

February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The guide to access your son/daughter's winter examination marks is also attached to this message. **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.

In addition, 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. **School is a challenging but enjoyable time for 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.

MARCH

Monday 18 March – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 20 March – **Spring Concert** (7.30pm in the School Assembly Hall)

Wednesday 27 March – **Year 11 Parent Consultation** (1.15-3.15pm)

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

Wednesday 27 March – **Last Day of Term**

APRIL

Wednesday 10 April – **First day of Summer term for all pupils**

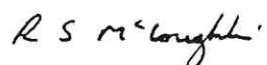
Wednesday 17 April – Staff Training Day – Moderation

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.

Most importantly should there be issues regarding school which concern you, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Team at any stage.

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 – it has been a tremendously successful season for so many of our teams and individual students. Please continue to visit our School Website (www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk) and/or News/Sports Twitter/X feeds on a regular basis in order to keep up-to-date with events, news and achievements related to our school community.

Yours sincerely



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Principal