



10 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 1 Updates

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with a few updates and to thank you for your continued support for our school as we bring term 1 to a close.

Attainment and Achievement

I am pleased, following the 2021/22 exam diet, that pupil attainment and achievement continues to improve at Baldragon Academy. More young people are attaining across the measures of literacy and numeracy at [SCQF](#) level 4 and level 5. Overall, numbers achieving at National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher are also improving - some steadily; some rapidly. I look forward to sharing more on this at our Parent Council AGM early next month. Young people are excelling in our new School of Sport. Resources and kit have been arriving this term and we continue to generate interest at a national level from local universities and national governing bodies. Our Rural Skills and Bee Academy is another new initiative that is making a huge impact. We have been celebrating our community Harvest Fest and our young beekeepers won 3 awards at the Scottish National Honey show. Our Barista Academy has been active too – most recently serving our S2 parents at parents' night. By logging into your ParentPay account, you can purchase our school honey, honeycomb, 'Baldragon Brews' mugs, travel mugs and tote bags.

Behaviour of pupils in our community

If your child is choosing to make use of the local shops for their lunch, can you please help us to reinforce the messages of good citizenship. Sadly, we have been receiving some negative feedback from local businesses and neighbours. These mostly relate to littering and behaviours which can be intimidating to the elderly and other members of our community going about their daily business. This is easily resolvable with a bit more respect for the environment and a greater awareness of how our actions can impact others.

Parent Council

You are warmly invited to attend our Parent Council AGM on Thursday 3 November at 6pm in our school conference room. I am delighted that we are returning to in-person meetings. For those who wish to join via MS Teams, a link will be sent in due course.

Communication

Please don't forget about our 'digital school bag' which contains all our outgoing and general communications - <http://baldragon.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk/school-information/documents>. Here you will find our school's key dates to help you plan the year ahead.

If you haven't already, then please remember to activate your Groupcall Xpressions account and your Parents Portal account. If you need help with either of these, then please contact our school office.

**Parents Portal is being rolled out across our school with parents being contacted when their child's year group becomes eligible for registration.*

Please also remember to follow us on twitter @BaldragonAcad and @Baldragon_HT, where you will also find news and updates from our school, including our School of Sport and our Barista and Bee Academies.

Have a lovely, and safe, October holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Mr H McAninch
Headteacher