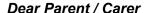
# **Boclair News**

#### December 2018



Welcome to our December edition of Boclair News. It has been a very busy few weeks for our young people and staff as we approach the Christmas holidays. Our Christmas dances, Christmas carol singing events, a variety of trips and our final end of term rewards events, all combine to ensure a successful end of term.

I hope you find the following information helpful and as ever we welcome your comments and new information which we can share in future newsletters.

On behalf of the staff of Boclair Academy I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at one of our many events next year.

**Douglas Brown** Head Teacher

#### **Pupil Leadership**

#### Senior Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations to our Head Boys and Girls on their work so far. Katie and Ben have been outstanding in their roles as Head Girl and Head Boy, and Robyn, Rachel, Craig and Liam have been outstanding Depute Head Girls and Boys. They have helped organise all our school events so far and have made presentations at a number of parental meetings. Thanks for all your hard work so far . . . we are very proud of all of you.



#### **Pupil Council**

Our Pupil Council continues to meet to discuss matters related to the life and work of the school. The council is led by our Head Boys and Head Girls and attended by senior members of staff.

We look forward to hearing about their work as the year progresses.



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#### **Medics Against Violence (MAV)**

Our MAV Programme continues to grow this session and we now have around 90 MAV interns working with Health Care Professionals to deliver safety messages to younger pupils through a peer mentoring programme.

Three of our S6 pupils were also invited to speak at the National MAV Conference in November at the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, where they spoke about their experiences of MAV in Boclair Academy. As ever our pupils represented their school extremely well and feedback from the conference delegates was excellent.





# Inspiring Women in Leadership



We are very excited about the opportunity for our young people to take part in the Inspiring Women in Leadership Programme this session.

This has allowed ten of our young women to work with successful female leaders from across the West of Scotland in a new initiative driven forward by Pauline Scott from Tigers.

We have amazing mentors from across various organisations including Glasgow University, the Scottish Parliament, various industries and charities. Good luck to all the girls involved.



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#### **History - Primary 7 Open Evening**

At our Primary 7 Open Evening Mr Doherty, Principal Teacher of History, discussed some of the Big Historical Questions which pupils tackle at Boclair. Pupils and parents were then invited to vote on these.

See the Questions and ballot results below.

#### **First World War Commemoration**

In 2014 Education Secretary Michael Gove stated his view that the First World War should not be seen as a pointless conflict but as a just war to defeat German aggression. How should the First World War be commemorated in Britain?

As a just war against German aggression Parents 6 Pupils 6 As a pointless conflict which needlessly sacrificed millions of lives. Parents 18 Pupils 12

#### **First World War Protesters**

In 2015 Glasgow Lord Provost Sadie Docherty unveiled a plaque "In Memory of those who opposed-World War One in order to challenge the purpose of war and the waste of lives." Who should be commemorated in Glasgow?

Soldiers	Parents 2	Pupils 1
Anti-war campaigners	Parents 0	Pupils 1
Soldiers and anti-war campaigners	Parents 22	Pupils 21

#### William Wallace

News that a statue of William Wallace is to be moved to Ardrossan has reignited controversy over this famous historical figure. Legend has it that when Wallace captured the castle he threw its English defenders into the cellar and left them to starve to death. Wallace and his men were certainly responsible for war crimes by modern standards. However he faced a brutal enemy in Edward I. How should Wallace be remembered?

As a hero of the fight for Scottish independence Parents 26 Pupils 14 Pupils 10 As a war criminal Parents 2

#### **World War 2 Executions**

In the aftermath of the Second World War leading figures in the Nazi regime were executed after the Nuremberg trials. Some argued this was deserved because of the terrible crimes they had committed. Others argued that executions are never justified Should leading Nazis have been hanged?

Yes	Parents 8	Pupils 8
No	Parents 14	Pupils 14

#### **Bar National Mock Trial Success 2018**



Congratulations to our Bar Mock Trial team this session. Following months of hard work and with the support of our Advocate Mentor from the Faculty of Advocates, Scotland, the team took part in the Scottish Bar Mock Trial Competition on Saturday the 1st December at the High Court in Glasgow.

Captained by Lisa Chestnutt in S6 the team tried and defended two cases during the course of the day. The first case saw an accused facing a charge of an acid attack against another person and the other case involved money laundering. Our team competed strongly against Woodmill High School, The Community School of Auchterarder and Lochgelly High School before reaching the final.





Other teams competing in the event included previous winners Mackie Academy and Hyndland Secondary School and our local rivals Bishopbriggs Academy. The team were ecstatic when it was announced they had reached the final for only the second time in the last six years.

In the final our defence team members were up against a team which had already prosecuted the case of money laundering earlier in the competition. However their preparation, command of the court room etiquette and the stunning performances across all members of the team ensured victory and Boclair Academy left the competition as proud winders and Scottish Champions. The team will soon begin their preparations for the British Final in March which will be held in Edinburgh's High Court. Well done to the team and good luck in March.





### S6 Enterprise and Employability

#### **INTERVIEW TIME!**

S6 students in Enterprise and Employability have been researching a job application over the last few weeks. They have also been researching the most common interview questions and what answers will impress potential employers.



On 13 November each student was given an interview for their chosen position by 2 of our business partners, Paul Sheerin and Chris Allen. Although some students were quite nervous before the interview they all gave a good account of themselves. Well done S6!

### S5/6 Administration and Business: Newcastle Trip

For our Higher Business Management/Administration Trip we visited Newcastle. First we went to Beamish which is a live museum with actors and old fashioned settings.

An educational talk was presented to us about the Marketing and Events Management of Beamish. In the talk it was explained to us how they have kept the business going for several years and the promotions they offer. For example you only need to pay one fee to enter the museum for a whole year. We were also informed about their up-coming plans as they are currently reconstructing an actual 1950s cinema which they will take apart brick by brick from its current location and rebuild on the Beamish site.

After this talk we had time to explore the attractions like the schools and houses and see what life was like throughout the different eras. Old buses and trams were also available for us to go on, just as it would have been in the 1950s. There was also a fairground, mines and a farm that was set up for us to view.

A central point of Beamish was the old fashioned sweet shop which had lots of sweets stacked up on walls and counters which were on offer for us to buy.

After we had finished up at the museum we headed to the enormous Metro Centre in Newcastle which was so big that we needed a map to find our way around. Each section was colour coded to make it easier for us to find out where we were and where we wanted to go. Here we had the freedom to walk around in groups and get something to eat and also shop or relax. At the time when we were there the Christmas decorations were up which were very pretty.

We would highly recommend going to both Beamish and the Metro Centre as we all really enjoyed our day. Jennifer Drennan and Caitie McNeill

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### **Natural High!**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of November our S1 pupils enjoyed seeing David Graham perform his song, 'Natural High' and the pupils were encouraged to use their talents to get a Natural High. Pupils took part in the presentation using their own individual skills to join in with three competitions based on MIND, SPORTS & FAME, proving that a good time can be had without resorting to 'fake highs'. Congratulations to competition winner Orla Hunter from class 1F who came up with the winning slogan.

> "Don't smoke weed, take ecstasy or coke, If you blow all your money, you'll end up broke. Keep your body happy and healthy, So you will have the energy to become wealthy".

# PTA: Assembly Hall Fundraising

A new Justgiving page has been set up to raise funds for lighting in the Assembly Hall.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/boclair-academymusic

Boclair Academy's music department brings so much to the school and put on a fantastic concert in September this year. One of the things that made this year's concert so memorable was the high quality sound and lighting equipment rented out for the event. The school is currently trying to raise funds to buy this equipment, and any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated. The new equipment would enhance the department as a whole and would be beneficial to both our music and music technology students. Both our junior and senior pupils would benefit from a better performing experience and the new technology would greatly help in preparation for exams.

> 6x LED PAR lamps with clamps and safety bonds (£173each) 1x DMX Splitter (£50) Cabling £100 Installation costs by GBR (estimate £200) The star cloth (approximately £800)

Thanks for your generosity!

Written by Lisa Chestnutt John McLeod Ben Lawton & Katie Forbes

### S3 Business Management: Victor Pizza Visit

S3 Business Management pupils visited Victor Pizza to enhance their knowledge of the section in the course called Operations. The visit was extremely informative with first hand practical tasks being carried out by our young people. They saw the process to manufacture pizza - from the ingredients being mixed together to produce the base, right through to the final product being packaged for customers. The visit ended with pupils tasting the pizza they had produced. Many thanks to Victor Pizza for allowing us the privilege of visiting their organisation.













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#### **S4 Achievement**

Our S4 pupils have been working very hard this session and their recent reports show they are making good progress with their studies.

Their attendance at Supported Study has been very good and they have been working hard ahead of their Preliminary Examinations which start on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

They have also successfully completed an SQA accredited First Aid Qualification already this session as part of our school's all through Wider Achievement Programme.

All pupils who attended received a unit award at SCQF Level 6 (equivalent of Higher level) and were praised by their instructors for their contributions, cooperation and effort.

We are so proud of all their work and we wish them well with their studies ahead of their January Prelims.



#### **S6 Blood Donors**

The Blood Transfusion Service Donating Bus made it's annual visit to Boclair Academy on 27th November to allow our S6 students to donate a pint of blood. Many thanks to all S6 students who donated on the day.



## **Higher Business Management: Ibrox Trip**

Higher Business Management Ibrox Trip On Thursday 15 November, 22 Higher Business Management pupils attended a Trip to Rangers Football Club, Ibrox. This trip was a great success with pupils having the opportunity to learn about two of the organisations main business functions: Human Resources and Marketing. This allowed our pupils to be provided with a great deal of first hand information to aid their understanding of the Business Management course. Afterwards our pupils were then lucky enough to tour the stadium taking in the sights of the dressing rooms, trophy room and the opportunity to sit pitch-side in the Manager's chair. This was an excellent learning experience for our pupils and one that they thoroughly enjoyed.











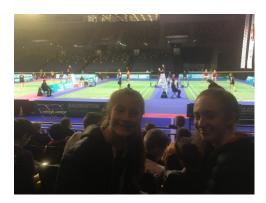


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# P.E. Department: **Badminton Trip – Emirates**

A group of S1-3 pupils got the opportunity to go to the Scottish Open Badminton Championships to watch international badminton players compete and got a taster session playing badminton. All pupils involved enjoyed the full experience and were a credit to the school!







#### Girls Football

The girls football team represented the school at the first EDC festival of the year! The girls won 2 games and drew 3 remaining unbeaten this season.



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#### **Basketball: Active Schools**

A number of S1/2 pupils have been involved in basketball events representing Boclair Academy. They have been placed at the top of the table so far with another two events to be played after Christmas. All pupils involved have thoroughly enjoyed themselves at these events!







#### **Badminton: Active Schools**

A number of S1/2 pupils have been involved in 'friendly' badminton matches against other schools, which we have come out on top each time! In every match, all pupils demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a credit to the school. Well done!!







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# Rugby

The rugby teams have been busy this term with the Boys S1/2 teams, Under 16's, and u15 Girls all playing in our regular West of Scotland festivals. More fixtures to come in the New Year.



Our S1/2 boys numbers have increased so much we had our first intra-school match with the Boclair Badgers edging out the Boclair Bulldogs in a fantastic match last month.



# Staff v Senior Pupils Badminton charity match

The charity badminton match was a great success which involved both staff and senior pupils to help raise a total of £120 for Alzheimer's Scotland. There were an overwhelming number of senior pupils and staff that took part which was great to see to help raise money for a great cause. Well done to all those who competed!





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#### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Bronze





It is now the end of our expedition season and here Katy Caldicott, S3 reflects on her recent Qualifying expedition for her Bronze award:

I took part in my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition at the end of September. As I look back on this experience I really enjoyed it but at the time it didn't always feel like that. I had a mixture of different emotions that ranged from excitement and a great sense of achievement to tiredness

and exhaustion!

Our expedition was in Glen Artney which is between Callander and Comrie. We set off on our first day feeling slightly apprehensive at what lay ahead but also full of hope and anticipation that we would be successful. The first day was thankfully bright and sunny so we made good steady progress. One of our aims was to try out different team roles to see what we were all good at. This also kept us motivated. Our roles were team leader, compass reader, map reader. pace setter, time keeper and motivator. We also sang some songs to keep our spirits up. Our assessor checked in with us a few times and encouraged us to keep going. When we reached the campsite we felt a sense of relief and achievement. We quickly put our tents up, so we could enjoy our hot meal after a long day.



