

February 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am pleased to enclose with this letter a copy of your son/daughter's Winter School Report. Although there are no subject teachers' comments, it is possible to get a very clear picture of progress to date. In addition, the Form Teacher's comment may also highlight specific areas for attention as well as providing a summary of performance.

School will be closed for St Patrick's Day on **Friday 17 March**. The Spring Term will finish on **Friday 7 April** and the Summer Term will begin at **9.00am on Monday 24 April**. In addition, there will be an **exceptional closure for staff training, to facilitate moderation of centre-assessed components of public examinations, on Wednesday 26 April**.

The Parent – Teacher consultation meeting will take place in the Spring Term as set out below and as detailed on our online school calendar.

Year 10: Thursday 23 March (4.15pm – 6.15pm) and GCSE Options Talk (6.30pm)

Year 11: Tuesday 4 April (4.15pm – 6.15pm)

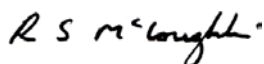
Please note this date carefully and do make use of the opportunity provided to discuss your son or daughter's progress. **I encourage you to bring a copy of the Winter Report to the Parent Consultation.** A text message will be issued to parents prior to the meeting.

I should like to remind you that in the event of a planned absence, pupils must bring, in advance, a written request from parents to the Form Teacher outlining the specific reason for the anticipated absence. In addition, if your child is absent due to unforeseen circumstances, please forward a letter to the Form Teacher on his/her return to school.

Please continue to visit our School Website (www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk) on a regular basis in order to keep up to date with events, news and achievements related to our school community.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support. Should there be issues which concern you, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Team at any stage.

Yours sincerely



R S McLoughlin
Principal