



Dear Parent/Carer

We are now approaching the end of the session, this last term has been a busy one with our young people having the opportunity to participate in excellent learning experiences outwith the classroom. This session alone the young people have benefited from the opportunity to participate in up to ten residential trips this session.

As you will read from our newsletter we have once again participated in a number of outings, celebrations and, of course, the SQA examinations and assessments for our senior pupils. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all good luck and we are confident that our young people will once again be recognised for their excellent achievements.

I was overwhelmed when we won the Scottish Education Award within the Gaelic Education category. It is an outstanding achievement for our school to have won two of these awards over the last few years.

This month we have also looked about over the developments that we have made this session and I am pleased with the progress that we have made in relation to our school improvement plan and we have now finalised new areas for improvement next session.

This month we are also saying goodbye to nineteen of our young people who are moving on to pastures new. All of our school leavers have managed to secure either a mainstream or supported college course or personalised activities organised through social work. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in their future.

The school roll for next session is approximately the same as it has been for the last few years. We have 22 new S1 pupils joining us in August and we are all looking forward to welcoming them to the Abercorn school community.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support this session. Our school is a thriving community and we all work together to ensure that our young people reach their individual potentials. It is lovely to see so many of you attending our parents evenings, information sessions and of course our awards ceremonies and celebration of success. I am sure you will also join me in thanking the staff within the school for their commitment and hard work in supporting your children.

When we return in August the term will also get off to another very busy start as we have two residential trips planned (one to Blairvadach and the other Camas) within the first month.

I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to working with you next session.

Patricia McGowan

School Uniform

Further information is attached to this newsletter regarding our school uniform and an idea of where you can purchase items if you have not already done so. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

Junior School BBQ



On Wednesday 8th June the junior school (S1-S3) enjoyed a summer BBQ. The weather was fantastic and everyone had a great time.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

The pupils who have been working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award successfully completed their overnight expedition – this was the last remaining component of



the course which means they have now gained their accreditation. Well done to all of them.



Spanish Trip



The senior pupils enjoyed a lovely break to Spain. They left on Saturday 11th June for a week. On the agenda this year is a trip to Barcelona and to see the impressive Nou Camp stadium where FC Barcelona play their home games. All the pupils had a great experience and had the opportunity to use the Spanish language skills developed throughout their time in Abercorn.

Senior School Prom

On Wednesday 1st June our Senior pupils enjoyed a lovely evening at the Grand Central Hotel for their Senior school prom. The food was lovely, the pupils looked fabulous and the music, provided by DJ Mr Close was great. A brilliant night was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Leyden and Mrs Reilly for all their hard work in preparation for the event and our thanks must also go to the staff of the Grand Central Hotel for looking after us so well. We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs McMillan (Mum of Zac in S4) who provided balloons for the event – everyone commented on how lovely the hall looked with the balloon arrangements on every table. Mrs Leyden would also like to extend her thanks to all those parents who contributed through *Pennies for the Prom*.

Adventure Race

5 of our pupils recently took part in the annual Glasgow City Council Adventure Race in Pollok Park which comprises a run, a cycle, an orienteering challenge and a team building challenge. They performed very well and all the training paid off.

European Football Day and Olympic Day

Our end of term activities took into account the major sporting events happening this summer. On Wednesday 22nd June pupils travelled to Firhill complex to take part in a European Football Tournament and on Thursday 23rd June pupils took part in a number of Olympic Style activities including our annual Cancer Research 5K Race for Life. The pupils all enjoyed the variety of activities and the opportunity to be in mixed year group teams.

Residential Trip to Skye

To support our 1+2 language learning a group of S3/4 pupils recently travelled to Skye to stay in Sabhal Mor Ostaig and take part in Gaelic language lessons. They



managed to see a fair bit of the island in their free time and were delighted to further develop their awareness of their culture and heritage. The staff who accompanied them on the trip commended their excellent behavior throughout.

Social Enterprise Award

We have again this year been awarded a Social Enterprise in Schools Award for the work undertaken by S3 Business and S5/6 Business in Practice students. Both classes ran enterprises within the school raising money for both Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and the PDSA.

Lord Provost Road Safety Award

We have had a group of S5/6 students undertaking a level 2 Practical Abilities unit this year based on Making Journeys. As part of this unit they had to plan and undertake journeys either on foot or by public transport showing independence. Whilst working on this they decided to engage with the Glasgow City Council Road Safety team to ensure they were taking account of staying safe while making their journeys. The work they did with this team was shortlisted for the Lord Provost Road Safety Award and we are delighted to say that we won!



Scottish Education Awards

We are delighted to announce that we were successful at the recent Scottish Education Award ceremony in winning the Gaelic Education Award. After our submission was shortlisted we were visited by judges who spoke to staff, parents and young people about their experiences of Gaelic Education within Abercorn. Thank you to the families of Vladimir N'Kuli and Bella Van Velsen of S1 who came along to give their views. Thank you also to Donald MacLeod from Care for a Ceilidh and Joan Nicholson from Glasgow Life and Glasgow Mid Argyle Shinty who also came along to speak on our behalf. We are very grateful for their ongoing support. As part of the award we were given £400 by the sponsors and Mrs Collie has been to the Gaelic bookshop already to spend this on resources to continue the good work.

School Uniform Comparison

Boys Uniform

Item	Asda	Tesco	M&S
Black Blazer	£11	£11	£20
Black Trousers	£7	£6	£11
White Shirts	£6 (2 pack)	£6 (2 pack)	£10 (2 pack)
Black v neck jumper	£5	£5	£8
Total	£29.00	£28.00	£49.00

Girls Uniform

Item	Asda	Tesco	M&S
Black Blazer	£11	£11	£20
Black skirt	£5.50	£5	£16 (2 pack)
White Shirts	£6 (2 pack)	£6 (2 pack)	£10 (2 pack)
Black cardigan	£6	£5	£12
Total	£28.50	£27.00	£58.00

In addition, ties are available from school priced £3.50
Junior School (S1-S3) – Blue Striped tie (can be provided as a clip on)
Senior School (S4-S6) – Plain blue tie

Dates for your Diary for the new session

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th August

In-Service Days

Monday 15th August

Pupils return

Thursday 24th September

In-Service Day

Friday 23rd and Monday 26th September

September Weekend

Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October

October Holiday

School Meal price increase from August 2016

Cost: £1.90 per day

**If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please
arrange to complete and return the form to John Street.**

