



Dunoon Grammar School Parental Weekly Update Week Beginning 2nd October 2023

Holiday

The School will close at 2.40pm on Friday 6th October 2023 and re-open on Monday 23rd October at 8.45am. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday and look forward to welcoming our young people back to school for term 2.



S3 Cinema Trip

This term our S3 students have been studying dystopian fiction in their English classes so the English department have organised a trip to the local cinema to see "The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" in November. Exact date and ticket prices are still to be confirmed – pupils should register their interest to Miss O'Donnell or click the QR code by Friday 6th October.



Lunch Orders Reminder

Lunch orders must be placed before 9:30am every morning. Any lunches purchased after this time are not registered. Please also remember to cancel the lunch order if your child no longer requires it.

French Exchange 2024

Next year's French Exchange is now open to all S1-S3 pupils. Exchanges are a fantastic way of experiencing the culture as well as being immersed in the language of the country.

We have had an Exchange link with our partner school in Normandy for 10 years and many pupils have benefitted from this over the years.

We are looking for families willing to host a French pupil for a week in mid-May. Our pupils will be involved in trips and activities with the French pupils in Scotland during that week. In early June, our pupils will have the opportunity (if they wish) to go and stay with their partners in Normandy.

The total cost of taking part in both parts of this Exchange is £350. However, if your child only takes part in the first part (hosting a pupil and taking part in the trips/ activities) the cost will be £150.

Information packs are available from Mr Paterson, PT Languages.

Marshall Court

We have received an email from the Manager of Marshall Court requesting that Pupils who are going to and from school via Marshall Court do not cut through the fence.

They have also mentioned that pupils are pushing each other in to the hedge that has resulted in the fence being broken. We would appreciate it if parents/carers could have a chat with their son/daughters regarding this.



McMillan Coffee Morning

Our Senior peer mentors worked with our new S1 pupils to organise our annual McMillan coffee morning. £240 was raised for this great cause.



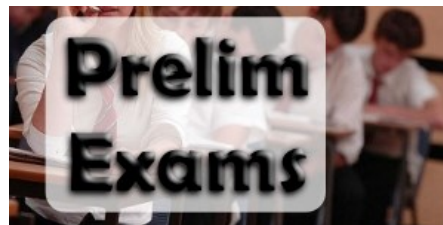
S1 Playfair Day

We held our S1 annual Playfair Day on Thursday 28th September 2023. The theme of this year's day was respect and team work. The new S1 pupils received inputs from a variety of our stakeholders, including our Senior Peer Mentors, eXp, Active Schools, Susan Hoy, and a number of our staff. Thank you to Mrs O'Neill for organising such a great day.



Prelims

Our S4-S6 Prelim examinations will take place between Monday 11th December 2023—Tuesday 19th December 2023.



Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding our first non-uniform day on Friday 6th October 2023. The funds raised from the non-uniform day will be allocated to the Benmore House charity.

Non-uniform day!



German Exchange

Our young people are having a great time on the German Exchange. They have visited Hardenberg Gymnasium, our partner school. They have visited a traditional bakery where they heard about traditional German bread making. They then visited the World Famous Faber-Castell pencil Factory and have enjoyed the local festival.



S1 Parents' evening

Our S1 parents' evening will take place on Monday 2nd October. Parents/carers have been asked to sign up for appointments. If you have been unable to make appointments please feel free to contact Mrs Campbell—helen.campbell@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Date for your diary

You will find all the important dates for the remainder of the term on the next few pages.



Dunoon Grammar School
Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Wednesday 25 th October	Primary 7 parental information evening 1	Primary 7
Thursday 26 th October	S5/S6 Halloween Disco 7pm-9.30pm	S5 and S6
Friday 27 th October	S1 and S2 Halloween Disco 6.30pm-8.30pm	S1 and S2
Tuesday 31 st Oct- Friday 3 rd Nov	Advanced Higher Biology Trip	S6

NOVEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Friday 3 rd November	AH Biology trip home	S6
Tuesday 7 th November	S2 Parents' evening 5pm-7pm	S2
TBC	S2 SDS Interviews	S2
TBC	S1 1:1 SDS Appointments	S1
Wednesday 15 th November	Careers/Pathways Event	Seniors
20 th November	S3 Parents Evening	S3
Wednesday 22 nd November	16+ meeting	16+
Thursday 23 rd November	S4-6 Reports	S4-6
Friday 24 th November	Non-school uniform day	ALL
Monday 27 th November	Teacher Ins-Service Day – Pupils return on Tuesday 28 th November	ALL

DECEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Fayre	ALL
Monday 11 th December	Prelim diet starts	Seniors
Tuesday 12 th December	S1 Christmas Experience (tbc)	S1

Wednesday 20 th December	Panto Trip	
Wednesday 20 th December	S5/6 Ceilidh	S5/6
Thursday 21 st December	Non-Uniform Day	ALL
Thursday 21 st December	School Closes	ALL
JANUARY		
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Thursday 4 th January	Pupils Return	ALL
Wednesday 17 th January	Primary 7 Parental Meeting 2	P7
Friday 26 th January	S4-6 Reports	S4-S6
Monday 29 th January	S4 Parents Evening	S4
Tuesday 30 th January	S2 Reports	S2
Wednesday 31 st January	16+ Meeting	16+
FEBRUARY		
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Tuesday 6 th February	S5/6 Parents Evening 5pm-7pm	S5/6
Wednesday 7 th February	I can do anything day	S2
Wednesday 7 th February	S2 Reports	S2
Friday 9 th February	Non-Uniform day	ALL
12 th – 19 th February	School closes on the 9 th and reopens on the 20 th	ALL
Tuesday 20 th – Monday 26 th February	World Gaelic Week	ALL
MARCH		
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Friday 1 st March	S3 Reports	S3
W/C 4 th March	S3 Options Interviews	S3
W/C 11 th March	S4 Options Interviews	S4
W/C 18 th March	S5 Options Interviews	S5
Wednesday 20 th March	P7 Parental Evening	P7

Friday 22 nd March	Tenner Challenge Showcase	S2
22 nd – 24 th March	Benmore Weekend	P7
Wednesday 27 th March	Non-Uniform Day	ALL
28 th March -12 th April	School closed	ALL

APRIL

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Monday 15 th April	Pupils Return	ALL
Friday 19 th April	S6 Leavers Day	S6
Friday 26 th April	S1 Reports	S1

MAY

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Wednesday 1 st May	S1 Reports	S1
Friday 23 rd May	Non school uniform	ALL
23 rd – 27 th May	School closes – reopens on 28 th May	ALL
28 th May – 31 st May	P7 Transition Week	P7
Thursday 30 th May	P7 Parental Evening	P7

JUNE

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Friday 14 th June	Leavers Dance	S6
Wednesday 19 th June	16+ Meeting	S6
Friday 28 th June	Last Day Non-uniform	ALL



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Have a great week!