



BANBRIDGE ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The guide to access your son/daughter's winter examination marks has been published separately. **I trust that the results give you an indication of the current performance, however, each pupil has the potential to achieve excellent outcomes through sustained effort and effective revision.** Please note, there will be a full written report published in the summer for your son/daughter.

Your child will continue to participate in on-going assessment and we would encourage you to keep engaging with your son/daughter in order to support them in their learning. **This is an exceedingly challenging time for all young people and indeed you as parents – please keep going, you are doing a tremendous job!** I am sure you will realise the crucial importance of attending class, students who have a lower attendance rate often find that significant gaps develop in their learning. We know there is an **extremely close correlation between good attendance and good outcomes for a student**, therefore, it is exceedingly important that all students maximise their attendance.

For your convenience, I have copied below important dates that are available via our calendar on the School website. It is our intention that **School Cloud invitations will be sent one week before a consultation, via the app.**

Year 10 GCSE Options Presentation - link has already been circulated to parents and the presentation is available on the school website – Parental Information – Policies/Documents.

Year 12 A Level Options Presentation - link has already been circulated to parents and the presentation is available on the school website – Parental Information – Policies/Documents.

Thursday 2 February (during registration) - Year 12 GCSE November module results

Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 February – Year 13 Work Shadowing

Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 February – Staff Training

Monday 13 - Friday 17 February - Half Term

Tuesday 14 February (1.15-3.15pm) – Year 10 Parent Consultation via School Cloud

Tuesday 21 February (1.15-3.15pm) – Year 9 Parent Consultation via School Cloud

Wednesday 8 March – A Level Options Talk to Year 12 pupils, in school during games afternoon

Thursday 9 March - GCSE Options Talk to Year 10 pupils, in school during afternoon

Friday 17 March - School closed – St Patrick's Day

Friday 31 March (12.35pm finish for all pupils) – Last day of Spring Term

Friday 31 March (1.15-3.15pm) – Year 11 Parent Consultation via School Cloud

Monday 3 – Friday 14 April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17 April – First day of Summer Term

Wednesday 19 April – Staff Training – Moderation

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. In addition, the School's current Pastoral Policies have been placed in the Parental section of the School Website. We would ask you to consider these policies and advise the School of any amendments or improvements in writing, via your child's Form Teacher, before the end of March.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and it has been great to see many of you at our vast array of sporting fixtures. Should there be issues regarding school which concern you, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Team at any stage.

Yours sincerely

R S McLoughlin (Principal)