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Dear Parents and Carers

Now that we are well into the new term we thought it a good idea to send a newsletter to provide updates on school news.



## SQA

We are now coming to the end of week 3 of SQA exams for our senior phase learners. Despite not having exams for two years the exam process has gone smoothly so far.

We are very keen to support all our learners during this time and are delighted that so many have arranged times with their teachers to come in for extra study and revision. A room has been set aside for the use of learners when they are in school but do not have an appointment with a specific teacher. E1 is open and available for senior phase learners to use at any point in the school day.



## Change of timetable

Our school timetable changes for all year groups on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This is an important point in the school year as all learners move up a year group and begin their new timetable for session 2022/23. It is also the point when we welcome back our senior phase learners from their study leave.

## School Uniform

We very much wish to see all learners in school uniform from the change of timetable. Although a high number of learners who continue to wear school uniform every day there is a cohort of pupils who choose instead to wear other items of clothing and we wish this to stop.

I especially ask parents and carers to work with us in encouraging the wearing of uniform. A poll of learners showed that the majority are in favour of this.

Here is a reminder of our uniform requirements.

**Fraserburgh Academy School Uniform**

- black or white school shirt and tie,
- black or red cardigan or pullover
- black trousers or skirt.
- All S5-S6 pupils are to wear a blazer as part of their uniform.
- Blazers are optional for S1-4 pupils.

**Orders for blazers can be placed with Designs On You, 46 Mid Street, Fraserburgh, AB43 9EP – tel 07814 580692.**

Daily uniform checks will take place in registration and points and rewards will be awarded to learners who consistently wear school uniform.

We are fortunate to have a large stock of new uniform items to provide to learners who for various reasons may not have uniform. Please contact your son or daughter's guidance teacher who will be happy to help.



## S2 College Experience

We are delighted that after a break in service due to the COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020-21, our partners NESCOL have opened their workshops and learning spaces once more for Fraserburgh Academy S2 students to enjoy a taster experience on a course of their choosing.

Fraserburgh Academy staff have worked in partnership with our College colleagues to arrange for every S2 Student to have a place on a two day NESCOL experience.

This week Academy staff ran a choices exercise with the S2s and we are currently processing this data to ensure every child gets onto an experience that is in their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or at the very worst case their 3<sup>rd</sup> choice from a menu of 8 activities.

Our current S2 roll is 240 strong, and to enable the College to manage the numbers we will be splitting the year-group into two halves. The A side will head to College on two Mondays – 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The B-side will head to College on two Wednesdays – 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May.

The young people have been informed of the split, and we have made the cut along the registration class groupings, for your information below are names of the classes going on which days:

A Side – Mondays 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	B Side Wednesdays 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> May
2C1	2D1
2F1	2K1
2M1	2F2
2P1	2M2
	2P2

<b>Consent</b>	Should you not wish for your child to engage in the project for any reason please contact the school via email or telephone as soon as possible so we can make alternative provision for you child while their classmates are at NESCOL.
<b>Getting there and back 9am-3pm</b>	On the days your child is at College, they should head straight there. We will be registering all learners in the College Atrium. The Lecturers will be collecting their groups at 9am and the activities will conclude at 3pm. Bus students should arrive at school as normal and take the short walk over to College straight from their bus. After the activities finish at 3pm, there is plenty of time to get back to the Academy campus for the school bus.
<b>Breaks</b>	The lecturers will release the students for a morning break and a lunch hour. All learners who benefit from a free school meal will collect a ticket at registration from the Senior Leader on Duty.
<b>Supervision</b>	All learners, whilst at college, will be expected to uphold the Academy's three school rules: be ready, be respectful, be safe. The College share these expectations. Throughout the day there will be two Academy staff on hand in college.
<b>Attendance</b>	An attendance check will be taken at the start of the day and after the lunch break. You will be contacted on the usual channels if we have an attendance concern.
<b>Dress code &amp; Personal Protection Equipment</b>	<u>All students must wear uniform unless they are doing Engineering, Carpentry or Sports.</u> To help the College recognise school students from College students, we ask that all learners attend in uniform unless they are required to wear in PPE.  <u>Some</u> courses require Personal Protective Equipment - PPE – Boiler Suits, safety boots or a PE kit. If your child is added to a group needing PPE we will secure PPE for them unless they already have in the family.

Should you have any questions about this project, please contact the school via the above methods.



### S3 Work Experience

S3 learners will be engaging in a week's work experience from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This is a great opportunity for our learners to find out about the world of work and we wish them well for their week. A small group of learners will remain in school but will be participating in world of work type experiences.



## **P7/S1 Transition**

We are well on the way with our P7 transition activities this term. On 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April we welcomed the whole cohort of P7 pupils over these two days to join us in a highly successful enterprise activity centred around Fraserburgh FC and their recent Highland League success. In addition to developing their entrepreneurial, communication and negotiation skills the P7 pupils had the opportunity to make new friends from other primary schools within the cluster.

The event was very ably led by a group of S3 Employability pupils.

Next week we host an all-day event at the running track for all P7 learners. The event comprises a number of different activities from dance to basketball and we very much look forward to meeting our prospective S1 learners again.

After this, the next time they will be together will be at their visiting days on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June during which time they will have the chance to follow their timetable, learn about different aspects of secondary school life and meet their new classmates.



## **Jubilee Holiday**

Finally, a reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact the school on the above number should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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Rector