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"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

Head Teacher: Barry Graham

October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable October holiday. It is lovely to see everyone back in school, ready for the term ahead. Recently, we have made a change to how we share general school information. Instead of including it in this letter, it is now part of our annual 2-18 Information Booklet. You can find it in the School Bag section on our website. This is in the process of being updated and will be shared with parents next month. I would also like to share some staffing updates: Natalie Flint (Principal Teacher of Additional Support for Learning) is currently on maternity leave, and Hazel Scott has kindly taken on her Principal Teacher duties. We are also pleased to welcome Megan Murray and Lauren Currie back and they will be providing whole school secondary cover.

Reporting and Parents' Evenings

Pupils in S4, S5 and S6 will receive reports **w/c 27th October**, with their Parents' Evening taking place on **Tuesday 4th November**. Pupils in S1 will receive settling in reports **w/c 24th November** and S2 will receive their reports **w/c 15th December**.

Following feedback from parents it was decided to hold the Senior Phase Parents' Evening earlier in the session as parents felt that it would provide a better opportunity to support their children ahead of their prelims. Another S4, S5, S6 report will be issued in February once teachers have assessed learning and comment will be made, if applicable, regarding preliminary examinations.

Poppy Scotland

Poppies will be on sale in the lead up to Armistice Day. Prefects will also take the poppies round classes to give pupils a chance to support the appeal.

The 2-18 Parent Council

The next meeting of the 2-18 Parent Council is planned for **Monday 17th November**. The meeting will start at 7pm and will be online.

If you would like more information on any aspect of the 2-18 Parent Council or would like to get involved, please contact Laura Keenan via email at: wallacehallparentcouncil@gmail.com.

Study Support Programme

Prelims for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 will take place between **Tuesday 6th January and Friday 30th January 2026**.

Although the results of these can no longer be used to appeal against an SQA result, **they remain very important assessments** which give a strong indication of a student's strengths and weaknesses, and their likelihood of success in the final exams. Thorough revision and preparation is important in ensuring that students perform well in their prelims.

Winner of

Silver Rights Respecting Schools Awareness Award 2023

D&G Rural Award Smarter Scotland

The SQA Star Award

Lantra School Project Award – 2013/2018/2020/2022

Scottish Education Award – Enterprise and Employability

World Teamwork Award Winners – World Robotics Festival

First Lego League Robotics Scottish/UK & Ireland Champions



Learners will receive advice and guidance from subject teachers about the best ways to carry out study and revision at home for specific subjects. By the senior phase, students need to accept a share of responsibility for their own learning and an essential part of this involves regular study at home. To help our students, we are once again running our study support programme so we can offer lunchtime and after-school support throughout the year. You should have already received a separate letter giving full details of the extensive study support opportunities on offer for all students. Details of all after-school and lunchtime sessions are also published on the school website in the Academy section, and we would encourage all students in S4, S5 and S6 to take up the extra support our teachers are providing for them each week. This is attached at the end of this letter for your information. Appendix B. If you have a subject specific concern or query about prelims or Study Support, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Principal Teacher, the PT Pupil Support with responsibility for your child's house, or a Depute Head Teacher.

Health and Wellbeing (Personal and Social Education)

All S1-6 pupils participate in Health and Wellbeing lessons on a weekly basis. These lessons are delivered by tutors or outside organisations and aim to support our young people in improving their overall health and wellbeing.

Please find below a summary of the general topics that will have been covered by the end of this term.

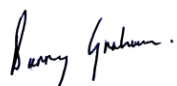
Year group	Term 2 HWB - Topic
S1	Sleep Vaping Resilience Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)
S2	Healthy Bodies Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Racism Options/Skills Development Scotland Input
S3	Anxiety coping strategies Employability - Unit 1 Drugs Education Consent and Healthy Relationships
S4	Employability Physical Health Education Study
S5	Drugs Education Consent and Healthy Relationships Employability/Profiling
S6	Finance Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Life After School

The S6 'Life After School' is subject to change.

The School Calendar

A copy of the school calendar for Term 2 - Term 4 of this academic year is attached which lists key events – Appendix A.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Graham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small dot at the end.

B Graham
Head Teacher

APPENDIX A

School Calendar – Term 2/3/4

Term 2

w/c 27 th October 25	S4/5/6 Reports
4 th November 25	S4/5/6 Parents Night
12 th November 25	Flu Vaccines (Primary & Secondary)
13 th November 25	School Photographer (ELC & Primary)
18 th December 25	School Photographer (Secondary)
w/c 24 th November 25	S1 settling in report to parents
10 th December 25	Catch-up photos (ELC/Primary/Secondary)
12 th December 25	Senior Christmas Dance
15 th December 25	S1/S2 Christmas Dance
17 th December 25	S3/S4 Christmas Dance
w/c 15 th December 25	S2 Reports
22nd December 25 – 5 th January 26	Christmas Holiday (pupils return Tues 6 th)

