

March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers of S6 pupils,

Last day arrangements for S6 pupils Friday 5 April

I write to seek your help and support. I am sure that you are very aware that the time is fast approaching that your son or daughter, currently in our S6, will be leaving school. Their last day of scheduled classes prior to study leave is Tuesday 23 April.

In a number of schools there is a tradition of pranks and disruption on the last day of S6 before exams. In Drummond we want to say goodbye to our S6 with the good humour and positive relationships that have characterised this year group's career in the school. The purpose of this letter is to ask for your support in ensuring that your child's last few days with us are as successful as the preceding 6 years.

We have organised an S6 leavers' event for the morning of Friday 5th April. This will consist of:

8.32-8.50- registration as usual.

Period 1- breakfast in the staff room with SLT and Pupil Support Leaders and a quiz with PSLs in the Community Lounge.

Period 2- Kelly Ball in PE.

Interval- coffee and shirt signing with staff in the staff room.

11-12.30- pizza in the staffroom. Pupils will remain in this area until dismissal from school by 1pm at the latest.

What we want is for staff and pupils who have achieved so much together to mark, informally, this milestone in the young people's lives. The leaving ceremony will do this more formally on June 11th.

What we do not want is disruption to the normal life of the school- through disruption to teaching, exam preparation, or damage to fabric or facilities. The expected standards of behaviour will be reiterated by Ms Sharp, DHT, and I at the SQA assembly on Monday 1 April.

Please remind your son or daughter that they must not become associated with anything disruptive - we will expect normal standards of behaviour and will deal rigorously with anything that disrupts the normal work of the school.

The local authority has stated it will support headteachers in the application of appropriate sanctions in cases where there is clear evidence of "deliberate or aggressive misbehaviour or serious breaches of school discipline." This statement is in line with the authority's policy on exclusion as outlined in Improving Outcomes for Learners at Risk of Exclusion (June 2014). This may include exclusion from events such as the School Prom, Prizegiving or any school excursions.

I ask that you discuss with your son or daughter how they might approach their last days in Drummond and also ask that you remind them of the importance of keeping themselves safe and not doing anything in the local community which would reflect badly on them or our school.

Full school uniform should be worn until Tuesday 23rd April inclusive and for all exams. On Friday 5th April S6 pupils can wear their leavers' hoodies or school appropriate alternatives.

iPads and signed leaver's forms should be handed into the office by Friday 31 May at the latest.

I am happy to discuss any aspect of this letter with you if you wish to give me a call. In the meantime, I wish all our pupils success in their examinations and I look forward to seeing you and them at the Awards Ceremony on 11 June.

Yours sincerely,

Jodie Hannan
Headteacher