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Dear Parent / Carer

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## Parent Consultation

Thank you for the feedback! There is still time to contribute via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/6muQ5TFUy1>

## Whole School Focus

The S1-3 focus is proving very effective. Thank you for your support thus far. Uniform standards are high, particularly in S1 and S2. There is reduced toilet traffic and any pupils not in class found themselves under intense scrutiny this week. My impression of smoking on the school grounds is that it is much reduced. I hope this is your impression too.

W/b – 2 May – Uniform and Toilet Use

W/b – 9 May – Attendance and Smoking on School Grounds

W/b – 16 May – Phone Use and Ambition

W/b – 23 May – Bullying/Respect and Behaviour – ‘A learning Classroom’

W/b – 30 May – Recognition of success and accompanying HT, Year-Head and PT letters home

## Phone Use

This is a big challenge in all schools. Research tells us that no one approach is entirely successful, and it is an area where views can be very polarised and strongly held. Therefore, at Stranraer Academy, we have a respectful but clear approach. I appreciate your support in ensuring that your child's phone use is responsible, with the permission of the teacher and in support of learning.

If an individual pupil's phone is causing distraction in class or being used to bully etc. we will contact you and discuss plans to limit its use in school.

[Interim Behaviour & Ethos Policy \(stranraeracademy.org.uk\)](http://stranraeracademy.org.uk)

**Ambition**

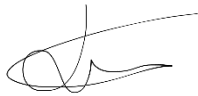
I plan to meet with year groups next week to discuss ambition. I will discuss goal setting and finding the relevance in all learning and the reward in working hard for success. Your child's teachers will promote these messages further and link to our sharing of learning intentions, success criteria and feedback.

Across the school we will be explicit in sharing our belief in our pupils' potential and the tools and mindsets that support this ambition.

In other news but related to ambition, we have had considerable sporting success over the last few weeks. Our Aquathon, Boy's and Girl's Rugby teams have been on the road and performing well, with the rugby girls qualifying for regional finals. Both our U13 and U15 Boy's Football teams are in regional finals and Logan Speirs and Nialle Henry brought back gold medals from the Scottish Disability Sports Sportshall Championships in Grangemouth. All these young athletes are a credit to Stranraer Academy, not just in their success but how they represented the school. Well done everyone.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely



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