Term 3

5 th January 26	INSET day – staff only
6 th January -30 st January 26	Prelims
13 th January 26	S2 Parents Evening
w/c 19 th January 26	S3 Reports
29 th January 26	S3 Parents Evening
6 th February 26	Teen Booster
w/c 9 th February 26	S4/5/6 Reports
19 th February – 20 th February 26	Mid Term Holiday
19 th February 26	INSET day – staff only
24 th February 26	S4/5/6 Parents Evening
6 th March 26	HPV Vaccines
w/c 16 th March 26	S2 Tracking Reports
30 th March – 10 th April 26	Spring Holiday

Term 4

13 th April 26	Return to School
w/c 27 th April 26	S1 Reports
4 th May 26	May Day Holiday
May 2026	S2 Liverpool Trip dates TBC
6 th May 26	S1 Parents Evening
w/c 18 th May 26	S3 Tracking reports
29 th May 26	Staff training (school closed)
3rd June 26	Senior prom
May/June 26	S3 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition dates TBC
01 st July 25	Last day of Term

Dates may be subject to change, notification of any such amendments will be issued in due course.

Future Trips

Annual residential trip for S2 students during May to go to Liverpool at approximate cost of £250 each. The school plan to run these trips for the next 3 years.

Drama Trip for S1 in December 24 at cost of approx. £20

S3 Ski Trip in Feb 2026 at a cost of £1200 payable over 16 months.

Alton Towers trip for S4/5* *(Nat 4/5 Physics and Biology) Oct 24. Cost approx. £50

WW1 Battlefields trip for S4/5 in June 25 at cost of approx. £600

Drama Theatre trip for S5/6 in Aug/Sep 24, cost approx. £20

S6 Leavers trip April 25, cost approx. £25

S6 Summer Ball June 25, cost approx. £40

There is a plan to run another Iceland trip in 2026 for S1/S2 students

Various local trips will be organised throughout the year within departments at minimal cost to parents/carers.

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Study Support Timetable – 2025-2026

Subject	Level	Teacher	Where	Day	Time
Admin & IT	National 5/Higher	Mrs Fraser & Miss Park	A2023	Mondays	1520-1600
Admin & IT	National 5/Higher	Mrs Fraser	A2025	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri	Lunchtime by Appointment (1320-1350)
Art and Design	Higher/ADV	Mrs Simpson	A1031	Wednesdays & Thursdays	1520-1630
Art and Design	N5	Mrs Black	A1030	Tues/Wed/Thurs	By Appointment (Lunch/After School)
Biology	N5/Higher	Mrs Belford, Mrs Simpson & Mrs Weir	A2006	Tuesdays	Lunchtime (1320-1350)
Business Management	National 5/Higher	Miss Young	A2023	Mondays	1520-1600
Chemistry	N5/Higher	Mrs Hunter	A2017	Wednesdays	Lunchtime (1320-1350)
Design & Manufacture	National 5 & Higher	Mr McKenna	A0024	Tuesdays	1525-1625 & Lunchtime
Design & Manufacture	National 5 & Higher	Mr Lees	A0034	Wednesdays	1525-1625
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Drama	N5/ Higher	Mrs Griffin	Drama Studio	Thursdays	1530-1630
Engineering Science	National 5	Mr Lees	A0034	Wednesdays	1525-1625
Engineering Science	National 5	Mr Lees	A0034	Tuesdays	Lunchtime
English	Higher	Mr McClair	A1017	Thursdays	Lunchtime (1320-1350)
English	Higher/Advanced Higher	Miss Carson	A1013	Tuesdays	1520-1600
English	National 5	Mrs Robertson	A1015	Wednesdays	Lunchtime by Appointment (1320-1350)
English	National 5	Mr Pape	A1016	Thursdays	1520-1600
English	Higher	Mr Pape	A1016	Wednesdays	1520-1600
Geography	National 5/Higher	Mr Miller	A2014	Wednesdays	1520-1600
Graphic Communication	National 5	Mr Corrigan	A0018	Thursdays	1520-1600
History	National 5/Higher	Mr Gray	A1012	Fridays	Lunchtime by Appointment (1320-1350)
Maths	Higher	Mr Bell	A0006	Thursdays	Lunchtime (1320-1350)
Maths	Higher	Mrs Scott	A0013	Thursdays	1520-1600
Maths	N5 / ADV	Mr Blair	A2016	Fridays	1520-1600
Modern Studies	National 5/Higher	Miss Stuart	A1007	Thursdays	Lunchtime by Appointment (1320-1350)
Music	N5/Higher/ ADV	Miss Grivan	A1018	Tues/Wed/Thurs	By Appointment (Lunch/ After School)
PE	Higher	Mr Steele	PE Classroom	Tuesdays	1520-1620
Photography	Higher/ ADV	Mrs Simpson	A1031	Wednesday & Thursdays	1520-1630
Physics	N5/Higher	Dr Fulton	A2007	Thursdays	1520-1620
Practical Woodwork	National 5	Mr McKenna	A0024	Tuesdays	1525-1625 & Lunchtime