

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young person and the school. Please see an update on a number of matters below :

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December & Festive Events

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December sees our 'Festive-Up your Uniform Day'. This will be a normal working day for pupils, who should still wear their normal uniform. However they are welcome to make their uniform a little more festive, either with Christmas Jumpers, tinsel etc. We would ask that young people, if they are able, bring in items for our Braes Pantry on this day. These will be redistributed to Braes families and young people in need. Any items for the Braes Pantry can be handed in at reception. Longer-lasting foods and/or toiletries would be very much appreciated as donations. Many thanks for any support you can offer for this.

Other events include :

Christmas Concert – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Christmas Cup for S1-3 pupils – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December during the school day

Christmas Ceilidh for S4-6 pupils – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Staff Panto – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December during the school day

School closes for the holidays at 12.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. School buses will arrive to collect pupils at 12.30pm. The new term begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

School Social Media

From January 2025 Braes High School will use Blusesky as our main social media platform. This will replace X as the platform where we showcase the achievements and talents of our young people. Emails to parents/carers, replicated on the School App and website, will continue to be the main communication channel to parents/carers about school events, developments and other relevant information.

Keeping our community tidy

The vast majority of our pupils are very good at disposing of litter appropriately. We see this in school daily where playgrounds and pupil spaces are kept very tidy. However we are aware that when our young people go offsite at lunchtime and visit local shops and takeaways, a small number of our pupils do not always use the bins in the local areas. In particular, we have noted a small increase in litter from the takeaway near the canal, which seems popular among our younger pupils. I would be grateful if parents/carers could remind young people that if they do choose to go off the school grounds and into the local community at lunchtime, they make sure the area is kept tidy. Many thanks for your support with this.

I hope all Braes families are doing well just now.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone