

Stranraer Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

Allow me to take this opportunity – as study-leave begins – to thank you for your support of our senior phase pupils as they begin to sit their SQA exams. Shared below is an example of the praise we have received, and I thank all parents who have passed on positive feedback. We have work to do but this acknowledgement means a lot to everyone.

“Just thought I'd take this chance (as a parent, who is stressed at the thought of exams) to let you know how totally impressed I am at the quality of teaching and dedication your teachers have shown my son”

The senior school sitting their exams provides an opportunity to focus on our S1-3 cohort. Teaching staff will be developing their Broad General Education (BGE) courses and the extended leadership team will be working on key areas of improvement. This planning is outlined below:

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 through HT, Year-Head and PT letters home, assemblies etc.

W/b 2 May – Uniform and Toilet Use

Uniform

Uniform guidance is unchanged and can be found here:

<http://www.stranraeracademy.org.uk/uniform-policy.html>

We understand that uniform items such as shoes cannot be easily purchased ahead of summer but expect an otherwise high standard of uniform ahead of the summer holidays and correct uniform (including footwear) in August.

Pupils can expect to be challenged on their uniform across the school this week. Key issues identified so far include Hoodies and Gym Wear (not permitted) and Outside Jackets being worn in class.

I remain impressed by most pupils who present in immaculate uniform and look forward to the remaining pupils' cooperation.

PE uniform remains unchanged except that to support different fits, preferences, and weather conditions, we will allow any predominately white top and black or blue legwear as well as our Stranraer Academy kit.

We can help provide any items of uniform required, please just ask.

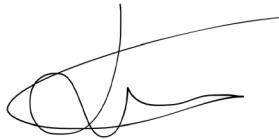
Toilet Use

We appreciate that pupils may need to visit the toilet for a variety of reasons, and I am keen that teachers allow pupils to the toilet when essential. However, frequent, or prolonged visits to the toilet can result in significant lost learning time. Teachers have been issued with timers which are intended to encourage pupils to quickly visit the toilet and return to class. Pupils who fail to return promptly will be de-merited as 'out of class without permission'. This will allow us to monitor toilet use and challenge where necessary.

I will provide more detail on the areas of focus in subsequent weeks as outlined above. I am confident that this approach will continue Stranraer Academy's improvement journey and begin the new school year in a positive manner.

My sincere thanks in advance for your support and to our pupils for their cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Farquhar', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Farquhar
Acting Head Teacher