

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move through the last week of this term, I would thank again Braes families for their support of your young people and the school. It is clear from the many pupil-led events that our school ethos is very much alive and well, and I would commend all those young people who have been 'part of it' at Braes in this way. It is also encouraging to see so many Braes pupils from S4-6 signing up for Easter School on Monday and Tuesday next week, as an opportunity for further revision before the SQA examinations next term.

Please see an update on a number of other matters below:

#### Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal – Non Uniform Day

Pupils are invited to participate in a non-uniform day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March to raise funds for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. All monies received will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal. Pupils can either contribute cash on the day, or parents/carers can donate via the school's Ipay system. Pupils will be reminded that this is a normal working day in school, that any required for subjects such as Home Economics and PE should still be brought, and that no inappropriate clothing, nor clothing with offensive slogans or football colours should be worn.

#### Scottish Education Awards

Each year, the Scottish Education Awards, overseen by Education Scotland, celebrate the hard work and success which takes place in Scottish education. Braes High School has been nominated as a finalist in the 'Making a Difference' category, the award celebrating a secondary education establishment that has committed to transforming the lives of learners - overcoming obstacles to nurture equality, achievement and wellbeing. We are very pleased for all the young people, families and staff whose work and contribution in this area is being recognised with this accolade.

#### Friends at Braes

The next meeting of Friends at Braes takes place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the school conference room. Please contact Chairperson Susan MacKinnon, at [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com) for further information.

#### Volunteering Opportunity for pupils

Please see a message below from Laurieston Scout Group:

Laurieston Scout Group are looking to recruit some new Young Leaders to support their section. Squirrels are the youngest section in Scouting, consisting of girls and boys aged 4 and 5, meeting on Monday evenings from 5.30-6.30pm. Young Leaders are young people aged 14+ who can either be Explorer Scouts or young people looking to complete the volunteering portion of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. It is also excellent experience that any young person looking to go into childcare or teaching could add to a university personal statement or future CV. 16<sup>th</sup> Laurieston has had many great Young Leaders that attend Braes High School in the past. If any pupil would be interested in volunteering with us on a Monday evening please contact the group by email at [squirrels@lauriestonscouts.org.uk](mailto:squirrels@lauriestonscouts.org.uk)

Dates to note

The school breaks for the holiday at 2.50pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and reopens on the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – In-Service Day (closed to pupils)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – public holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – public holiday

I hope all Braes families are doing well at present and we look forward to a positive and busy end of term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone