

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope all Braes families are doing well at present. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Friends at Braes

A very productive meeting of Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group took place this week, with young people presenting to the group making a bid for a support for an extra-curricular opportunity in our Technologies faculty. The next meeting of the group takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm in the conference room, with the option of also joining online. Please contact Chairperson Susan MacKinnon, should you wish further information about FAB, by email at [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com).

Parent Council

Our Parent Council also met this week, with presentations from Skills Development Scotland, our Pupil Council, and also discussion on how we can support young people's attendance at school, and celebrate their success. The next meeting of the Parent Council takes place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Further information can be gained from Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon, by email at [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

Holocaust Memorial Event – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Our young people in Braes High School are planning an event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. This takes place in our school at 4.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and will last approximately one hour. The event will see pupils deliver readings and reflections as well as displaying their learning on the Holocaust and genocide education. Parents/carers are most welcome to join this event.

Art Exhibition – former pupil

An art exhibition featuring work of former Braes pupil Jenni Potter, opens at Callendar House from 30<sup>th</sup> January until 30<sup>th</sup> April. The exhibition will feature work of senior pupils from all schools in Falkirk who have gone on to have a career in the creative industries. Jenni Potter has work featured in the exhibition which tells the story of her award winning textile design for children's character 'Miffy'.

# shining a light

an exhibition focusing on creativity in our schools



Image by: Celine Deneuve (1)

**The Park Gallery**

28 Jan-30 April 2023  
Callendar House  
Falkirk FK1 1YR

Callendar House is open  
every day except Tuesday  
10am-5pm

Free Entry  
Last admission  
4.30pm

## Forthcoming dates

Please note the forthcoming dates:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – holiday

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – in-service day (school closed to pupils)

You may have also read that there will be an additional holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### Anti-Vaping approach

You will no doubt have noticed in national media, an increasing number of stories about some young people across the country taking up vaping. Many of these stories focus on the potential marketing of vaping towards younger people, and the unknown long-term impacts vaping can have upon a person's health. It goes without saying that we have a zero-tolerance approach towards vaping in schools. However, as educators we are keen to ensure our young people are aware of the risks of vaping, and to support them to make good decisions about their health. Staff in Braes will continue to engage with our young people to ensure the unacceptable nature of vaping around school grounds is emphasised, and also to educate our pupils on these risks. We are appreciative of the support of parents/carers in reinforcing this message at home with your young people.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone