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Belonging to Bannockburn

June 2022

Welcome to Belonging to Bannockburn!

As the end of another very challenging school year draws to a close we have much to be proud of as a school community, some of which you will read about in this newsletter.

Despite another challenging school year our dedicated, hardworking and caring staff team, who have been granted the extraordinary privilege of working with your children, have demonstrated an unwavering focus on supporting our young people to be the best they can be.

To our most important partners, you - our parents and carers - thank you for your continued support and forbearance throughout this year. We are looking forward to continuing to work with you to shape the brightest future for all of our young people.

In Bannockburn High School, we believe that we should place values first and everything else second - they are the starting point from which all areas of school life and community should grow. We believe that our school should be a community of hope and optimism - we are after all shaping society's future – a dynamic vibrant place brimming full of confidence where our young people, our hope for the future, flourish. With 96.5% of our school leavers entering a positive destination in 2021-22, as well as the many varied wider achievement opportunities our young people have experienced - we have certainly seen evidence of that this year!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our young people, families, staff and partners, a very well deserved and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 17 August at 9am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hook

Head Teacher

A reminder of our values and expectations

Below are the **values** that sit at the core of our school, and the **expectations** we have for all of our young people.



Bannockburn Learning Community Vision

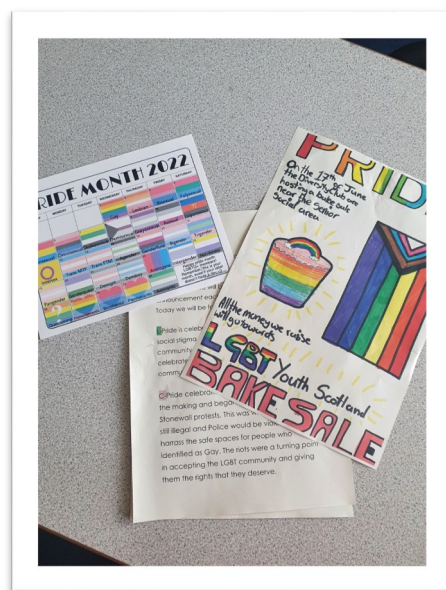
Along with our associated primary schools and nurseries, we are committed to working together as a team to shape the brightest future for all of our young people.



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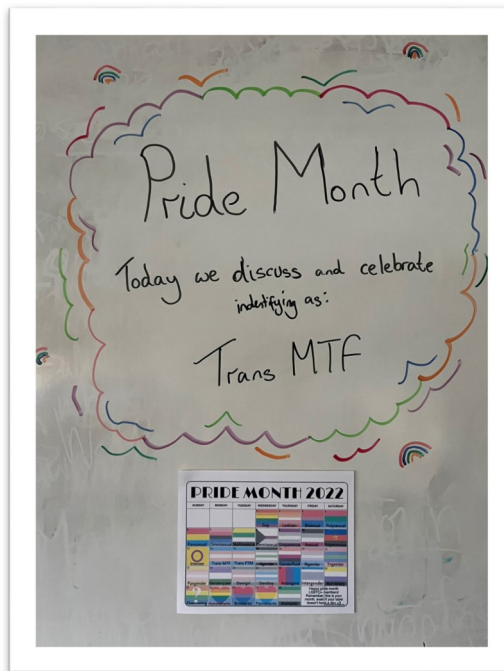
Pride 2022

For the first time in Bannockburn High School, The Diversity Group have created a series of celebrations for Pride Month 2022. These have included raising funds for a series of LGBTQ+ charities, weekly announcements discussing the history and experiences of the movement, as well as a Bake Sale and Non-Uniform Day.



The group have worked very hard on these events, spending most of their lunchtimes in a classroom editing, creating, and rehearsing their key events. It has been an amazing thing to see these pupils grow and feel comfortable and confident enough in themselves and the school, to celebrate this period of time openly with their peers.

Last week's celebrations included an announcement about Jake Daniels, the footballer who has recently come out as gay. This was followed by the very successful Bake Sale which helped to raise a total of £167. This was a massive achievement for the group and for the school.



We are now looking forward to putting on an even bigger celebration for Pride 2023 next year!



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Solutions for the Planet

Our new S3 pupils have been taking part in the Big Ideas competition run by Solutions for the Planet. Three teams were shortlisted for the regional final and presented their world saving idea at Edinburgh University on Thursday 12th May.



Their big ideas included creating blankets out of recycled materials for homeless people in our local community, creating sustainable stuffed animals by making them from recycled plastics and teaching others how to mend and upcycle clothes to tackle fast fashion.



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Our very own Fashion Waste Warriors won the competition and are the only Scottish school going down to London for the National final on the 22nd June.



Bannockburn Summer Showcase

This term we were dazzled by the sheer quality of talented young people who came together to deliver a three night extravaganza of music, dance and drama at the **Bannockburn Summer Showcase**.



Outstanding performances were delivered throughout each night, from a range of different disciplines and across solo and group performances.



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One thing was abundantly clear—the young people of Bannockburn High School are an exceptionally talented group and are a testament to what hard work and determination can achieve!



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Polytunnel Peas are Popping!

This year has seen the school's polytunnel finally come into action, after being cleared of a lockdown's worth of luxuriant "weeds" by Mrs White's SKILLS groups and fitted out with planters (by the Rural Skills class in 2021), potting tables, more planters and a combined tool rack and bench, all made by our Technician, Mr Terrell.



All of these were made using recycled timber – scaffolding planks and pallets – in an effort to reduce costs, fossil energy input and waste. It has provided a good opportunity for students to gain some experience of growing plants and having some direct involvement in the processes of growing food; for some this has been a first taste of fresh, sweet peas straight from the pod. The hope is to build on this over time.

Water supply remains dependent on relays of SKILLS students with 2 litre bottles and re-used water-cooler canisters as a reservoir in the tunnel. However, moves are afoot to get a mains supply in place, with an automatic irrigation system to keep thirsty plants supplied over hot weekends and holiday periods. Mr T's tomatoes will be grateful! In the meantime, an experimental siphon and drip tube setup is in place, re-using some of those old science resources!



The first crops of broad beans and peas, sown in January by Mrs White's classes, have been appearing over the last few weeks and shared with those students willing to help water and weed the planters and brave the hordes of small, black, spiders that help keep pests down in the polytunnel. Mrs White and Mr Terrell are now looking ahead to plan for what to plant next as a succession crop to the legumes, probably some form of greens for the autumn and winter.



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Our Uniform

Uniform for S1-3

Black BBHS badged blazer; white school shirt; BBHS junior striped tie; black school trousers or skirt, black shoes and our **BLUE BBHS JUMPER/CARDIGAN**.



KNITTED
JUMPER



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CARDIGAN



S1-S3 TIE



Uniform for S4

Black BBHS badged blazer; white school shirt; black BBHS senior tie; black school trousers or skirt, black shoes and our **BLUE BBHS JUMPER/CARDIGAN**.



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S4-S5 TIE



Uniform for S5

Black BBHS badged blazer **WITH BRAIDING**; white school shirt; black BBHS senior tie; black school trousers or skirt, black shoes and our **BLUE BBHS JUMPER/CARDIGAN**.



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S4-S5 TIE



Uniform for S6

Black BBHS badged blazer **WITH BRAIDING**; white school shirt; our **NEW BLUE BBHS S6 TIE**; black school trousers or skirt, black shoes and our **BLUE BBHS JUMPER/CARDIGAN**.



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S6TIE



Dress Code for PE S1-6

OUR SCHOOL BLUE SPORTS TOP with embroidered school logo for boys and girls, black sports shorts/joggers/Capri pants. We now also have a PE hoody available to purchase **to be worn strictly for PE only**.



Footwear and Clothing Grant 2022/2023

Scottish Government advise families on low incomes may be eligible to receive a Footwear and Clothing Grant award of a minimum payment of £120 for primary aged children and £150 for secondary aged children. However, Stirling Council have agreed to top up the payment to £200 for both primary and secondary children for the academic year 2022/23. You can apply by visiting the link below.

<https://stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/schools/school-meals-uniforms/footwear-clothing-grant-school-meals/>

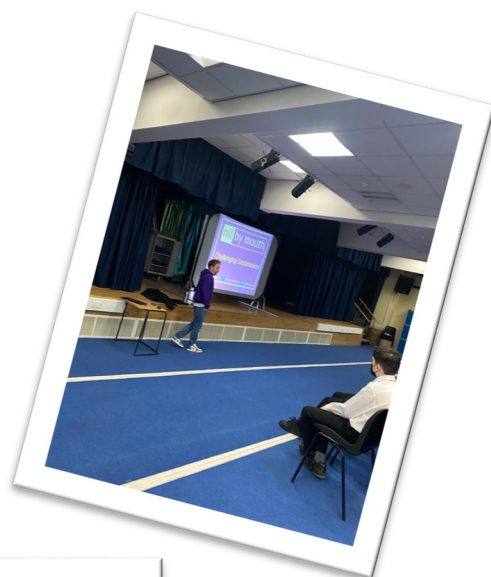
Please note nursery children are not eligible for a Footwear and Clothing Grant. Children who turn 16 on or before 30th September will not be eligible to apply but should apply for Education Maintenance Allowance and Free School Meals.



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Social Subjects—Catastrophes That Changed Our World

Brand new for 2022, Social Subjects delivered their new S1 integrated course 'Catastrophes That Changed Our World' for the first time. It allowed for new links to be made with partners who we would love to invite back, such as Nil By Mouth, who gave an informative, interactive talk on challenging sectarian attitudes in Scotland. We were also visited by a Plague Doctor!



Bannockburn HS meets Blackpool!

On Thursday 16th June, the Maths Department and 160 S3 and S4 pupils travelled down to Blackpool to visit the Pleasure Beach!



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The conduct of our young people was outstanding, from the moment we left until many hours later when we returned, tired but happy. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and we are incredibly proud of every one of them.



ACES Workshop

Pupils studying Art and Design had a workshop on Friday 10th June where senior pupils worked with staff from Edinburgh College of Art and made paper outfits and learned paper construction techniques to help with their N5 and H qualifications this year.



Access to Creative Education in Scotland (ACES) is a Widening Participation project for eligible pupils in years S4-6 who attend a state school in the south east of Scotland. The project is aimed at students interested in studying a visual creative subject such as art, design or architecture at university.

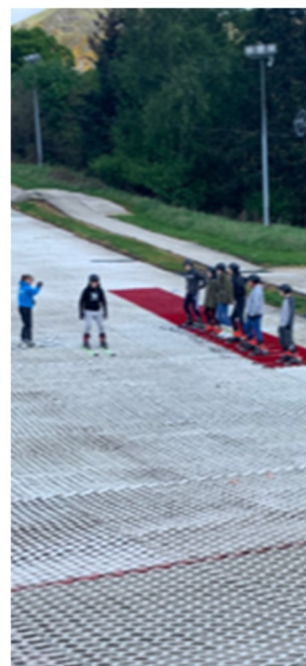


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Youth Participation

Over the last year different groups of young people have participated in various programmes that have allowed them to build many transferrable skills to use both in school and beyond. Here is a just a selection of the many rich activities that go on as part of our wider curriculum.



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SQA Appeals 2022: What you need to know

Appeals 2022 overview

Once you've received your results, if any of your grades don't seem right or you did not perform as well as your school, college or training provider expected, you may be able to appeal.

The appeals service is free, and you will be able to appeal to SQA yourself or through your school, college or training provider from Tuesday 9 August.

Who can appeal?

You can appeal if you feel you underperformed on the day of your exam. You must meet the following criteria:

- Your estimate must be higher than the grade shown on your certificate. For example, if the grade shown on your certificate is a C, your estimate must have been an A or a B.
- Your school, college or training provider must have submitted an estimate to SQA for the subject and level you are appealing.
- You must have taken and/or submitted all SQA coursework and formal assessments, including exams.



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Before you submit an appeal, you should discuss your decision with your teacher, lecturer or another member of staff to determine whether your estimate and alternative assessment evidence can support an appeal. They will be able to advise you if an appeal is in your best interests. However, the final decision is yours.

If you are unsure about any of the information given here, **speak to your Year Head or Mr Somerville** by contacting the school. You might also want to share this information with your parent or carer.

To stay up to date on appeals in 2022, visit www.sqa.org.uk/appeals

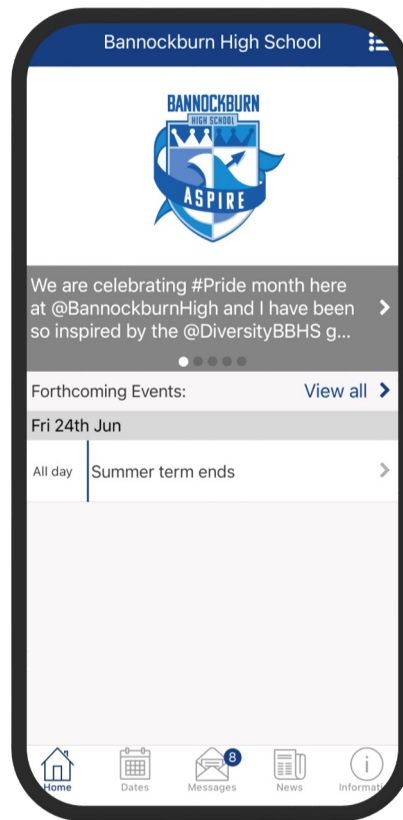
A leaflet entitled SQA Appeals 2022 is available at the following address:

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2022-guidance-for learners.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2022-guidance-for%20learners.pdf)



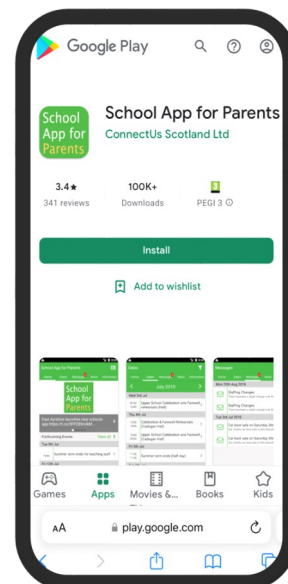
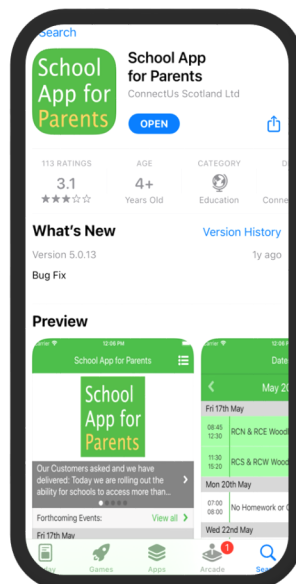
School communication: School App

To improve efficiency in our communication we have a **Bannockburn High School App**. This is available to download on both Apple and Android platforms and is proving to be a powerful communication platform.



How To Download It

Search **School App for Parents** in your chosen platform, download the app, then select **Bannockburn High School**.





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What does it do?

Calendar: A yearly calendar of all school events, keeping you up to date with the information you need, when you need it.

News: Regular news from our school community, giving an insight into the life of a busy and thriving secondary school.

Push notifications: Relevant, important and useful information sent direct to your mobile device to keep you up-to-date with everything you need to know to support your child at Bannockburn High School.

School Information: Static information on all aspects of school life. This section provides quick access to the type of information that parents want: how to contact the school, link to the school handbook and the school website, as well as the digital schoolbag.

End of Term Arrangements

Lunch will be available from 12.30pm this Friday 24 June, for those pupils who wish to purchase it. Young people not wishing to stay for a school lunch may leave school at 12.30pm and need not return. Buses for Plean and Cowie have been booked for 12.45pm.

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