



26 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to the new school year – 2026/2027, and to all our new S1 families.

Great School Uniform - Great Start!

I am delighted to report that our young people are looking so smart on their return to school. It is very clear that our flexible, and affordable, approach to school uniform is a success and I look forward to your ongoing support with this as the year progresses. Consistent school uniform supports inclusion and helps instil a sense of identity and belonging in our school community.

2026 Qualifications Scotland Interim Results

Our 2026 Qualifications Scotland interim pupil exam results are, once again, exceptionally positive. Across the majority of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), pupil results from S4, S5 and S6 continue to improve. Across all KPIs, pupil results are creating a consistent and very positive 3-year trend. This is great news for our pupils and our school. It means that over time, and indeed overall, our Baldragon Academy pupils are consistently achieving more qualifications and better grades. A massive well done to our pupils and thank you to our families for continuing to support our school improvement priority to improve attainment and achievement for all.

Mobile Phones/Devices in School

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation to inform future legislation on restricting mobile phones in schools. **The consultation is open for responses until 17 November 2026 and available from [Consultation on restricting mobile phones in Scotland's schools](#).** Please do take some time to provide your feedback.

Throughout last year, we were consulting with pupils, parents and staff as we sought to refine our policy on mobile devices at Baldragon Academy and remain in line with the Scottish Governments non-statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools (August 2024, updated June 2026). This week, we are seeking further feedback from you as we now work to finalise our whole school approach and policy: [Draft Mobile Device Policy - Family Feedback – Fill in form](#). Your continued feedback will help us to implement a clear approach and policy which limits personal mobile device use at Baldragon Academy.

Our 2026/2027 School Improvement Priorities

Presence	Participation	Progress
Priority 1: To continue to improve pupil attendance at school. Priority 2: To continue to ensure all learners feel safe and secure in school. Why? To ensure a positive climate where all learners are included, engaged & involved in their learning.	Priority 3: To continue to improve the culture for learning, teaching and assessment. Priority 4: To ensure pupil voice is central to school improvement. Why? To ensure all learners experience activities which are high-quality, relevant, motivating and set at the right level of difficulty.	Priority 5: To continue to improve attainment and achievement. Priority 6: To grow a culture of high expectation and ambition, for our learners and our wider learning community. Why? To maximise opportunities for all learners.

2026/2027 Key Dates

To help you plan your year, please find below, our key dates for 2026/2027. Key dates are also available on our new school website: www.baldragon.ea.dundee.gov.uk/school-information/key-dates.



Baldrigon Academy Key Dates (2026/2027)

Term Dates and Holidays	Reporting to Parents (all dates w/b)	P7 to S1 Transition Events
Term 1	05-Oct-26 S1 to S6 Reports	24-Nov-26 P7 - S1 Parents' Inductions
17-Aug-26 Inservice Day 1	14-Dec-26 S1 to S6 Reports	10-Jun-27 P7 - S1 Parents' Information
18-Aug-26 School resumes for learners	25-Jan-27 S4 to S6 Reports	
09-Oct-26 End of term	16-Feb-27 S2 Reports	09-Jun-27 P7 - S1 Induction Days
	22-Mar-27 S1 to S3 Reports	10-Jun-27 P7 - S1 Induction Days
Term 2	16-Apr-27 S4 to S6 Reports (exam estimates report)	11-Jun-27 P7 - S1 Induction Days
26-Oct-26 School resumes for all	24-May-27 S1 to S3 Reports	
12-Nov-26 Inservice Day 2		Senior Phase Exam Dates
13-Nov-26 Inservice Day 3	Parents Contact Evenings	07-Dec-26 Assessment Opp. begin
23-Dec-26 End of term	03-Nov-26 S4 (5pm - 7.30pm)	26-Apr-27 2027 Exam Diet starts
	10-Nov-26 S5/6 (5pm - 7.30pm)	26-Apr-27 Exam Leave starts
Term 3	08-Dec-26 S1 (5pm - 7.30pm)	27-May-27 Exam Leave ends
07-Jan-27 School resumes for all	12-Jan-27 S3 (5pm - 7.30pm)	02-Jun-27 2027 Exam Diet Ends
12-Feb-27 Mid-term holiday	02-Feb-27 *S4-S6 (5pm - 7.30pm)	
15-Feb-27 Mid-term holiday	23-Feb-27 S2 (5pm - 7.30pm)	Timetable Changes
16-Feb-27 Inservice Day 4	* Targeted approach prior to exams	24-May-27 S1 to S3 Timetable Change
25-Mar-27 End of Term	Parents Course Choice Sessions (MSTeams)	01-Jun-27 S4 & S5 Timetable Change
	11-Jan-27 S3 to S4 (5.30pm)	
Term 4	01-Feb-27 S4 to S5 & S5 to S6 (5.30pm)	School Events and Fundraising
12-Apr-27 School resumes for all	22-Feb-27 S2 to S3 (5.30pm)	09-Oct-26 Non-Uniform for School Fund
03-May-27 May Day Holiday		21-Dec-26 Christmas Concert
28-May-27 Inservice Day 5	Parents Information Sessions (MSTeams)	22/23-Dec-26 Non-Uniform for Charity
31-May-27 Victoria Day Holiday	20-Apr-27 Parental Briefing 2027 Exams (TBC)	25-Apr-27 Non-Uniform for School Fund
02-Jul-27 End of Term	Parents Council Meetings	02-Jun-27 Awards Ceremony
	02-Oct-26 Parent Council (6pm)	28-Jun-27 Summer Concert (TBC)
School Trips	18-Dec-26 Parent Council (6pm)	01/02-Jul-27 Non-Uniform
TBC	03-Mar-27 Parent Council (6pm)	
	19-May-27 Parent Council (6pm)	

School Contact and Communication

Our school website contains all the information, and details of key contacts, should you wish to raise or discuss any matter, concern, compliment or complaint with us: www.baldrigon.ea.dundee.gov.uk/contact-us.

My very best wishes to you and your family and I wish all our pupils the greatest of success as we commence a new school year.

Yours sincerely,

H McAninch
Headteacher