

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we look forward to another hard working week for our Braes pupils, please see below a number of updates:

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council takes place tomorrow (Tuesday 1st December) at 7pm, online via Zoom. If you wish to participate in this meeting, please email our Parent Council Chairperson, Heather McManus, at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

Friends at Braes

The next meeting of Friends at Braes takes place on Monday 7th December at 6.30pm, online via Zoom. If you wish to participate in this meeting, please email our FAB Chairperson, Leah Curry, at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Festive events

We are keen to ensure that our young people can still experience the fun and enjoyment normally in schools in the build up to Christmas. As a result, our staff have been busy putting together some virtual festive musical performances with pupils, while our young people have been designing electronic Christmas card designs. The school Christmas tree is up, and our Winter Festival of Kindness present donations and foodbank collections are well underway. Prior to the end of term there will also be a House Group activity to allow our pupils to earn points for their House in the Interhouse competition while enjoying a fun afternoon with their peers.

End of term

Parents/carers may have noticed press reports regarding a potential change to term dates in December 2020 and January 2021. Schools have had no formal communication as to this situation as yet. As and when any formal announcements are made, we will of course keep pupils and families updated.

Virtual Course Choice and Careers Event

Mrs Eckles, Pastoral Head for Pentland House, has been collating and editing inputs from many people across the school community to produce a virtual Course Choice and Careers Event. Our thanks go to the many parents/carers in particular who have helped support this. The platform is now ready for viewing, via the link below:

<https://bit.ly/braescci>

We really appreciate the huge amount of work people have contributed and hope that this will benefit our young people and their families.

Finally, I hope all Braes families are doing as well as possible just now. We are proud of the way in which our young people are moving forward with their studies at this time, and look forward to seeing them continue to progress.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone