

June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust that everything has gone as well as possible for your son/daughter during their AS examinations. As previously highlighted, **all AS Level students will return to normal class on Monday 12 June 2023 – Friday 23 June inclusive**, following their AS examinations, so that they can begin their A2 studies – therefore all pupils must attend. In addition, there will be a **Year 13 Parent Information Evening in the school regarding UCAS and Career Pathways at 6.00pm on Monday 12 June**, I would encourage all Year 13 parents to attend.

Please find attached the up-to-date holiday list and uniform list. Please ensure when purchasing the school skirt that it is of an appropriate length in order to facilitate the growth of your child throughout the year – **the skirt must be to the knee.**

I remind you that Public Examination results will be issued as follows:

A Level (Year 14)	9.15am on Thursday 17 August 2023
AS Level (Year 13)	10.30am on Thursday 17 August 2023
GCSE Level (Year 12)	9.15am on Thursday 24 August 2023

I ALSO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE ENSURE ALL TEXTBOOKS HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY YOUR CHILD TO THE SCHOOL. The School does not have the funding to replace the textbooks for subsequent pupils. Please bring all textbooks in a plastic carrier bag, with your name and a list of each subject studied clearly printed on a sheet of paper enclosed within the plastic bag. **Please note the School has no alternative but to issue an invoice for any unreturned textbooks.**

Please note Senior Staff will be available, if required, on the Results Day to provide Careers Guidance. However, if anyone has concerns regarding their career path, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bond or Mr Cromie who can be reached via the main school email until the end of June, and again from mid-August.

We strongly urge pupils to collect their examination results in person as it is vital that they also confirm their Year 14 Subject Choice at that stage. **If your child cannot collect their results in person and you wish them to be posted out, YOU MUST PROVIDE an A5/C5 stamped addressed envelope which must be left in the School Office, prior to the end of June, for this purpose. Due to General Data Protection Regulations, we are unable to forward examination results to any parent and/or relative without written permission, which states precisely who will collect the results. In addition, we will require photographic ID to be presented to the Office by the person named in the letter when they call to collect the results. Please note, we are unable to issue any results over the telephone or via electronic communication. In accordance with the Examination Authority Regulations, examination results that are being posted can ONLY be posted on the public examination results day and therefore will arrive at a later date.**

I encourage you to view our online calendars, school website and Twitter feeds which provide up-to-date information throughout the year: www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk

The school year for **Years 13 & 14 will start at 9.15am on Wednesday 30 August with an Induction Day, which will end at 1.00pm.** There will be a lunch for all new Year 13 pupils at 1.00pm and Leadership Training for all Prefects from 1.30-3.30pm on that day. There will be no school buses on that day and bus passes will not be valid. **It is extremely important that all Year 13 and Year 14 pupils**

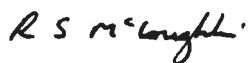
attend the Induction Day. There will be **no** school for Year 13 and Year 14 on Thursday 31 August. On **Friday 1 September 2023** all pupils **will begin school at 9.00am and finish at 3.25pm.** Please note that there will be school buses on this day and bus passes will be distributed as soon as we receive them. We understand that pupils can use Transport for the first two weeks without their pass, to facilitate the distribution of passes.

I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to Banbridge Academy and hope that it will be a fulfilling and enjoyable academic year.

It would be remiss of me not to mention and pay tribute to Mrs Karen Curran (Geography) and Mrs Sally Johnston (my PA), who are retiring at the end of the academic year – they have given years of dedicated service to generations of pupils in Banbridge Academy.

Finally, I wish you and your family a happy, safe and restful holiday period.

Yours sincerely



R S McLoughlin
Principal