The second day was more of a struggle as we had to get up in the cold at 4:30 in the morning. It



was also a very grey, damp and cold day so it wasn't the easiest or nicest environment to walk in. We were all really tired so we didn't have that much motivation, but we managed to keep ourselves going. As we saw the mini bus at the end we all felt a spur of energy and we were so happy to have made it. We were all very proud of ourselves after what we had accomplished. Over the two days we saw lots of lovely scenery and we even spotted some wildlife such as pheasants and sheep. I would recommend DofE to anyone who wants to accomplish something different that not everyone has the chance to do and to people who want to gain more confidence. I feel that I have gained confidence from this experience and I think the rest of my team would agree.

Duke of Edinburgh is a fabulous wider achievement opportunity open to all S3-6 pupils at Boclair. It can open doors to employment and is highly regarded by colleges and universities. DofE can build confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups. We will be recruiting new award participants in Spring 2019.

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### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver



#### DofE Silver Expedition

I have recently completed my Silver qualifying expedition to Blair Atholl and had a great time! It was harder than the Bronze expedition last year but I love being out in the fresh air.

Despite losing the map (oops!!) we managed to set a good pace and finish the walk in good time. The views were absolutely stunning during the day and at night the sky was so clear we could see all the stars. It was hard work but what we achieved as a team was incredible. I am currently working on my volunteering, physical and skills sections and have learned so much. I recommend DofE to all my friends, there is something in it for everyone. I will definitely be back for DofE Gold next year!

Isla MacNair S4 DofE Silver Participant









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### **Music Department: Fundraising**

SPONSORED HILLWALK 28TH SEPTEMBER On Friday the 28th September a group of pupils, music teachers and instructors participated in a sponsored Singathon hillwalk up Conic Hill to raise funds for our Justgiving fund. We had wonderful weather for the walk, and at close of day 30 November the fund raised £1642! Funds will be spent immediately on new guitars, keyboards and amplifiers resources for all our classrooms before Christmas. Many thanks to all pupils involved and their families for helping to raise such an incredible amount!





#### Music Department: Cultural Evening 6 September 2018

Cultural Evening is a night to celebrate the Actors, Artists & Musicians of Boclair Academy. Postponed due to strike action, the Cultural Evening took place straight after the school holidays. It showcased pupils work from across the Art, Drama & Music Departments. The performance featured several songs from The Greatest Showman performed by our junior and senior vocalists, including 'This is Me', and 'A Million Dreams' accompanied by Orchestra. Remix Orchestra got us dancing with a selection of Pete Tongs Heritage Orchestra classic dance tracks. String Ensemble brought together new s1 string players with the whole school and Soul band paid tribute to the late, great Aretha Franklin with 'Respect'. Dancers contributed massively to each song by showcasing their skills and lighting up the stage. Actors performed in three Grimms fairytales including 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Rapunzel' and 'Hansel & Gretel'. Of course none of this would have been possible without our new, exceptional, state of the art sound system which helps bring our performers to life and enhance their talents.





#### **Music Department: S3 Music Performance**

Dementia Friends Community Project 'Mind That Song'

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November one of our third-year music performance classes went to Bearsden Cross Church to perform a Scottish music programme at the Dementia Friends Drop in café event, 'Mind That Song'. After squeezing in a double bass and a clarsach onto the mini bus (with great difficulty), our biggest group yet, and largest number of singers arrived with ukuleles, guitars, a flute and a cahon to perform. The students have spent the last month preparing the programme and performed with great enthusiasm a varied and most enjoyable set. The music included Charlie is my darling. Ye banks and braes, a Gaelic song that they all learnt by ear, Caledonia, and of course Auld Lang Syne. The highlight of the performance was Mr Rock 'n' Roll by local Scottish contemporary artist, Amy MacDonald.

Our Clarsach player Amy, also had the opportunity to perform a beautiful solo, a quick practise run before her Grade 3 exam next week.

While we were there, the pupils also got the pleasure of seeing the display of knitted poppies trailing down in various parts of the church, for the Remembrance services on the Sunday.



In preparation for our first visit to this group, staff and pupils have been working hard at knitting Dementia Twiddle Muffs for the people that attend the drop in café. Around 21 beautiful twiddlemuffs were handmade for the group and a huge thanks go to all those who contributed such beautiful treasures.



