

June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

I take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing and peaceful summer, despite these unprecedented times. **I wish to reiterate my thanks to our pupils, parents, my colleagues and the wider community for all of their considerable efforts in maintaining effective learning during the past year.**

Please also find enclosed 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)	9.00am on Thursday 15 August 2024
AS Level (Year 13)	10.30am on Thursday 15 August 2024
GCSE Level (Year 12)	9.00am on Thursday 22 August 2024

**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.

I encourage your son/daughter to collect their results in person on the dates indicated above as Careers and Senior Staff will be available to offer any assistance that may be required. **On the GCSE Results Day Heads of Department will also be available and Year 12 pupils will be required to confirm their A Level choices. 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.**

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](http://www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk)

The school year for Years 13 & 14 will start at 9.15am on Friday 23 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. 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. Full teaching begins for pupils in Years 11 – 14 on Tuesday 27 August 2024 in school commencing at 9.00am and finishing at 3.25pm.** Please note that

there will be no school buses until Monday 2 September 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**

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

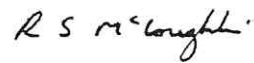
<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

It would be remiss of me not to mention and pay tribute to Mr Tim Baxter (PE), Mrs Fiona Campbell (Mathematics), Mrs Olga Casey (Art) and Mr Jamie Farrell (Mathematics), 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