

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone is keeping and coping as well as possible. Please see below another update on a number of matters:

Summer Term Events

Now that we are approaching the originally scheduled Prom date, we are seeking clarification from the Inchyra Grange Hotel as to their policy in relation to this event. Obviously it would seem impossible that this event can go ahead in June and therefore we are seeking clarification as to refund arrangements in order that we can reimburse pupils and their families. Mr Gilmour will be in contact with pupils to update on progress with this.

It is course extremely disappointing that it looks impossible to have the Prom in June, as it is for the many other large-scale events we had planned for this term, such as Junior and Senior Prizegivings, our S6 Graduation and Family Fun Day. I'm sure that parents/carers and pupils will share the view that although not an official position, it would be prudent to assume there would be a question mark over any type of mass gathering being possible over the next few months. We will review the situation in August to consider what types of event are possible at that time. Of course the best case scenario would be that we were able to hold such events in their 'normal' fashion or something approaching that. However if that is not possible, we will still ensure that there are Awards Ceremonies and in particular, events to mark the end of the school experience of our departing S6, potentially using virtual means.

Mr Smith and the Yearbook team are still working on the production of the yearbook and overseeing the ordering of Leavers' Hoodies. We would hope to be able to provide a further update on both these important developments shortly.

Uniform update

Earlier this week we noted we would update further on uniform, following queries by some parents/carers. As you may expect our local Trutex school uniform shop is currently closed. However Trutex have advised that Braes uniform can be purchased from the website below:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/braes-high-school.html>

I would stress to parents/carers however, that there is absolutely no need to be thinking about this just now. Families have many other priorities at present and when the time comes for pupils to be back in the building, we will be adopting a common sense approach to school uniform, taking into account any guidance that will be in place at that time. In normal circumstances school ties can be bought from the school reception. However we will not be selling ties until the time is appropriate to do so and will communicate this to parents/carers in due course.

Again, I hope everyone is doing as well as possible. We are very much missing seeing your young people in school and appreciate the effort they are putting in to maintaining their learning.

Iain Livingstone