### **Armistice Day 2018**

On the lead up to Remembrance Day a number of events took place in the school that brought the whole of Boclair Academy together to raise money for the Poppy Appeal and to commemorate those who have lost lives in various conflicts. Our theatre of Remembrance event was excellent and our young people worked hard to bring to life the memories of local people who served in the WW1. Young people in S4 visited the battlefields of France and Belgium as part of the annual History Trip and took part in the ceremony and the Menin Gate. Our pupils led a series of Remembrance Assemblies which highlighted the significance of armistice and the need to continue to remember those who have fallen in the many battles throughout history. These assemblies offered young people the opportunity to reflect on those who fought and died to earn us the freedoms we enjoy today. Poppies were on sale at the start of the Assemblies. We also held a one-minute silence across the whole school at 11 am on Friday 9th November as a mark of respect.

We are rightly proud of the contributions made by the young people of Boclair Academy to these Remembrance events and thank all the staff for supporting them in their efforts.



#### Theatre of Remembrance WW1 Drama Project

To mark the centenary of the First World War, Boclair Academy took part in an innovative theatre education project. Together with two theatre education professionals, school staff and EDLC's Archivist, twelve senior pupils created a drama based on letters and diaries written by soldiers and nurses from the local area. Pupils devised and produced the dramatic scenes and designed lighting and sound for the performance.

Among the archive material were letters written by three brothers – John, James and Craig Boyd who lived in Milngavie. Their letters told stories of shrapnel wounds, the death of friends and being taken prisoner. At the end of the performance it was revealed that all three brothers survived the war, returning to live in Milngavie and lived into their eighties. All died within three weeks of each other in 1976.

The performance also included material from the diaries of two young nurses, Kate Jeffrey from Kirkintilloch and Elspeth Graham from Glasgow, which depicted their lives at the front lines and spoke of injuries and deaths that became everyday occurrences

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, together with music provided by the school choir, a poignant beautiful arrangement of Agnus Dei, pupils performed to parents, staff and guests from the local community. The portrayal of real lives, only a few years older than the pupils, was very moving and brought a deeper understanding for all generations, of the hardships endured during the Great War and the desperation felt by their loved ones left behind.

After the performance, a display of WW1 artefacts and information on ancestry and local archives was provided by EDLC. A Vintage Tea was also served and gave everyone present the opportunity to speak to pupils and staff. In particular, Mrs Handley, granddaughter of John Boyd, and her husband, had travelled from Kendal to attend the evening's performance. Mrs Handley spoke to many of the pupils about their performance and was touched to see how much the letters had meant to them. One pupil glowing with pride remarked "I never thought I could do anything like that but, now he had, he knew he could do it again." Mrs Handley said her Grandfather would have been so very proud of them.

The Theatre of Remembrance Drama project has had a positive and lasting impact on the pupils involved; giving each pupil a new perspective on the impact of war in their local area but also raising their confidence in all aspects of their lives.









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### First World War Battlefields Trip

On Thursday 11th October 2018, 26 pupils and 3 members of staff from Boclair Academy set off on their annual trip to the First World War Battlefields, organised by the History Department. There was the usual mixture of excitement and nerves for the youngsters, some of whom were travelling abroad without their parents for the first time.

After the bus journey to Hull and the overnight ferry to Zeebrugge, a short hop took the party to the medieval city of Bruges. A sightseeing trip on the canal allowed everyone to appreciate this beautiful historic city. Afterwards, other sights and chocolate shops were visited. We were blessed with wall to wall sunshine for the duration of our whole trip. The party then crossed over the border into France to spend their first night at their accommodation near the town of St Omer.

The first stop on Saturday was the world's largest French military cemetery of Notre Dame de Lorette. The fiercely proud veterans of the Guard of Honour treat this place as sacred ground. The cemetery is built on a hill to give the optical illusion of graves stretching eternally into the distance. The pupils began to appreciate both scale of the loss and the global nature of the conflict as they looked at the thousand of headstones of Christians, Jews, Muslims and Atheists. Pupils visited the Ring of Remembrance, engraved with the names of 580,000 men who died in this part of France during the war.

Our next stop was deep underground in the city of Arras. Wellington Quarry Museum tells the moving story of the lead up to the Battle of Arras. Pupils and staff were shown around sections of the many kilometres of tunnels dug by the British Army and Dominion Forces - in particular, the New Zealand tunnelers, who lived and worked in the tunnels dug under the city of Arras during the build up to the Allied offensive, the Battle of Arras 1917.



