

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been good to see our young people back in school this week. They have coped well with the difficult weather conditions experienced so far this week, with more seemingly set to come tomorrow. Please see an update on a number of other matters below:

FDAMH

A generous total of well over £500 was passed to FDAMH, an organisation supporting wellbeing and positive mental health in the local area. The charity was chosen by our Pupil Council to receive the funds donated from our non-uniform day on Thursday 10th February.

Digital Schools - European Award

Following successful submissions to gain the Digital Schools Award and then the Digital Schools – Wellbeing Award, it was great to hear today that Braes has now achieved the Digital Schools European Award. This award recognises the work of secondary schools across Europe in using digital technology to support learning in European secondary schools. I would thank Mr Vosser, our Technology faculty and all other staff and pupils involved in this work, as well as the support of parents/carers.

Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance

Revised Scottish Government guidance for schools has been published in relation to COVID-19. A key change relates to face coverings and applies from **Monday 28th February**. From **28th February**, pupils and staff in secondary schools are **no longer required** to wear face coverings in classrooms. **However, any young person or staff member who wishes to still wear a face covering in the classroom will be fully supported in doing so.** Face coverings should continue to be worn by secondary school pupils and all adults in indoor communal areas and on school transport. Some people in our school are exempt from wearing face coverings

Falkirk Tapestry project

Several of our senior pupils have been involved in an excellent community project, developing a Falkirk-themed tapestry. This is part of their Mark Scott Leadership for Life project, a long standing award in which Braes pupils have participated impressively for many years. The newspaper story below gives further details.

[Time to get creative and help create The Falkirk Tapestry | Falkirk Herald](#)

Braes HS Newsletter

Please see below the latest Braes High School newsletter, which showcases the many talents and achievements of our pupils.

[Braes HS Newsletter Feb 2022](#)

Women and Diversity in STEM – pupil presentation

Please see below an excellent presentation put together by Miss Campbell's Laboratory Science class, to mark the United Nations International Women and Girls in STEM day.

[Women and Diversity in STEM](#)

Many thanks for your ongoing support as parents/carers.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone