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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this newsletter finds you well.

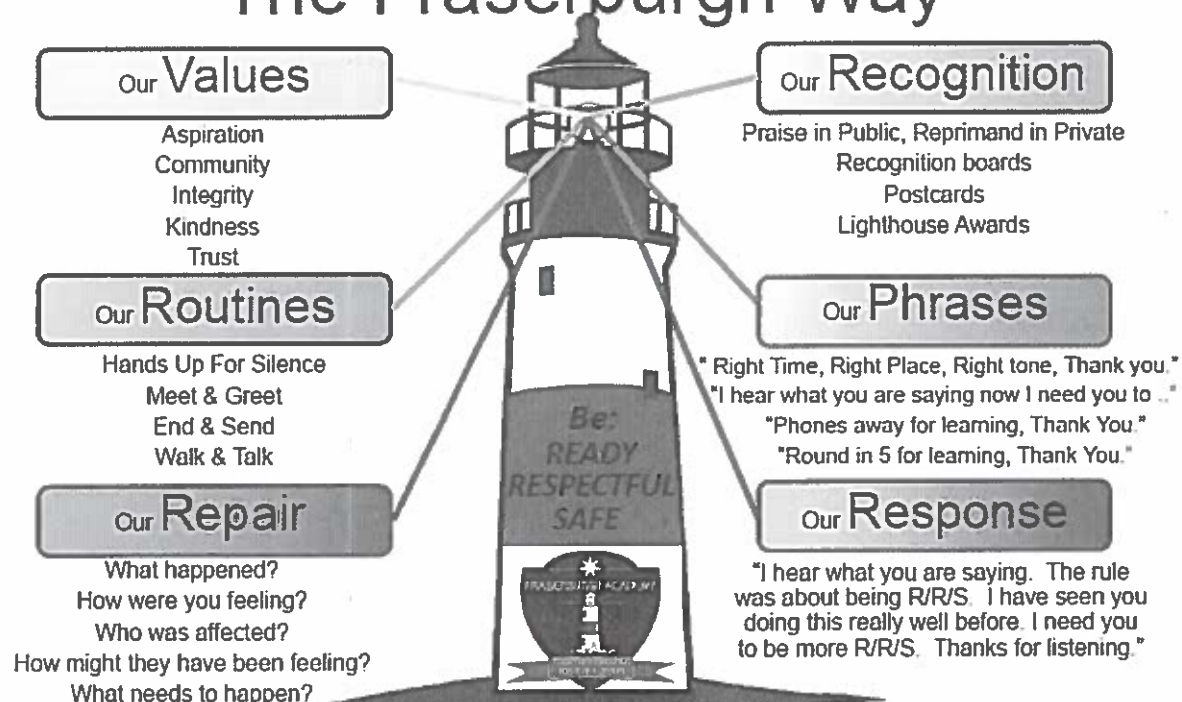
On Monday 30th May we look forward to welcoming back all Senior Phase learners who have been on study leave since the end of April. We hope that all has gone well for them with their assessments and that they are ready to begin their classes in their new year group. We also welcome back the majority of the third year who have been on work experience.

In connection with the exam phase over the last weeks I must pay tribute to the exemplary way our younger learners have conducted themselves in and around the school. They have responded positively to our requests for quiet in certain areas and adapted very quickly to using alternative routes around the school building.

Our new new timetable for session 2022/23 begins on Monday 30th May and all learners will move up a year group. In preparation for this assemblies have been held with S1-3 learners about our expectations for them moving forward and I thought it useful to give you details of these for you to discuss at home.

At the assemblies we revised the main points of The Fraserburgh Way, our plan for how we want our school to be. Here are the main points.

The Fraserburgh Way



Key components of The Fraserburgh Way are our three expectations:



We encourage all learners to be

READY to be

- On time for school
- Prepared with the correct equipment for school – pen, pencil, school bag
- Focussed in lessons
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RESPECTFUL about

- The way we speak to each other
- Listening and following instructions. This is especially important in classrooms and in corridors where a minority of learners chose to ignore instructions to be in class on time.
- How we use mobile phones – phones in bags during class time.
- The way we interact with other people.

SAFE in

- Looking out for ourselves and others
- Behaving in a safe and considerate manner at all times
- Contributing to a safe environment in and out of classrooms

Over the last four weeks of term, members of the Senior Leadership Team will be working with all S2 and S3 classes on the main points of The Fraserburgh Way to ensure that all learners understand our expectations of them and to ensure that a positive start is made to the new timetable.

A particular point raised with young people at this week's assemblies was that when in class, unless the teacher asks them to use their phone for a genuine curricular reason, **mobile phones should be on silent and in school bags**. A group of staff are currently working on a revised mobile phone policy and we will share this with you when finalised.

We ask for your support with this by not contacting your son or daughter on their mobile phone during class time. If you have an urgent message please contact the school office and this will be passed on.

We would be very grateful if you would go over all these points with your child.

Wearing school uniform

We are very pleased with the number of learners who continue to wear school uniform. However, we do have learners who have started to come to school in more casual wear. I ask parents and carers to work with us in encouraging the wearing of uniform.

The wearing of school uniform was also discussed as part of the assemblies held this week.

From Monday 30th May we expect all learners to be wearing school uniform as they did at the start of the session, and ask for your support in this.

We will be monitoring the wearing of uniform from next week at registration and points will be awarded for learners who consistently wear uniform.

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.

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.

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Avid Fraserburgh Herald readers among you will have noticed that there is now a monthly section of this paper devoted to the Academy's many initiatives, pupil activities and good news stories. The coverage this week is extensive and extends to three pages, proving the depth, diversity and wealth of events and activities in our school.

50 minute Period Trial Week

Today sees the last day of our trial week of working within 50 minute period lengths, and different formats of the school day. We thank all learners for their patience and cooperation in this. Our next step will be to survey staff and pupils and to review opinions and views before deciding to move to formally consult all stakeholders on a proposed change to a new format of the school day.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Sharp', written in a cursive style.

Irene Sharp
Rector