

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope all Braes families are doing well at this time of year. We are very grateful for the generous donations to the Braes Pantry. These will help us provide support for families in need in our local community.

Please see an update on a number of matters below :

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

This is the last day of term and is a non-uniform day. Pupils have been advised that the usual rules of no football colours or other inappropriate clothing apply. Lessons finish at 12.30pm with school buses arriving at 12.30pm to collect pupils. 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 as 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.

Progress – Positive Referrals

As parents/carers are probably aware, schools in Falkirk are developing the use of a new pupil information management system, “Progress”. At present, when a positive referral is issued to a young person, parents/carers receive a message advising them that this has occurred. However the system does not yet enable parents/carers to see what the referral was issued specifically for. This issue has been raised with Council colleagues liaising with the Progress company, and we anticipate further developments on this in the new year. In the meantime, please be assured that if you receive an email stating your young person has received a positive referral, there is no action required on their part, and it simply a congratulatory message.

Thank you for your support of your young person and the school throughout 2024, I wish all Braes families a happy festive period, and look forward to working with all of our young people in 2025!

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone

