

1st September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This is just a short letter at the beginning of the school year to outline some of the main events of this term. We are delighted to welcome all our young people back after their summer break and we are looking forward to the year of work that lies ahead.

Year 12's and 14's will be preparing for their important examinations in May and June of next year, while Year 10's will be thinking about their option choices and subjects that they wish to study in Years 11 and 12.

The Year 8's will spend much of this term settling in and getting to know the school and making new friends, while Year 11's and 13's are beginning their GCSE and A/S courses. Year 9's will also continue to apply themselves to their studies and prepare for the year ahead.

Can I also remind you that school fund is £25 per family. Each family who has paid school fund will receive a free copy of our school magazine. Clip on ties are now compulsory for Years 8 to 12 and ties are available in school at a cost of £5.

These are a few dates and events to remind you about what is happening this term:

- Year 11, 12, 13 and 14 Information Evening, 6th October.
- Half Term Holiday, 26th October to 30th October.
- Senior Prize Giving, 5th November.
- Staff Training Day, 6th November.
- Year 12 Home School Liaison Meeting, 3:30-5:30pm, 12th November.
- Year 9 Parents' Afternoon, 3:30-5:30pm, 1st December.
- Year 12 and 13 Work Experience, 30th November – 4th December.
- Staff Training Day, 7th December.
- Christmas Holidays 21st December to 1st January 2016.

We are also half way through our School Development Plan and so we would like to get the views of our parents and guardians on the work of the school. To this end a short survey have been provided for you to complete on the school website. The electronic survey can be found at the school website (www.banbridgehigh.co.uk). I would be grateful if you would take the opportunity to complete this short survey. The survey will open on 1st September and close on 20th December 2015.

Once again can I thank you for all your support and co-operation. It is essential and very much appreciated. Can I also encourage you to keep up to date with these and other events through the school website at www.banbridgehigh.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Bell
Principal