



Dalriada School

Year 13 Parents' Information
Evening

11.09.23



Programme

- Introduction (Mr Skelton)
- Overview of Sixth Form Curriculum (Mr Skelton)
- Sixth Form in Dalriada School (Mrs Williamson)
- Examination Officer (Mrs Ewart)
- Careers advice and Work Experience (Mrs Kelly)

The Sixth Form Curriculum



- AS and A2 Courses
- Enrichment Options
- Sport and extracurricular involvement



Succeeding in Sixth Form

A Time for Change

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- Class structure
 - Pupil – Student
- Responsibility
 - High expectations
- Study Areas
- Freedom

Year 13 Timetable



- 3 or 4 AS subjects – 8 or 9 periods each
- 1 period of tutorial
- 2 periods for enrichment option
- B room study/home study



Enrichment Options

- ICDL – Ms Wallace
- Sign Language (depending on numbers and cost - online)
- Mandarin
- University Ulster online courses
- TEFL
- English/Maths Mentor
- Wellbeing Ambassador Scheme
- Ambassadors will receive training in several strategies that will help them develop and lead peer support projects that reduce stigma, improve access to support for mental health, develop positive coping and reduce stress in the school with the aim of improving wellbeing.



Pastoral Structure

- Tutor group (M,R,S,T,W)
- Tutor for two years
- Head of Sixth form
- Ms Crawford – Deputy Head (Pastoral)
- Tutorial - Pastoral
 - Careers
 - Study/planning – how to study
 - Healthy lifestyle
 - Positive Mental Health - resilience, stress...

Standards/procedures



- Uniform
- Self-discipline
- Attendance – parents will be contacted if attendance falls below 95%
- Punctuality – to school and to class. Three 'lates' result in an after school detention.

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- Notes for absence and exeats – it is very important in 6th Form that the record of attendance is accurate as universities, colleges and future employers often ask for it.

School Policies



- We encourage all parents to take time to read school policies, in particular parents are encouraged to be aware of the following key policies:
 - Positive Behaviour
 - Anti-Bullying
 - Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Thank you to the parents who took time in June to review policies to ensure that there is input from all stakeholders – your input was carefully considered and policies updated
- Policies are available on website or a hard copy can be requested via the school office



Pupil tracking

- At the start of the year pupils and teachers agree a target grade (this can change throughout the year)
- Pupils' progress is tracked throughout the year by Pupil tracking
- At 3 times throughout the year pupils will complete an assessed task and this mark will be used to determine if a pupil is meeting their target. If a pupil is underachieving, measures will be put in place to address this and parents informed.

Dates to note



Internal exams – 15th January for one week

■ Parents' Meeting - Wednesday 7th

February

■ Work experience - w/b 10th June 2024

■ UCAS planning day Monday 10th June



EMA



This is a means tested allowance (Educational Maintenance Allowance) which pays £30 per week (fortnightly).

Learning agreements need to be signed as it is only paid for those who are compliant with the education system that they are attending.

If you think you would like to apply or find out more, please see Mrs Williamson.



Medical Forms

- Parents should return the following forms immediately
 - AM2 – request for school to administer medication e.g. EpiPen
 - AM3 – request for a pupil to carry their medication e.g. own Inhaler, prescription medication, EpiPen
- Parents should ensure that school has any necessary medication (e.g EpiPens, Inhalers, Diabetes Emergency Box) and that all medication is in date.
- Contact Ms Crawford with any queries.

Any queries?



- Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any queries or feel there is information the school should know.
- My email address is awilliamson088@c2kni.net



Examination Information

(Mrs Ewart)

EXAMINATIONS



- **1. Review of Marking: (Applied for after the results)**
- Clerical check
- Remark
- Accelerated remark (Only available for Year 14). Must be applied for within one week of getting the results
- Access to scripts
- (All of these must be applied for through the Exams Officer within four weeks of getting the results)



- **2. Special Consideration: (Applied for during the exams)**
 - This is applied for after the last exam. The pupil or parent should contact the Exams Officer if there has been any situation or Health issue which has prevented the pupil from giving their best effort.
- **3. Re-sits in November**
 - Re-sit requests for GCSE English and Maths need to be with me by 29th September
 - Re-sits are also available in the summer series and requests for these are made in January.
 - **My Contact details: aewart765@c2ken.net**



Careers Advice

(Mrs Kelly)

Careers in Year 13



- Post A level choices, e.g. University/HLAs
 - start thinking now – use Careers Staff and Library
- Visit universities this year if possible
- Work experience – 11-14 June – should already be thinking about employers. (Mr Glenn is the work experience coordinator.)



- Extra curricular experiences, opportunities for leadership
- Interviews in March with Careers staff
- Any questions, contact me by phone at school or email (ckelly743@c2kni.net)