



Fraserburgh Academy

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Together Creating Positive Futures

Rector's Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the new school session, I hope you had a restful summer break.

Fifth year of improvement

I am delighted to report that for the fifth year running we have seen an increase in attainment in national exams.

When we compare results from last year:

National 5 passes are up 3%
3+ Higher passes are up 6%

When you look back this means that N5 have increased by 86% and Higher results by 112% over the 5-year period. This is a tremendous testament to the hard work of our young people and the commitment of our staff. Congratulations to them both.

Uniform

As we start the new session can I remind you that S4/5/6 should be wearing uniform with S1/2/3 following the school dress code. Can I ask all parents/carers to support the full implementation of uniform and dress code. If your child is consistently not appropriately dressed for school we will contact you and seek your support.

Health & Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy

All schools are focusing on these 3 key parts of the curriculum and mapping where they are taught across the curriculum. Our website will show where these outcomes are met across the broad general education (S1 to S3).

Communication

A reminder to all parents/carers to please keep us updated with current mobile phone numbers and e-mail addresses as this is the preferred method of sending information home. Annual Data checks were issued to all pupils before the summer break for checking contact details, S1 will be issued this week.

It would be a huge benefit to the school if you could register with the Groupcall Xpressions App for sharing information with you - visit your phone/tablet's apps store to download the **Groupcall Xpressions** app and follow set up guidance at: <http://parents.groupcall.com/setup/>

Due to GDPR changes, every pupil must have a Photography Consent form signed by a parent/carer and kept on file whilst they are in school. Forms have been issued to pupils since returning in August, please ensure you sign and return it to the school office.

How Good Is Our School

The latest publication from the Scottish Government is a new framework to help young people participate more in the development of their school. It highlights 5 key themes for them to look at:

- Our relationships
- Our learning and teaching
- Our school and community
- Our health and wellbeing
- Our successes and achievements

We will, over the course of the year, support our young people to become more involved in evaluating aspects of the work of the school as well as focusing on improvements.

Regional Improvement Collaborations (RICs)

You may know that all 32 local authorities have been directed to form networks of collaboration across a region. Aberdeenshire is part of the Northern Alliance which is composed of 8 local authorities. These networks are involved in specific work to improve outcomes for young people. I have been asked to work alongside the Northern Alliance for two days a week on raising attainment. Mr Carlin will be the Acting Rector for that time during the week.

We are clear that it is only working together with you, our young people and our community that has enabled us the success we have had. There is, as always, more to do so I look forward to our continued strong partnership in the coming session.

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

Yours In Partnership

David Clark
Rector