

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young person(s) and the school. It has been good to see our young people settle well into their school routines and their positive start to learning this term.

Again, we have seen our pupils perform well in their SQA examinations and assessments. However as ever, Braes pupils do not rest on their laurels, and it is important that our senior phase pupils in particular have a strong focus at this early stage on maximising their potential this session. We will be holding assemblies with S4-6 pupils next week to highlight how best to prepare themselves to do well this year.

Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Clubs and Activities

We are very keen that all our young people are 'part of it' at Braes. I am grateful to our staff for their provision of extra-curricular clubs and activities from their own time and would encourage young people to take advantage of these opportunities. Taking part in such activities of course brings many benefits ; enjoyment, getting to meet new people, building confidence and having fun to name a few. The clubs and activities available in school are posted on our school website via the link below :

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

Information about the clubs will also be posted on your young person's Year Group Teams page.

School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan, created in consultation with parents/carers, young people and our wider community can be viewed via the link below. Our Standards and Qualities report from session 2024?25 can also be viewed using this link :

[School Improvement | Braes High School | Braes High School | Secondary School Falkirk | Falkirk Education](#)

School Uniform

The standard of school uniform has been very impressive among our young people. Our thanks go to parents/carers for your support in this regard. As a reminder, school uniform consists of school shirt, school tie, school skirt/trousers/plain black leggings (not sports), plain black shorts (not sports), school blazer, school jumper or cardigan (if preferred). Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, runs a well-used uniform recycling service. Items can be viewed at reception or by getting in touch with FAB by email at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Parent Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm in the school library. At this meeting there will be a chance to hear from Braes pupils, staff and discuss all things Braes. If you would like more information please contact Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com. All parents/carers are welcome to come along.

Friends at Braes

The AGM of Friends at Braes took place this week, with good discussion taking place about plans to support the school in the session ahead. I am pleased to note that Susan MacKinnon is remaining as Chairperson for the coming session. If you would like to be involved with FAB in any way, please contact Susan at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com. Some of the current committee will be retiring from the group the end of this session as their young people are moving on from school, so it would be great to have as many people as involved as possible, to whatever level people are able to commit to. The next meeting of FAB takes place on Tuesday 30th September at 6.30pm in the Conference Room. At this meeting you will be able to hear directly from our pupils about their plans and bids for funding.

Keeping updated

Our main method of communication with parents/carers is email. However, to find out more about the school, or to keep up with latest developments, please visit our school website www.braeshigh.com, or download our School App, by going to your App store, typing in School App and then select Braes High School. In addition there are multiple active Bluesky social media feeds from departments and the main school feed @braeshighschool.bsky.social.

