



22 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we bring term 2 to a close, I'd like to share a few short updates to help make sure that we start the year positively and safely.

HM Inspectors

Since January 2023, we have been engaging with Education Scotland and HM Inspectors around key aspects of school improvement. During October, and again just last week, we had HM Inspectors visit Baldragon Academy. We have since received initial feedback which is positive and encouraging about our progress and our school improvements. In January 2024, I will receive more formal feedback. Therefore, our usual end of term newsletter will now follow in the new year, as I have been holding this to include the HM Inspectors update. I look forward to sharing this information, along with other news about learning and staffing at Baldragon Academy, shortly.

School Carparking

Please help us to keep travelling to school a safe experience for all. When using the main carpark to drop off/pick up, please only use the clearly designated drop off zone. Despite our ongoing pleas, too many parents continue to drop children off at the entrance to our carpark, or parking just within the carpark, and causing a significant safety risk. Whilst I understand it may be more convenient, parents who choose to do this are causing congestion at our school entrance and onto Harestone Road, putting our learners' safety at risk and risking the safety of other road users and our community - including the little ones at Sidlaw View Primary School and Jessie Porter Nursery. If parking on the street, please ensure you are well away from the pedestrian crossings, yellow zig-zag hazard lines, traffic calming measures and our school service bus stop.

Senior Phase Assessment Opportunities – Commencing January 2024

Communications and final plans are being prepared for senior phase assessment opportunities and will be sent directly to parents of S4, S5 and S6 very shortly. Please help to ensure that your child is well prepared for their assessments and that they are taking full advantage of the many study support opportunities that are being provided by our teachers. Please ensure that your child is making best use of the at home supports, which now covers all subjects at all levels from www.e-sgoil.com and for more specific subject and levels www.scholar.hw.ac.uk.

Key Dates - School Holidays and Closures

A wee reminder of this session's key dates, from January 2024, can be found on the other side of this letter.

Additional Information

Please don't forget about our website www.baldragon.ea.dundee.gov.uk or to follow us on twitter [@BaldragonAcad](https://twitter.com/BaldragonAcad), as there are always celebrations of our learners' success and lots of helpful updates.

Have a very happy and safe holiday.

Merry Christmas and 'lang may yer lum reek'!

Mr H McAninch
Headteacher



Key Dates

Term 3:

08-Jan-24	Monday	School resumes for all
09-Jan-24	Tuesday	S3 to S4 Parents' Course Choice session (MSTeams) 5.30pm
10-Jan-24	Wednesday	S3 Parents' night (5.00pm - 7.30pm)
29-Jan-24	Monday	S2 Progress Reports to parents
01-Feb-24	Thursday	S2 to S3 Parents' Course Choice session (MSTeams) 5.30pm
06-Feb-24	Tuesday	S2 Parents' Night (5.00pm - 7.30pm)
12-Feb-24	Monday	Senior Phase Progress and tracking reports to parents
15-Feb-24	Thursday	S4 to S5/S5 to S6 Parents' Course Choice session (MSTeams) 5.30pm
16-Feb-24	Friday	February Mid-term Holiday
19-Feb-24	Monday	February Mid-term Holiday
20-Feb-24	Tuesday	In-service Day 4
21-Feb-24	Wednesday	S4-S6 Targeted Parents' Night - Post Assessment (5.00pm - 7.30pm)
25-Mar-24	Monday	S1/2/3 Ratings reports to parents
28-Mar-24	Thursday	End of term – non-uniform

Term 4:

15-Apr-24	Monday	School resumes for all
18-Apr-24	Thursday	Parental Briefing - 2024 Exam Diet (5.30pm)
22-Apr-24	Monday	Senior Phase progress and tracking reports inc. Exam estimates to parents 2024 Exam Diet starts
02-May-24	Thursday	In-service Day 5
06-May-24	Monday	May Day Holiday
20-May-24	Monday	S1 Progress reports to parents with CfE levels S2/3 Ratings reports to parents with CfE levels
23-May-24	Thursday	S6 Advanced Higher Parents' briefing (5.00pm)
27-May-24	Monday	Victoria Day Holiday
28-May-24	Tuesday	Proposed change of Timetable
29-May-24	Wednesday	School Awards Ceremony
05-Jun-24	Wednesday	P7 - S1 Transition Parents' Night (5.30pm)
12-Jun-24	Wednesday	Proposed P7-S1 Transition Day
13-Jun-24	Thursday	Proposed P7-S1 Transition Day
14-Jun-24	Friday	Proposed P7-S1 Transition Day
20-Jun-24	Thursday	Summer Concert (proposed)
27-Jun-24	Thursday	Non-uniform
28-Jun-24	Friday	End of term - non-uniform