

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been encouraging to see our young people continue to progress in their learning and to show a strong commitment to the new procedures we have in our school. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Mr Ironside

I am pleased to announce that David Ironside, Depute Headteacher, has been appointed to the post of Acting Headteacher at Denny High School. Although we will certainly miss David here at Braes, we wish him all the best in his new role. David has been an integral part of our school's ongoing development and I would thank him for his efforts over many years in supporting young people at Braes High School. David begins at Denny from 26th October 2020.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council takes place via Zoom on Tuesday 6th October at 7pm. If you wish to attend the meeting, please email braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com so that the meeting link can be sent to you. At this meeting there will be presentations on how the school is continuing to develop our approach to learning and teaching within the current circumstances in school.

October break

The school closes at the end of this term on Friday 9th October, and reopens for the next term on Monday 26th October.

Additional Arrangements Event

We invite pupils and their families to join us for a YouTube Live session exploring how we implement additional arrangements for pupils with additional support needs in class and for assessments/exams. The event will take place on 27th October 2020 at 7pm and can be accessed via any device that has internet access. To sign up to take part, please complete the following form:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKe_3oM3YmhxGjLHyk7CX7edUOTNRVEQ3WDFFSINYVUxTQThWQzRKRjQwQi4u

Non-uniform day

As a reward for the good conduct of our young people this term, and to raise school funds, there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 9th October. The usual rules of no football colours or inappropriate clothing apply and pupils are invited to make a £1 donation on the day.

Clubs and Activities

Our extra-curricular programme is up and running and we invite pupils to 'be part if it' by getting involved in areas of interest to them. The extra-curricular programme for non-sporting activities is attached. We also have multi-sports club on a Wednesday and a rugby club on a Friday after school.

Supported Study

For senior phase pupils, a range of supported study opportunities are also available. Again, we would encourage pupils to take advantage of these. Details of the sessions can be found on our school website using the web link below:

<https://www.braeshigh.com/family-learning/curricular-support>

Face Coverings

The vast majority of our young people are remembering to bring a face covering with them each day, and are reminded to wear these on school transport as well as when appropriate in school. Inevitably there are occasions where these will be forgotten or cannot be used for some reason. We do have coverings available at school. It is of course helpful if all young people can ensure they bring their face covering with them to school.

Finally, I hope everyone is doing as well as possible just now and would thank parents/carers for their ongoing support of young people and the school at this time.

Iain Livingstone