Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been encouraging to see our S4-6 pupils taking advantage of the many additional supported study sessions on offer, as they make their way towards final examinations and assessments. I am grateful to parents/carers for your support of your young people in accessing these reports. Similarly, it has been good to see our pupils in S1-3 continue to make progress in their learning and begin to think about choices in their future programmes of study.

Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Friends at Braes

The next meeting of our parent-led fundraising group, Friends at Braes, takes place on Monday 4th March at 6.30pm. The meeting takes place in the conference room and can also be accessed online. Further details can be gained from Chairperson, Susan MacKinnon, at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Parent Council

The next meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Thursday 7th March, at 7pm in the school library. Further details can be gained from Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

Mobile phones in school

We recognise that having a mobile phone is part of growing up for most young people, and we want to support pupils in being able to their devices responsibly. The vast majority of our young people use mobile phones in a productive and appropriate way. We have been reminding pupils that mobile phone should be kept out of sight and on silent mode when in lessons, and when moving from class to class in corridors. Pupils can of course use their mobile phone during their own breaktimes. I am grateful to parents/carers for their advice to young people on the appropriate use of mobile phones and would ask that parents/carers continue to guide young people on this topic. We will continue to engage with our school community on the position of mobile phones as we move forward.

<u>Uniform</u>

Please remember we have a well-used uniform recycling service, provided by Friends at Braes. This can be accessed by pupils or families at reception. Almost all of our young people wear appropriate school uniform and I am appreciative of parents'/carers' support in this regard. As a reminder, school uniform consists of a school shirt, school tie, school blazer and black trousers, skirt or leggings. School jumpers or cardigans can also be worn. Tracksuit trousers, zip-up tops, jeans and hoodies are not part of school uniform.

Yours faithfully,

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