1. Friday 21 December 2007
2. Wednesday 06 February 2008
3. Friday 14 April 2008 (Sport Relief)
4. Friday 04 May 2008

Headteacher's Open Hour

Starting in the New Year on Thursday 24 January I would like to introduce the idea of having a 'surgery' type opportunity available to parents.

This would take the form of an open invitation to parents to come along to speak with me on some matter that is of interest to the parent or the parents' child in the school.

I will be available 4.15 - 5.15 on Thursday evenings. No need to make an appointment just come along to the Main Office and ask to meet with me.

Parent Council

Meeting Dates next term are -

1. Monday 14 January 2008;
 2. Wednesday 20 February 2008
 3. Thursday 27 March 2008
- (All at 7.30pm in the Staffroom)

First and Second Year Christmas Parties

Staff in the P.E. Department have taken on the responsibility for organising this years First and Second Year Christmas Parties. These will run within the school on the afternoons of Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 December from 2pm until 3.15pm.

Senior Pupil Dance

The Senior Dance is to take place in Stirling Rugby Club on Wednesday 19 December 2007. Let's hope there is no repeat of the flooding that resulted in cancellation of last year's dance.

Christmas Concert

Our highly regarded annual Christmas Concert will take place in the Lecture Theatre on the evening of Wednesday 12 December at 7.30pm Tickets are now on sale. You are invited to come along, enjoy yourself, and support the young people.

Concert tickets are priced as follows:

Bannockburn High School
Christmas Concert
in the
Lecture Theatre
on
Wednesday 12th December 2007
at
7.30pm
Adults: £3.00
Child/Concession: £1.50
Family (2 Adult & 2 Children): £7.00

Includes refreshments in the Staffroom after the Concert

