

Dear Parent/Carer,

Again, it has been great to see our young people in school this week, following their timetables, and displaying sensible and positive attitudes. Since the beginning of term you will have received communications about how PE is now operating, and also the provision of extra-curricular clubs and activities this term. I would urge our young people to participate in the clubs and activities of interest to them. We are very keen that our pupils have the chance to experience school in as 'normal' a fashion as possible, mindful of the emphasis on everyone's safety. Please see a number of updates below:

Non Uniform Day – Friday 30th April 2021

Our pupil-led Equalities Group has been promoting Autism Awareness Week, and to mark this, there will be a non-uniform day for pupils tomorrow (Friday 30th April). Pupils are asked to bring in a £1 donation. Donations made will be split between school funds and Scottish Autism. As usual, pupils should not wear football colours or any other inappropriate clothing.

Friends at Braes

The next meeting of Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, takes place on Tuesday 4th May at 6.30pm, online via Zoom. Should you wish to participate in the meeting please email FAB Chairperson Leah Currie at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Parent Council

The meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Wednesday 5th May at 7pm, online via Zoom. Should you wish to participate in the meeting please email Parent Council Chairperson Heather McManus, at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

Scottish Youth Parliament

In previous years, Braes pupils have successfully stood for election to become Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament. This has been a very engaging experience for both the young person, and the wider school community. I would encourage our young people in S3-6 to consider the information below, which has been placed on their Year Group Teams pages, and advertised around the school.

The Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. Held every two years, SYP elections will take place between the 9th and 21st of November 2021 and this is your chance to stand. Your journey to changing the future for Scotland's young people starts here. [Home - Scottish Youth Parliament \(syp.org.uk\)](http://syp.org.uk)

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/531689678>

<https://syp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Copy-of-Become-an-MSYP-mountain-1.png>

People aged 14-25 can stand for election as a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) We have an expression of interest stage currently open until 10th June at 5pm and we want to make sure that every young person in Falkirk gets the opportunity to put themselves forward or get to know what the Scottish Youth Parliament is and with your help we think that we could get more young people standing for election than ever before.

<https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/7/>

Becoming an MSYP is a life changing experience. You will improve the lives of Scotland's young people, learn new skills, and meet other inspiring young people. You will become a leader, gain confidence, receive excellent training, and much more.

SYP believe that young people's voices matter, and they are committed to ensuring you can realise your right to be heard. We hope you seize the opportunity to apply and look forward to welcoming you to the SYP Family

<https://syp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Stand4SYP-Graphic-2.mp4>

<https://syp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Stand4SYP-Graphic-1.mp4>

Junior Awards

These are scheduled to take place online, and will be available to view around 3rd June 2021.

Senior Graduation

This is scheduled to take place online, and will be available to view around 10th June 2021.

In the meantime, I hope all Braes families are doing well just now, and we look forward to continuing a very positive and hardworking school term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone