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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new session.

### First Year Pupils

Our first year learners have settled in very quickly and are becoming fully involved in the life of our school. There are so many very positive reports from their teachers about how well they are all engaging which are good to hear. During their first days here, they were very well looked after by our team of senior pupils who acted as Buddies to the first year pupils, taking them from class-to-class and generally ensuring that they had a positive start to secondary school life.

### Uniform

We continue to be impressed with the smart turn-out every morning of the majority of our learners who come to school wearing school uniform. We thank you for your support with this and ask that you continue to ensure your son or daughter continues to wear their school uniform with pride.

As a stated before, 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. 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.

Please note that P7 pupils will be issued with a school tie on their visiting days.

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

## SQA Results

At Fraserburgh Academy we are proud of the achievements of all our learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a number of our senior pupils who have exceptionally high results this year - we are very proud of their achievements.

The following learners attained 6 A passes at National 5 level

Fiona Birnie	5K1
Brooke Buchan	5K1
Luke Norrie	5F1
Brody Tocher	5D1
Nikki Webster	5M1

A further 10 learners attained 5As and 1 B at National 5 level.

At Higher, Lloyd Bell attained 6 higher passes at A, following on from his 8 As at Nat 5 last session. A further four learners attained 5 As at Higher

Ryan Broadley	6P
Rosa Kelly	6C
Mackenzie Morrison	6K
Jamie Whyte	6C

This follows on from their 7 A success at N5 last session.

We thank all our hard-working and dedicated teachers who have facilitated this success.



Our top attainers.

## Open Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Please note the new date for our Open Day which was postponed due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.**

Our Open Day is for all parents, carers and members of the local community, and will take place from 2 pm to 6 pm, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please come along to see the new facilities in drama, art, home economics and ASL, view showcases and displays and hear from key members of staff.

Full details of the day have been issued to all parents and carers..

We look forward to welcoming you all to school on this date.



## Fraserburgh Harbour Development

A few weeks ago, Depute Head Teacher, Ed Walton and I met with Pamela Neri, Commercial Manager of Fraserburgh Harbour. The purpose of the meeting was for us to learn about the ambitious and transformational plans for the expansion of Fraserburgh harbour and the subsequent expansion of maritime and other services in Fraserburgh and the surrounding district. to discuss how we can best prepare our learners to have the skills and qualifications needed to be part of the consequent expansion of maritime, tourist and other services, and the overall further development of Fraserburgh and the surrounding district.

This, very obviously, has big implications for our school and most importantly, the future employment of our learners. The school will be working closely with NESCol and RGU to ensure that the appropriate courses and qualifications are in place to support this development.

In the short-term we will have a dedicated notice board in school to show plans of the development and keep everyone updated on the progress of the project.



## BBC Event

**On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September we were** delighted to welcome a team to school from the BBC as part of their [‘Share Your Story’](#) event as part of their 100 Years Celebration.

Learners in years 2, 3 and 4 attended sessions led by a BBC presenter, Jodie McCallum, when they heard life stories from BBC researchers about how they had overcome adversity.

Our learners thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were given much to think about. The BBC personal who joined us were very complimentary of the school, the welcome they received and our young people.



## **Senior Responsibilities**

Our School Captains, House Captains and Prefects are all in post and we look forward to the impact they will make this session to school life.

The prefects have begun performing their duties around the school during break and lunchtime and play a key role in maintaining the positive ethos and safe pupil movement throughout the school. We look forward to seeing the work of the House Captains in their organisation of House Events and in leading activities in their relevant Houses.

We hope to have S1- S4 Year Captains in post during this term.

## **Fright Night**

Fright Night is a joint initiative run by our School Librarian and our Performing Arts Faculty, and takes place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, from 7pm. During the event there will be an opportunity to bob for apples, grapple for doughnuts, as well as a pumpkin carving competition and sessions by professional story tellers. Entrance is free to all learners, their families and the wider community. Please use the Math Department Entrance.





## **School Show**

Our School Show this session is the musical *Back to the 80s*. An information session will be held at lunchtime on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September to which all interested learners are invited. The first set of auditions will take place the following week, with a few sessions after school.

There are many roles to be filled, from being on stage, to being part of the backstage crew, to front of house tasks during the performance week.

Being part of a school show is surely one of the best ways to get to know other learners and teachers and is an unforgettable experience which creates lasting memories. I would be grateful if you would encourage your son or daughter to take part.

## **Cost of Living Crisis**

In light of the current cost of living crisis Aberdeenshire Council has arranged some sessions for parents on the topic "Worried about Money". These will be run by the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities team. The sessions are intended to increase awareness of poverty and its impact, increase confidence to ask about money worries and increase knowledge of support services offering assistance.

The dates and times of the sessions are listed below. If you are interested in attending a session please email [christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) to obtain a link for an online meeting.

Proposed dates/times:

- Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 6-7pm
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2-3pm
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2-3pm
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 6-7pm

## **Parent session on Children's Rights - 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 4.00-5.30pm**

Aberdeenshire Council is also running a session with all parents regarding Children's Rights. Anyone interested in attending should contact [christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) for the meeting link. This session is for Parents / Carers, school based staff and community learning staff. It is an opportunity to find out more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and what this means for children, parents and families within the school community. It is an interactive, discursive session and an opportunity to identify what is going well, and what needs to change

## Extra-curricular activities

We are very pleased to offer again a full menu of extra-curricular clubs and activities, and information regarding these are issued to learners via assemblies, daily news slide, social media and the screens around the school. We encourage all learners to take this opportunity to further develop existing skills or take up something new. For your information I attach the full list of all activities and ask that you discuss this with your son or daughter and encourage their participation in these activities.

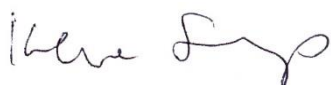


## Safe travel to school

If you drive your son or daughter to school **please drop off pupils on Dennyduff Road and Alexandra Terrace only. Please do not use the school drive unless a prior arrangement has been made.** All pupils will be encouraged to use the marked crossings and the designated footpath within the school grounds. Pupils with mobility issues may be dropped off at the school door. There have been a few occasions over the last weeks when school buses have not been able to park on the drive due to vehicles picking up and dropping off pupils.

As ever, should you have anything you would wish to raise with the school please do not hesitate to contact us using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Irene Sharp".

Irene Sharp  
Rector