



BANBRIDGE ACADEMY

ESTABLISHED 1786

June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your son/daughter's end of year report has been published via the Parent App. I hope that from the information provided you will be able to gain a clear picture of progress during this past academic year. I take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing and peaceful summer.

Please also 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.**

Please note Year 11 GCSE results will be issued at 2.00pm on Thursday 24 August 2023. We encourage your son/daughter to collect their results in person as Careers and Senior Staff will be available to offer any assistance that may be required. 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 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, received prior to the end of June, 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.

Friday 30 June 2023 will be the end of this academic year. The day will finish at approximately **12.00 noon** and a list of bus departure times for the final day of term is also enclosed.

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

On Friday 1 September 2023 pupils in Years 9 – 12 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 enable the passes to be distributed.

Free School Meals & School Uniform Grants and Home to School Transport Application

All parents/guardians (including new applicants) are required to apply each year via the online application process:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/home-to-school-transport>

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.

I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to Banbridge Academy and hope that it will be a fulfilling and enjoyable academic year. Finally, I wish you and your family a happy, safe and restful holiday period.

Yours sincerely

R S McLoughlin OBE
Principal