

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the first week of this term, I would thank all parents/carers for their ongoing support of your young people and the school. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Parent Council

A constructive and positive Parent Council meeting took place on Tuesday of this week. Our thanks go to all who attended this virtual meeting and we look forward to the next discussion on Wednesday 1st December. Details of this meeting will be issued nearer the time.

Friends at Braes

The next meeting of Friends at Braes takes place on Monday 1st November at 6.30pm, online via Zoom. If you wish to attend this meeting, please email friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com for further details. Friends at Braes is our parent-led fundraising group which supports the school in many positive ways. All parents/carers are welcome to be involved in the group. Details of FAB's major fundraising drive this year will be emailed to parents/carers on Monday.

S4 and S6 Photographs

Pupils in S4 and S6 will have their individual photographs taken on Tuesday 26th October. These will be available for purchase by parents/carers. Pupils will be issued with details of how to order these.

Charity Day – Friday 29th October

Working with our Pupil Council, plans are underway for the forthcoming Charity Day. The two charities being supported on this day, selected by pupils, are the Braes Storehouse Foodbank and Strathcarron Hospice. On Friday 29th October 2021, pupils will be able to take part in a non-uniform day, and make a contribution to these charities. All money raised will be split evenly between the two charities. As we are approaching Halloween, we expect pupils may ask if they can wear fancy dress on that day. The answer to that is yes, although there is no need to. If pupils do wish to 'dress up' rather than dress down, it should be borne in mind that normal lessons will be taking place. As usual any equipment such as iPads, PE or Home Economics kit should be brought on that day.

Pupils can bring cash on the day, which will be collected by period 1 teachers. However parents/carers will now be able to support all charity events online by using our iPay online payments system with immediate effect. Our system requires a limit to be set up in the first instance to allow payments to be accepted. We have set a limit of £5 for this purpose. Donations between £1 and £5 would therefore be accepted by the system and allows parents who have more than one child at the school to make one payment.

We wish all Braes families well and look forward to the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone