



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we reach the end of another successful year, I would like to thank all parents, carers and families for your continued support. I wish all our young people a happy, safe and well-deserved summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed, ready for another positive and successful year when school resumes for pupils on Tuesday 18 August 2026.

My very best wishes,

H McAninch

STAFFING UPDATES

As this school year ends, we wish the very best to our staff who are moving on ...

Mrs Lowe (Depute Headteacher) begins new responsibilities at Grove Academy. Mrs Douglas (Art and Design) and Mrs Martin (Support for Learning) join St John's RC High School. Mrs McGunnigle (Biology) joins Morgan Academy and Mrs Stewart (Support for Learning) joins Camperdown Primary School. Mr Sultan (Maths), Mr Lawson (Maths) and Mrs Lyon (Art and Design) all join Fife Council. Mr Taylor (NQT RME) and Miss Sim (NQT Home Economics) move on to progress their careers with Angus Council and Perth and Kinross Council respectively.

Miss Napier (NQT Chemistry) and Miss Bowman (NQT Art and Design) have successfully secured positions to stay with us at Baldragon Academy. Joining them in August are Miss Stevenson (Maths), Miss Downie (English), Miss McLaggan (RME), along with our new provisionally registered teachers (PRTs formerly known as NQTs) Miss Martin (Art and Design), Miss Young (Business Education) and Miss Leslie (English).

We welcome back to school in August Mrs Osborne (Geography) and Mrs Thomson (Home Economics).

Thanks and best wishes also to Miss Drumm (Business Education), Miss Matwiejuk (English), Mrs Caird (school office), Miss Dunsmore (DYW co-ordinator), Mrs Duley (Librarian) and Miss Inglis (school office) who all move on to new chapters.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ... BALDRAGON ACADEMY IS MAKING HEADLINES!!!

We've had an incredible run of positive coverage in both local and national media, celebrating the achievements, talent, and progress of our young people. From rising attainment and memorable S6 celebrations to inspiring sporting success and creative design projects, there is so much to be proud of.

These stories highlight the dedication of our pupils and staff and the strength of our school community. Take a moment to explore the links and join us in celebrating the outstanding success of Baldragon Academy!

www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/education/schools/5507966/baldragon-academy-attainment-improving/

www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/education/schools/5506698/baldragon-academy-s6-dance-2026-photo-gallery/

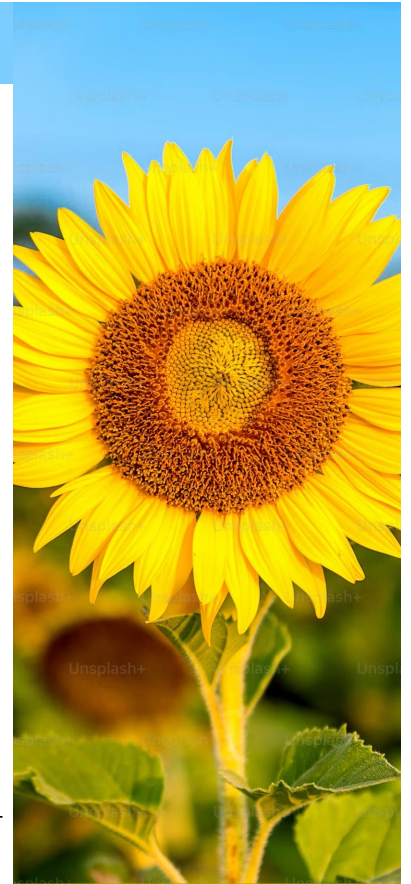
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www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/5492420/dundee-pupils-design-scotland-world-cup-bus/

www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5yrndq5vd1o

MATHS COMPETITION

Well done to the Baldragon Blue team who came 4th at the recent Enterprising Maths in Dundee Competition—narrowly missing out on 3rd place yet still achieving a great place in a league of 14 teams!



