

## Dates for your Diary 2014-2015

Friday	22 May	In Service Day 6
Monday	25 May	Victoria Day
Friday	3 July	End of Summer Term
Monday	17 August	In Service Day 1
Tuesday	18 August	Start of Autumn Term

### *Forthcoming Events*

Friday	29 May	SQA Exams End
Friday	5 June	Sports Day
Tuesday	23 June	Prize Giving (2pm and 7pm)
Tuesday	30 June	Activities Day
Wednesday	1 July	Activities Day

### *Parent Council Meetings 2014-15*

AGM Wednesday 10 June 6.00pm

### PARENT COUNCIL

The office bearers can be contacted via the following email address  
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## Braeview Academy Newsletter

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May 2015

### The School Aims

To achieve the highest results

To be the best that we can be

To narrow the gap

To make the difference



Head Boy – Andrew Swarbrick

Head Girl – Holly McKenna

Dear Parents

In my last note to you, I said that I was looking forward to working with you in achieving the very best for your child as well as better weather in the summer term. I can safely say that we have indeed been very busy working together to support our pupils and in providing the best learning experiences and opportunities, but I'm not so sure about the weather!

As well as the very busy exam period, where pupils have been attending additional targeted study classes as well as sitting their National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher SQA exams, we have also moved into our new timetable for session 2015 – 2016.

We have completed our school Attainment Review and the Annual Standards and Quality report which is available for you. Please let the school know if you would like a copy and we will arrange to get it home to you.

Our newly designed website is almost ready to go live and we will post the Standards & Quality Report on the website, as well as helpful links and information for parents to support learning.

The P7 pupils from our feeder primary schools have made a few visits to Braeview Academy this term in preparation for them starting here in August as our new S1 pupils. We have really enjoyed having them here and getting to know them and are looking forward to welcoming them into S1 in August 2015.

Our pupils have again been busy representing the school in variety of competitions, often winning the event, bringing home trophies, medals, and certificates. We are very proud of them and I am sure you are too.

We have a great deal to look forward to this term, with Sports Day, Activities Days and our Annual Prize giving Ceremonies taking place in June.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs T Little  
Acting Head Teacher

## S1 to S3 Golf Competition

A team of four S1 pupils took part in the Dundee Secondary Schools S1 to S3 Golf competition on Thursday 14 May at the Caird Park 9 hole Golf Course against the other Secondary schools from around Dundee. Kieren Barron, Stefan Fyfe, Stewart Hogan and Ben Lafferty played very well and despite the fact that they were pretty new to playing golf, they won the Team Handicap section and were presented with the David Low Trophy.



## Abertay University Information Project

Twenty one of our third year pupils recently participated in an information project with the University of Abertay Dundee. Now in its seventh year, Supporting Able Pupils is a three-month mentoring scheme run by Abertay that gives school pupils a taste of what life is like at a university.

The pupils work on a project under the guidance of a student mentor, and develop independent research, study and team-working skills in the process. The projects are on topics of the pupils' own choice, and this year the subjects included chemistry, heavy metal music, choreography and dance styles, human organs, the Rwandan genocide and gaming.

During the three-months, the pupils learnt critical thinking skills and were taught how to carry out independent research both by their mentors and by the Abertay librarians.

They also received coaching in presentation skills ahead of an event in March where they had to present their research findings and answer questions about what they had learnt.

The pupils and their families were also invited to an awards ceremony, with certificates being presented to all those who took part.



## Activities Day

*The annual activities days for Braeview Academy are fast approaching. Look out for Mr Laird in Assembly and make sure you make a prompt return of your choices to avoid disappointment. Some activities this year include golf, trip to the cinema for a behind the scenes tour, M&D's – Scotland's best theme park and much much more.*

*Leaflets for choices will be out very soon so keep your eyes peeled!*

## School Uniform

As you know, we are always very proud of the appearance of our pupils in their school uniform and are grateful to all our parents who support us in so many ways. Unfortunately at the moment we seem to have a small number of our girls who are not following the dress code. Could we remind parents of our girls that shorts/skorts and jeans are not permitted even if they are black, and that leggings are permitted but only if they are worn with a skirt.



