



3 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we bring term 1 to a close, I'd like to share some news and give a few short updates.

School Improvement Report 2024 - 2025

Our school improvement report for 2024 – 2025 is now available from our school website: <https://tinyurl.com/SIR2024-25>. Following feedback from our parent council, in term 2, we will once again be creating a one-page infographic which hopefully makes this report more accessible and informative for you.

HM Inspectors and SQA Updates

You will be aware, Education Scotland/HM Inspectors visited our school during June 2025 for a further inspection. This term, we met again with HM Inspectors as part of our SQA attainment review. I am pleased to inform you that the inspection and SQA review was very positive and went very well. I am also exceptionally proud to share that our school improvement journey continues to be validated by HM Inspectors, and the impact of our improvement priorities continues to be positively recognised. Building on last year's very successful and significantly improved SQA results, I am delighted to share that in almost all key performance indicators, our pupils in S4, S5 and S6 achieved the best exam results in at least the last 10 years at Baldragon Academy! I anticipate that an update letter for parents will be shared early in term 2, and I am expecting some very exciting news too.

Key Dates

To help you stay organised, please keep a note of our school's key dates for 2025/26. Key dates are available from our school website: [Baldragon Academy School Calendar](#) and have been previously shared with you in our August '25 'welcome back' newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/Term1welcomeback>.

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to all pupils whose parents receive Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit where take home pay is not more than £796 per month, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit ONLY with an income of less than £19,995, or BOTH Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income less than £9,552 (as assessed by HMRC).

From 3 March 2025 families who are not currently eligible for free school meals but are in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment will be able to access free school meals for P6 and P7 pupils. Proof of Scottish Child Payment will need to be supplied.

For more information, and to apply, please follow this link - [School Grants | Dundee City Council](#).

Staffing Updates

This term, we said goodbye to Ms Gillespie who took on new responsibilities with Angus Council and recruitment for her replacement continues - [Teacher of English - DEE06166 | Dundee City Council | myjobscotland](#). Mrs Sinclair continues as our Acting Principal Teacher of Geography, Mr Jooty picks up new responsibilities as Acting Principal Teacher (School Improvement – Relationships for Learning) and we are currently recruiting for Support for Learning Teacher's too.

School Uniform

As we move into the winter months, please continue to support our revised school uniform policy. We have had a great start to the new school year with almost all young people presenting smartly and positively in the formal or more relaxed style of Baldragon Academy school uniform. Thanks again for your support so far.

Have a very happy and safe October holiday.

Mr H McAninch
Headteacher