

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope all Braes families are doing well. Our young people continue to work well in their lessons and it has also been good to see so many of our pupils getting involved with the variety of extra-curricular activities. We would encourage all our young people to 'be part of it' at Braes by getting involved in our clubs and activities, as a great way of meeting new people, building confidence and having fun. Details of these opportunities are available at the link below:

[Clubs and Activities | Braes High School | Braes High School | Secondary School Falkirk | Falkirk Education](#)

Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Uniform

Our thanks go to Friends at Braes for their ongoing provision of the uniform recycling service. Parents/carers and pupils can access items from the rack in reception or by emailing Susan MacKinnon at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com. As a reminder, school uniform consists of school trousers/skirt/plain black leggings, school shirt, school tie, school jumpers/cardigans (if preferred), school blazers. Young people can wear shorts. However, these should be plain black, and not sports shorts. Hoodies, zip-up tops, tracksuit trousers are not school uniform and should not be worn to school.

Forthcoming October Holiday

Please note the end of this term is Friday 10th October. The new term begins on Monday 27th October.

Friends at Braes

A really positive Friends at Braes meeting took place on Monday this week, with our pupil Creative Leaders, Modern Languages Ambassadors and members of Braes Youth Theatre all presenting. Our thanks go to FAB for their allocation of funds to these groups. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th November at 6.30pm. FAB would love to hear from any other parents/carers who would like to be involved in these fundraising activities.

Parent Council

The next meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Monday 6th October at 7pm in the school library. If you would like more information please email Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com. At the meeting we will see an update from the Pupil Voice Group, and on the recent consultation regarding proposed changes to the S3 curriculum.

New lunch cards

The majority of new lunch cards have now been distributed to pupils. Should any young person not have their card yet, they should speak with their Pastoral Head. Later this session, pupils will be able to pre-order meals for collection via the Fusion App. This is not yet available and we will update parents/carers and pupils when it can be used.

Friday 10th October – Braes Big Draw non-uniform day

On Friday 10th October we will have our annual promotion of creativity. There are a number of events running in school for pupils on that day. Pupils can dress down on this day. The usual rules of no football colours, offensive slogans or inappropriate clothing will apply. As part of this we would ask pupils, if they can, to bring in an item of long-lasting food, or toiletries to go to the Braes Pantry. These items will be redistributed to Braes families in need.

Bluesky – Braes social media

It has been great to see a rise in followers to the Braes High School BlueSky account. Our BlueSky address is @braeshighschool.bsky.social. This account celebrates the success and achievement of our young people. Please follow us to share the positive messages about how our young people are learning and contributing to their community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young person(s) and the school.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone