



Fraserburgh Academy

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Together Creating Positive Futures

Rector's Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a restful summer break. Our young people have had a great start to the new session with a focus on learning and hard work from the start.

Record Breaking Exam Results

We are delighted to report that for the third year running the outcomes in attainment for the senior phase has increased.

Here are some of the details:

S4 5+ N5 Awards	up 4%
S5 1 Higher	up 12%
S5 3 Highers	up 3%
S6 5 Highers	up 3%

Our improvements in S4 has been particularly strong over the last 3 years. This Year's results shows a rise from 26% (2014) to 42% (2017). This represents a massive 62% increase over the 3 years. These results are, of course, due to the hard work and commitment of our young people, parents and our staff – well done.

Together Creating Positive Futures

We are focusing over the next few years on our purpose as a school which is Together Creating Positive Futures. As a school we are committed to working alongside you and your young person to ensure that what is provided and the experiences they have will lead them to a positive future.

This means different types of provision and intervention for different young people but everyone focused on ensuring they are fully engaged to be ready for their next steps into their future.

We already involve a number of partners to help deliver this aim but we are looking to widen our provision to attempt to meet individual needs. This may mean young people following different routes through their curriculum with provision both in school and from our partners outwith school. We are delighted to be working with one of our partners **Sustrans I Bike Scotland**. This initiative will see some of our young people involved with bike maintenance and mechanics as well as participating in the health benefits of cycling. The added value of this project for our young people is that we will see a cohort of senior phase students gaining a National 5 SQA award.

Staffing

You will no doubt be aware of the national teacher shortage that all schools in the country are experiencing. I am pleased to tell you that our staffing levels are at their highest for a number of years. We welcome all our new staff and wish them well in their time with us.

Dress Code/Uniform

Thank you for your continued support for all we are doing to improve the uptake of dress code and uniform. We value your support and ask that you refer to our list on the school website when replacing items.

New School Day

A working group of staff along with some pupils are working on proposals for a new school day. Further details will be shared later on in the term.

We are mindful that our success of our school is made up of four parts – our young peoples, our staff, our parents/carers and our community. When these four areas are aligned then together we can do great things, as we have shown over the last three years. There is, as always, more to do and we are determined to continue with the progress we have made.

Thank you for all you do to support our young people and the school.

Yours In Partnership

David Clark
Rector