

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young people. It has been great to see our school have so many different events and activities on across this summer term, and we look forward to those planned over the next few days. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Braes HS Newsletter

Please see below the link the latest Braes HS Newsletter, showcasing the many achievements and abilities of our pupils :

[Braes HS Newsletter June 2023](#)

Mrs Rae

Parent/carers and pupils will no doubt wish Mrs Rae of our English department well in her forthcoming retirement. Mrs Rae begins her retirement after the summer holidays, after being part of our school throughout its history. During that time Mrs Rae had made a huge difference to the education and life of so many young people and she will be missed.

Mr Ironside

Mr Ironside, Depute Headteacher for Ochil House, will be taking a seconded role with the Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative after summer. Mr Ironside has played a significant role in our school's development over the years, and we will also miss him as he moves in to this new position.

Last Day of Term

The last day of term is Friday 30th June. Lessons finish at 12.30pm with school transport arriving to collect pupils at that time. This will be a non-uniform day, with young people asked to contribute a donation of approximately £1 to support pupil activities. This can be done in person on the day or via Ipay. The usual rules of no inappropriate clothing or football colours apply. The new school session resumes on Wednesday 16th August.

Friends at Braes

Our parent-led fundraising organisation, Friends at Braes has again this session provided significant levels of support for our young people. Much of this can be seen in the video link below. FAB are always keen to see new parents/carers involved. The next meeting of FAB is the AGM on Monday 28th August, to which all parents/carers are invited. If you would like to find out more information about FAB, please contact Chairperson, Susan MacKinnon, at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com. FAB also run the school's uniform recycling scheme,. Items of uniform are available at school reception. These are free to take, although donations to FAB are also welcome.

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Parent Council

Our Parent Council has also had a busy year, helping support the school and our young people in many ways. Some of these are noted below. If you would like more information about the Parent Council, come along to their AGM on Monday 4th September. Further information can be gained from Chairperson, Kenneth MacKinnon at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

- ✓ Engaging with our **Pupil Digital Leaders** on their role in supporting fellow young people, staff and families
- ✓ Contributing to discussion on **pupil pathways** in the senior phase
- ✓ Participating in the **National Discussion** on Education
- ✓ Encouraging our **School Captains** on their role in supporting their fellow pupils
- ✓ Informing the ongoing development of our **curriculum rationale**
- ✓ Discussing our young people's progress in **Literacy and Numeracy**
- ✓ Considering the **positive destinations** our young people enter on leaving school
- ✓ Supporting our **Pupil Library Leaders** on their role in further enhancing the school library
- ✓ Participating in the **recruitment** of a Depute Headteacher
- ✓ Helping shape how our school supports young people in maintaining high levels of **attendance**
- ✓ Informing our school's approach to **celebrating** the completion of the **broad, general education** by S3 pupils
- ✓ Responding to the national consultation on **qualifications and assessment**
- ✓ Engaging with our Pupil Council on issues relating to **learning and teaching**, and the future of assessment
- ✓ Engaging with pupils about **budget consultations** and responding to consultations
- ✓ Helping form the **School Improvement Plan**
- ✓ Funding the Dux Medal and **Senior Awards Ceremony**
- ✓ Helping redesign pupil **reports**
- ✓ Informing how **home learning** tasks are issued
- ✓ Supporting the creation of a guide to **National Qualifications** for parents/carers

We look forward to a positive and busy end of term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone