## **BANBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

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Principal: Mr A Bell (BA, MA, PQH)

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you at the beginning of the third and final term of this school year. This will be a crucial time for our Senior Pupils in Years 12, 13 and 14 as they complete their end of year assignments and examinations. So we wish them all the very best. Also Year 11 will be doing important modular examinations in May and June.

I would also take this opportunity to remind you of some important forthcoming dates:

- May Bank Holidays, 7<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> May.
- Internal school examinations for Years 8-11 take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 11 Work Experience from  $18^{\text{th}} 22^{\text{nd}}$  June
- Our Junior Prize Giving is on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.
- The last day for pupils will be 29<sup>th</sup> June.

I would also like to remind you that we are having a church service at Scarva Street Presbyterian Church (kindly granted) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 7:30pm to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school.

There is also one vacancy for a parent representative on the newly constituted Board of Governors for 2018-22. A short meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to fill this vacancy. I would encourage you to come to the meeting and play your part as parents/ carers in this aspect of school life. It will be followed by a regular meeting of the Parents' Association, who actively support the work of the school through their fund raising efforts. My thanks to the parents/carers who are already involved in the Parents' Association, and I would encourage others to join with them.

Finally, I would also take the opportunity to remind parents regarding our policy in relation to mobile phones. Mobile phones should be left at home. The school does not accept any responsibility for mobile phones or other peripheral devices which are brought into school and may be damaged or misplaced. If a student uses a mobile phone in school, they will be asked to put it away or subsequently to hand it over to a member of staff and for it to be collected by a parent/guardian. There has been a lot of recent publicity regarding the misuse of mobile phones and we are trying to remove such risks to our pupils while in school. If you need to contact your child, or if school needs to make contact with you, this will be done through the school office. Your on-going support in this matter would be much appreciated.

It would also be a good opportunity just to remind parents/guardians that pupils should be in school at 8:55am. I know that parent/guardians send their children out to school to be in school on time, but again I would appreciate it if you would emphasise this again.

May I once again take the opportunity to thank all our parents/guardians for their continued support, help and co-operation throughout another school year.

Yours sincerely,

A Bell Principal







