

Baldragon Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

2025/26 Pupil Leadership Team

We are now seeking nominations for the 2025/26 Pupil Leadership Team. There are many leadership opportunities available in S6 and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the process we apply when appointing pupils specifically to the Pupil Leadership Team.

As in previous years, and based on pupil feedback, we are not asking young people to nominate each other. Instead, we are providing all young people, in the new S6 cohort, the opportunity to self-nominate and apply directly for the various roles on offer.

To self-nominate, pupils are invited to submit a 90 second video clip or voice message explaining why they want to be considered for a Pupil Leadership Team role and what they think they would bring to a leadership position.

Based on the nominations received, and in consultation with key staff, a panel will review all nominations and select pupils for the roles of School Captain, Depute School Captain and House Captain. The panel will be made from members of the senior leadership team, the 2024/25 school captains and a small group of pupil representatives from S1 to S3. Should any young person decline their offer of a leadership role, then, based on the leeting of the self-nomination, and again in consultation with the panel, we will select the next suitable young person. Please note that our decision in this process is final.

There are three positions within the team – House Captain, School Captain and Depute School Captain. As Headteacher of Baldragon Academy, I have always been clear that there is no 'top' position. Our school needs a strong pupil voice and pupil leadership to support school improvement and therefore each position is equally important. Our blend of captains' positions within the team ensures that we have strong leadership across the many aspects of school life, and it is important that our school has the right pupils in the right positions - based on their own unique set of skills, talents, and attributes. Therefore, there is no best or most important role.

Self-nominations, in the form of a 90 second video or voice message, should be sent to baldragonacademy@dundeeschools.scot ensuring 'FAO Mr McAninch' within the subject line. Videos/voice messages must be received by 4.00pm on Thursday 19 June 2025. To overcome any issues that may arise from incompatible file types or large data files, pupils are recommended to upload their nomination to a private (not public) YouTube account and share the link via email. Any issues should be raised with me before the 19 June deadline.

I am sure you will agree that these opportunities are a privilege and not a right. While those appointed to a position have enhanced responsibilities, all senior pupils are valued and important members of our community who act as role models and ambassadors for our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

H McAninch
Headteacher