

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of your young person(s) and the school. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

#### HMIE Report

Parents/carers may recall the school was visited by school inspectors in November last year as part of the national routine inspection programme. A letter from the inspection team outlining their key findings, along with a further summary of observations will be published online on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. Links will be provided when available. We are grateful to parents/carers for your support in the build up to and during the inspection.

#### Friends at Braes

Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, holds their next meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6.30pm. Should any parent/carer wish more information, please contact Chairperson Susan MacKinnon, at [friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com).

#### Parent Council

The next meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm. Should any parent/carer wish further information, please contact Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon at [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

#### Mobile phones in school

Parents/carers may be aware of discussion nationally and in the media about the use of mobile phones in schools. At Braes, we are keen to support young people in using their phones responsibly, as part of modern life. As parents/carers would expect, pupils should only use their mobile phone during social times, and of course not during lessons, or when making their way from class to class. During lessons, pupils should keep mobile phones either in pockets or bags. We will continue to advise our young people of these expectations, and appreciate the support of parents/carers in reinforcing this position.

#### February holiday

Although some weeks away, please note that the school will be closed to pupils on the following days :

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - holiday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - holiday

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – in service day

#### Art exhibition

Families may be interested in visiting the 'Shining a Light' exhibition, which takes place in the Park Gallery in Callendar House between 21<sup>st</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> April. The exhibition features art work produced by pupils from Falkirk secondary schools, including Braes.

I wish all Braes families well and look forward to seeing our HMIE report published next week, and to seeing our young people continue to progress in their learning.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone

