



BANBRIDGE ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust this letter finds your family and you well as we enter the busy festive period. We warmly invite you to a number of forthcoming events and also encourage you to regularly view the **Homepage of our website** – ‘Upcoming Events’ Calendar to keep up to date. ***Please note, all of the remote Parent Consultations have now been scheduled.***

DECEMBER

Friday 9 December – Staff Training Day – see below re: Parent Consultations

Friday 9 December – **Years 13 & 14 Parent Consultation** (9.30am-12.00noon)

(A remote Parent Information Talk re: Careers/Subject Choices will follow later in the year)

Friday 9 December – **Year 8 Parent Consultation** (1.15-3.15pm)

Saturday 10 December – **Banbridge Academy Association Christmas Craft Fair** 10.00am-1.00pm

in the School Dining Hall – a great opportunity to buy some essential Christmas gifts

Tuesday 20 December – **Annual Carol Service** 7.00pm in Holy Trinity Parish Church

(Everyone is invited to the Carol Service – including former pupils, parents and colleagues)

Wednesday 21 December – Last day of term for pupils (School Carol Service finishes at approximately 11.30am)

JANUARY

Wednesday 4 January 2023 - First day of Spring term for all pupils

Monday 16 January 2023 - Winter Examinations begin for all Year Groups

Monday 30 January 2023 - **Open Night** (7.00-9.30pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.35pm)

The detailed internal Winter Examination timetable has been forwarded separately to all students. To assist your son/daughter, the examination timetable has been developed around a rotational model affording time for study. The examination timetable clearly outlines the examination and study days. **As normal following the winter examinations, full written reports will be issued to Years 12, 13 & 14 and the marks will be available for Years 8–10 via the Parent App.** The Year 11 Winter Report will contain teacher comments in the subjects which have an external GCSE module in the summer and the other subjects will provide a written comment on the Summer Report.

FEBRUARY

Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 February - Year 13 Work Shadowing

Monday 13, Tuesday 14 February & Wednesday 15 February - Staff Training Days

Tuesday 14 February - **Year 10 Parent Consultation** (1.15-3.15pm)

(A remote Parent Information Talk re: Careers/Subject Choices will also take place)

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 February - Half Term Break

MARCH

Friday 17 March - Bank Holiday

Friday 31 March - **Year 11 Parent Consultation** (1.15-3.15pm)

Friday 31 March - Last Day of Term

APRIL

Monday 17 April – First day of Summer term for all pupils

Wednesday 19 April – Staff Training Day – Moderation

Wednesday 19 April – **Year 9 Parent Consultation (1.15-3.15pm)**

Please note that your child will participate in on-going assessment in class and target setting. We would encourage you to engage actively with your child in helping to review these targets. You are also encouraged to check and sign the Student Planner on a regular basis to ensure that it is being used effectively.

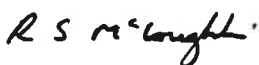
Note the dates above carefully and please make use of the opportunity provided to discuss the progress of your son/daughter. **Please note that all parents need to have downloaded the Parent App** to access their son/daughter's Reports and the information regarding the SchoolCloud system.

The School Carol Service will take place for pupils on the final day of term, Wednesday 21 December. Pupils will start school as normal at 9.00am and will be escorted to Holy Trinity Church for the service starting at 10.15am and finishing at approximately 11.30am. Pupils should make their way home following the service.

For your convenience I have enclosed the bus timetable with this letter to indicate the timetable that will operate on each of the early closures.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a fulfilling 2023.

Yours faithfully



R S McLoughlin
Principal