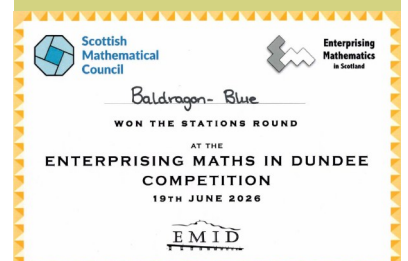
KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

To help you stay organised in the new school year, please keep a note of our school's key dates—available from our school website:

www.baldragon.ea.dundeecity.sch.uk

BEE SAFE

The Baldragon Bee season is approaching. As we have a school apiary, it is important your child's medical records are up to date, including any allergies. Please inform the school office of any changes or check that existing information is correct. Keeping records current helps us ensure your child's safety and wellbeing.





BALDRAGON ACADEMY

(U16) SCOTTISH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SHIELD CHAMPIONS 2026

2026/2027 PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

On Monday 22 June, pupils and staff met to review S6 applications for the 2026/2027 Pupil Leadership Team. Each application was carefully considered, with pupils helping choose those best suited to the roles. Please join us in congratulating the new team, who will help lead and improve our school.

School Captains – Isla McCash, Adam English & Murrlyn Burns.

Depute School Captains - Lucas Scott, Melissa Cahill & Maddison Leslie.

House Captains - Marianna Strzelecka & Joshua Gammie (Balgay House); Emily McCready & Josh Brown (Craigowl House); Lily McLeod, Lewis Gibson & Amelia Piorkowska (Law House).

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT BALDRAGON!

On Wednesday 27 May, we proudly celebrated the achievements of our incredible young people at our annual awards ceremony. The evening was expertly hosted by our outgoing School Captains, Olivia Muir, Keir Vials and Lola Deuchar, whose inspiring reflections captured the spirit of Baldragon. Guests were treated to fantastic musical performances, including soloists, bagpipes and school bands.

On Wednesday 24 June, we continued the celebrations with special assemblies for S1–S3, recognising hundreds of pupils for their excellence and endeavour. Congratulations to our Headteacher's Award BGE winners: Cara Fleming, Charlie Anderson, Kara McRae, Harry McKimmie, Hanna Blaszczyk, Flynn Thomson and Gemma Plater—an outstanding achievement!

WATER SAFETY REMINDER FOR SUMMER

As we head into the summer holidays and warmer weather, more young people will be spending time around water. Recent tragedies are a stark reminder of how quickly water can become dangerous. Please talk to your child about staying safe near rivers, lochs, canals and the sea, and the importance of making sensible choices.

Water Safety Scotland offers clear, practical advice to help keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of accidents. Find out more and support your child to stay safe this summer:

<https://watersafetyscotland.org.uk/>.

GOING FOR GOLD—SPORTSCOTLAND

We have achieved sportscotland Gold Award for the second time—an outstanding achievement that reflects our continued dedication to health, wellbeing, and sporting excellence.

SCHOOL GRANTS—ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Families may be entitled to financial support from Dundee City Council to help with the cost of school. This can include assistance such as clothing grants and free school meals. We encourage all parents and carers to take a moment to check whether they are eligible. Applying is quick and confidential, and this support can make a real difference.

To find out more and apply, please visit:

www.dundeeccity.gov.uk/service-area/children-and-families-service/school-grants.

If you need any help or support with the application process, please don't hesitate to contact our school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents can choose between our formal or relaxed options. Our relaxed uniform includes a black hoodie (with school badge), a plain black or white t-shirt, black bottoms (trousers, joggers, leggings or appropriate shorts), and black footwear, with a black jacket for colder weather. This can also be worn on PE days.

School of Sport pupils should continue wearing their official kit. Hoodies and t-shirts are available to purchase online:

www.myonlinestore.uk/baldragon-academy.

All other clothing must be plain black with no visible logos.

Our full policy is available from our school website.

