

BANBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr A Bell (BA, MA, PQH)



5th January 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity at the beginning of a New Year and a new school term, to wish you all a peaceful and happy New Year.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you of the events and activities planned for this term. There may be some changes to the original holiday list so it is important to take note of these to assist with your planning.

As all years completed examinations before the Christmas break, you should already have received a report for Year 8 to 10. Year 11-14 reports should be with parents/guardians by the last week in January.

For your information please note the following:

Years 8 and 9 Parent Consultations will take place on 12th January 2017, 3:30-5:30pm.

Our Open Evening will be on Thursday 19th January 2017.

Staff training on Friday 20th January 2017.

Year 11 Parent Consultations will take place on 7th February 2017, 3:30-5:30pm.

Prefects Formal will be held on 14th February 2017.

Half Term is 15th – 17th February 2017.

Year 13 and 14 Parent Consultation will also be on 28th February 2017, 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Year 10 Parents' Afternoon will be from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on 9th March 2017

For those parents' interested in hearing about our post 16 provision for next year, we are holding a Post 16 information Evening on 16th March 2017.

St Patrick's Bank Holiday on 17th March 2017.

Easter holidays run from 10th April – 21st April 2017.

School begins after the Easter break for pupils on 24th April 2017.

To facilitate preparations for Open Night, pupils will leave school at 12:30pm on Thursday 19th January 2017.

As was the case last year we would like to thank our parents and carers who ensured that their child was in school as much as possible. The average attendance for the whole of the first term remained at 94%. The school would appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your son/daughter attends school as fully as possible. It is very important that all pupils are in school on time and all the time to ensure that they gain the maximum out of their education. Even one day not at school in one week over a short period of time can have a significant impact on your child's education. I would also ask that appointments for pupils during the school day are kept to an absolute minimum for the very same reasons.



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We will also be reminding our students at the beginning of this year about the use of appropriate and acceptable conduct and language in school. The school takes a very clear view that students should be using language in school which does not cause upset or annoyance to anyone or behaving in a way which ensures that everyone is safe and happy. Where conduct and language is not acceptable it will be dealt with under the school's behaviour policy. I would be grateful if you would reinforce this to your son/daughter and continue to support us in this matter.

I would continue to encourage you to keep up to date with events and information in the school using the school website at www.banbridgehigh.co.uk. In particular important examination and revision information for pupils and their parents at various points in the rest of the school year can be found on the website, as well as a copy of the prospectus for 2017/18.

My thanks once again on behalf of the school for your on-going support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Bell
Principal