



FEBRAURY 2019

Bannockburn High School



School News

Strathcarron Group

Following the success of our Christmas fundraising, we are now busy organising the 'Big Event' for this session, which will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 22nd March at The King Robert Hotel. We are hoping as many parents and staff as possible will be able to come along to support us. The night will consist of a DJ, some additional musical treats, a buffet supper and a raffle for the hospice. Tickets are now on sale, at a cost of £12 per person, from the school or by contacting Mrs Mackinnon in the English Department. As always, we would be very grateful for any donations for our raffle. We are really hoping you can join us!

Family Learning

We warmly invite all parents, carers and young people to attend some Family Learning workshops held in Bannockburn High School.

Tuesday 5 March: This will consist of two workshops focused on English and the Social Subjects and RME; all year groups and levels will be covered.

Wednesday 20 March: This will consist of two workshops focused on Maths and Science; all year groups and levels will be covered.

Both events will be led by classroom teachers, highlighting different topics covered in each subject, as well as information about homework, vocabulary and skills learned, certificate level information and an opportunity for general Q&A between parents and teachers. You should arrive at the school for 5:45pm and will be directed according to your young person's stage at school. The event will last for one hour.

S2 STEM Event

All of our S2 pupils were involved in a STEM Event in partnership with Merck on Friday 25

January. Young people participated in a carousel of practical experiments led by



scientists from Merck. The visiting Scientists also shared with the pupils their career pathway and answered any questions the pupils had. Everyone enjoyed their "hands on" experience and are keen to have another one soon!

Gymnastic Success!

A huge well done to our Level 3 Gymnastics team who finished in Silver medal position at



the recent Stirling Schools Gymnastic competition at The Peak, the team have qualified for the Scottish Schools competition in Perth in March. Well done to Sarah Stewart, Hope Zerbinati, Kayla Duff, Milan Maxwell and Erin Duncan.

DATES TO NOTE

S4 Reports to Parents

Friday 1 March

Spring Holiday

School closes:

Friday 29 March, 3.05pm

School reopens:

Monday 15 April, 9am

Easter Weekend

School closes:

Thursday 18 April 3.05pm

School reopens:

Tuesday 23 April, 9am

S1 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 23 April, 4.30-7pm

S3 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 30 April, 4.30-7pm

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Right of the Month February

Article 17 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child states that:

"Every child has the right to receive reliable information."

- ✓ This is an important right to understand at this time of the year. Our pupils are receiving help with regards to course choices and an appropriate destination after leaving school.
- ✓ Departments have displayed the **skills** within their subjects so that our young people can make the right decisions regarding their future. In addition we have an information evening, **Wider Horizons**, with visitors invited from further/higher education as well as local businesses.
- ✓ S2 were also invited along to a full day off timetable, sampling workshops and a half day with STEM. We hope that this has helped to inform our S2 before making their course choices.
- ✓ Meanwhile, we also have PSHE for every year group and access to Chrome books after school to help complete homework. **Remember the Study Café is on Monday – Thursday for an hour after school.** Register with Mrs Smeaton at the office for a bottle of water, snack and Chrome book if you need it.



Community Study Sessions

Following a survey to senior students (S4-S6), we are able to offer **Community Study Sessions** for 2 hours per week in the 6 week run up (w/b 4 March to w/b 22 April) to the SQA examination diet, excluding the Easter break. Two teachers will be present at each session to provide general study support.

Plean – East Plean Primary School, 5-7pm, Wednesday

Cowie – Cowie Primary School, 5-7pm, Tuesday/Wednesday

Bannockburn/Braehead – Bannockburn High School, 5-7pm, Tuesday/Wednesday

Option Choice

Option Choice Interviews will take place on the days and at the times detailed below. Please ensure that you have signed your child's option choice form before the scheduled interview. Students should bring their completed form to their interviews.

S2 – Thursday 28 February 9am-12noon

S4 – Friday 1 March 9am-12noon

S5 – Friday 1 March 11am-3.05pm

There is no need to accompany your child to these interviews but should you wish to, please contact Mrs Garvey in the school office.

Clubs

Football Tennis: Our football tennis club is open for pupils in S1-S3 and is run by our S6 Sports Leaders and our school's Active Schools Coordinator. Once pupils have had their lunch they can come down to the games hall and play in 1 of 4 games of football tennis for the duration of lunchtime. There is no kit required for this club as pupils can play in their school uniform.

Badminton Club: Our badminton club is open for anyone in S1-S4 and is run by Mrs Santolin and our S6 Sports Leaders. Pupils can come to the games hall and can play full or half court singles and doubles matches against their friends for the duration of lunchtime. No kit is required as pupils can play in their school uniform. Rackets and shuttles are supplied by the school.

Basketball Club: Our lunchtime basketball club is open for anyone in S1-S3 and is run by our S6 Sports Leaders and our school's Active Schools Coordinator. Pupils can come down and "shoot some hoops" in our shooting competitions followed by small sided matches. No kit is required as pupils can play in their school uniform.

Friday Lunchtime Challenge: Our weekly challenge will differ every week and is run by our Active Schools Coordinator. Challenges will test the pupils sporting and problem-solving skills. Any pupil who can complete the weekly challenge will be given a prize!

Afterschool Clubs

Basketball Clubs: We have two basketball clubs running at the school for junior and senior pupils. Both clubs are run by Mr Patterson. Pupils can stay after school and take part in basketball training sessions to help improve their skills in the sport and have fun. Some pupils are then selected to represent the school in matches and competitions as a reward for good performance, attendance and behaviour in school and at the clubs.

Dodgeball Club: Our Dodgeball Club is open to all pupils and is run by our S6 Sports Leaders and our schools Active Schools Coordinator. Dodgeball is a really fun way to have fun and stay active!

Fitness Club: Our fitness club is open to all pupils and is run by Miss McShane and our S6 Sports Leaders. Fitness club is a chance for pupils to use all the equipment in our school's Fitness Suite. Our S6 Sports Leaders can provide fitness programmes for pupils to follow whilst in the gym.

Dance: Bannockburn High have 2 dance clubs for junior and senior pupils and are both run by our S6 Sports Leaders. Our dance clubs are opportunities for pupils to learn the fundamentals of dance as well as choreographing and practising dance routines in our school's dance studio.

Table Tennis: Our table tennis club is open to all pupils and is run by our schools Active Schools Coordinator. Pupils can stay behind after school to play table tennis with their friends and other pupils in the school.

Senior-5-Aside: This is run by senior pupils and our Active Schools Coordinator. Pupils from S4-6 can come down to the games hall after school and play 5 aside football with their peers.

For all our Pupils who attend after school clubs, free bus passes are issued by the school so they can get home without any extra cost! Please ask the person in charge of the club on the day to receive one.

Day	Lunch	After School
Monday		
Tuesday	Football Tennis (S1 – S3)	Table Tennis (NEW) Junior Basketball
Wednesday	Basketball (S1 – S3) (NEW)	Dodgeball, Senior Basketball Junior Dance, Fitness Club
Thursday		Senior-5-aside
Friday	Badminton (S1 – S4) Friday Lunchtime Challenge (NEW)	

Uniform Recycling



To help our local families and to be environmentally friendly, Bannockburn High would like to introduce a uniform recycling scheme. **This means that when your child no longer needs any of their school uniform, or has grown out of it, then it can be recycled by handing in to the school. This means that there is always spare uniform in school for those in need, free of charge.**

We hope that we could then offer an open day for swapping items of school uniform for our school community at some point in the future.



As a Rights Respecting School, we believe every child should have an adequate standard of living to meet their physical, emotional and social needs.

[Article 27 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.]