## Modern Studies

Some of the third years took part in the BBC School News Report BBC News School Report gives 11-16 year-old students in the UK the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience.

Using lesson plans and materials from the BBC website, and with support from BBC staff and partners, students developed their journalistic skills to become School Reporters.

On 19th March the school took part in an annual News Day, simultaneously creating video, audio and text-based news reports, and publishing them on a website, to which the BBC links. The pupils worked very hard to produce the report writing their own material, presenting and operating the camera. They then edited the components into a single programme which can be viewed on the following link.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport/30020769>



Eleven Higher pupils participated in the Revision Conference at Morgan Academy on 24 April 2015. This was to help pupils hone their skills to answer the questions in the new Higher exam on 27 May 2015.

## Duke of Edinburgh

A group of S3 pupils have just completed their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition with SkillForce which saw them navigate Tentsmuir Forest and then camp overnight at Douglas Wood Scout Camp.

SkillForce staff reported back that this group were 'hands down' the best they have ever had in the eight years that they have been doing these expeditions. The group were all very well behaved and excellent ambassadors for the school, no one put even a pinkie toe out of place. They worked well as a group and their camp craft was fantastic. We are confident that they can maintain the high standard they have set for themselves on their qualifying expedition – Well done James McLaren, James MacAuley, Kelvin Gordon, Jay Carroll and Courtney Stewart.



## Note from the Parent Council

The Parent Council are proposing the following amendments to our Constitution which will be adopted at our AGM on 10th June at 6pm to which all Parents/Carers are welcome. Should any Parent or Carer have any objections, please contact [braeview@dundeeparentcouncil.org](mailto:braeview@dundeeparentcouncil.org) or please come along to the AGM.

### Under Membership:

1. Any member of the Parent Forum may volunteer and become a member of the Parent Council. The membership will be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25. Should more than 25 parents volunteer for membership, selection will be made by a method agreed by the majority of the existing Parent Council.

### Amend to

1. Any member of the Parent Forum may volunteer and become a member of the Parent Council. The membership will be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 25. Should more than 25 parents volunteer for membership, selection will be made by a method agreed by the majority of the existing Parent Council.

### Under A.G.M.:

An Annual General Meeting will be held in September each year. A notice of the meeting including the date, time and place will be sent to all members of the Parent Forum at least 2 weeks in advance.

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An Annual General Meeting will be held in **May** each year. A notice of the meeting including the date, time and place will be sent to all members of the Parent Forum at least 2 weeks in advance.

**The proposed Agenda for AGM on 10th June 2015 to be held at the school at 6pm**

Apologies  
Amendments to Constitution  
Chairperson Report  
Treasurers Report  
Voting for Office Bearers  
Head Teachers Report  
Dates for meetings next year  
AOCB

## Braeview Cycling Club

Open to all pupils, to improve cycling skills, technique, learn cycling road safety, how to race and have fun whilst getting fit.

Meet at 3.30pm on a Tuesday, weather permitting.



We currently use the velodrome and mountain biking facilities at Caird Park. Anyone who is interested in improving their cycling, mountain bike skills or even learning to race on the velodrome see Mrs Penny or Mr Barclay.





## Community Safety Project

A group of our S3 pupils has recently completed a course looking into the effects and consequences of getting involved with anti-social behaviour.

This project has been delivered in partnership with our Pupil Support Workers, SACRO, Police Scotland, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Learning and Development Workers and Fire and Rescue Scotland.

The project came to a close with the pupils taking part in the Young Firefighters course at Kingsway East Fire Station.

The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the project and an awareness raising of community safety issues has been addressed.



## National Express Work Experience

National Express Dundee has given one school pupil a taste of working life. As part of Enable Scotland's Stepping Up project, Stephen Hardie, from Braeview spent one day a week at the bus firm's engineering department, lasting six weeks.

Lynn MacDonald, transitions coordinator for charity Enable Scotland, said "Stephen's placement with National Express has been so good for him. I've seen a big improvement in his confidence and his self esteem."



Pictured are engineers Kenny Reid (left) and Frank Sheach, of National Express with Stephen.