Mining trucks, equipment, food containers, glass bottles and personal items were many of the features highlighted by our guide but most captivating were the numerous drawings and 'graffiti' on the walls. At the end of the guided tour pupils passed Exit Number 10, one of the exits from the tunnels which the troops took to climb up to the Front Line positions and start attacking enemy lines at 5.30 am on 9th April . Many hundreds of soldiers would never return.

#### First World War Battlefields Trip, continued

The next stop was at a place which for many has come to symbolise all the horrors of the First World War. The Somme is synonymous with the mud, the slaughter, the callous disregard with which the Generals treated soldiers, the stubborn failure of the military leadership to change tactics in the face of a bloodbath. The first day of the battle, July 1st 1916 remains the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army - 60,000 casualties sustained in a few hours. The group were given a guided tour at Beaumont Hamel and filled everyone with admiration for the brave men of Newfoundland who fought here.

Close by, the largest memorial to the missing at Thiepval dominates the landscape and many of the pupils had the names of family connections to seek out on its imposing walls. The day was rounded off with a visit to Lochnagar crater, where a mine was detonated under the German lines. Its size demonstrates the huge destructive power which explosives were put to during the conflict.

The evenings provided the opportunity for reflection but also for relaxation and pupils could choose from football, pool and table tennis. Everyone seemed to have fun and enjoy the company of friends, a privilege which was denied to so many because of the conflict. Sunday saw the Boclair party cross the border back into Belgium. The town of Poperinge provided the tour's most poignant moment as a visit was paid to the cells where soldiers condemned to die by their own side spent their last evening. At Poperinge New Military cemetery, we paid respects at the graves of some of these men who had been executed. We also paid a visit to the grave of Horatio Strickland of Torrance on the 101st anniversary of his

Later in the day, visits to Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world for any war and Langemark German Cemetery allowed pupils and staff to pay their respects and contemplate the different ways in which each country commemorate their war dead.

A whirlwind tour of Ypres and purchases at the best chocolate shop in town almost concluded our dav.

At 8pm, pupils and staff attended the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. This simple but moving ceremony honours British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the battles to defend Ypres. 55,000 names of the missing are inscribed on the walls. Every evening since July 1928 apart from the German occupation in World War 11, volunteer buglers assemble under the Menin Gate to sound the Last Post. Marcus William, Mark Russell and Rebecca McKinlay proudly laid a wreath on behalf of Boclair Academy.

By Tuesday afternoon, the Boclair party were home. They were free to enjoy the last few days of the October break and perhaps to be a little more appreciative of the simple things in life.



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#### **New School Ties**

Over the course of Session 2017/2018 our Pupil Council worked with the school captains on designing new ties for the Junior and Senior School. These ties are now on sale and over the next three years the older versions of the ties will be phased out.





Please note that new ties can purchased from the school office at any time over the next few weeks. New blazers can be ordered online from Academy Uniforms.

#### **School Uniform**

Thank you for all your support with school uniform this session. The vast majority of our young people are setting high standards and they have been looking fantastic over the last few weeks. As you know school uniform must be worn every day by all pupils.

School Uniform consists of:

School blazer

White blouse or shirt

Black jumper or cardigan

School tie

Black trousers or skirt



Please note that hooded tops, coloured tops, leggings and jeans are not part of the school uniform. Over the next few weeks we will be working with the young people and families on this important area of school life and we would ask for your continued support in ensuring young people dress appropriately for school every day.

### Twitter @BoclairAcademy



Boclair Academy is on twitter. With almost 1000 followers this is a terrific way to share good practice within the classroom, wider school life and to promote the fantastic work of our pupils and staff. Follow @BoclairAcademy for daily news and updates.

Please note that pupil photos will be used occasionally to showcase good work. If you would not like your child's photo on twitter for educational purposes then please contact your child's Guidance Teacher.

#### Absence Reporting Line

Can we please remind parents/carers that absences can be reported between 7.00 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. in the morning by calling the Absence Line on 0141 955 2361. After 8.30 a.m., please report any absences by phoning the School Office on 0141 955 2358.

### **School Drop Off**

Can we please remind parents and carers not to drive into the school grounds and car park area to drop off or collect pupils?

### Finally - some dates for your diary....

Monday 7 January	School opens at 8.50 am	
14 - 25 January	S4/S5/S6 Prelim Diet	
Thursday 24 January	HPV Vaccinations	
11, 12 and 13 February	Mid-term holiday	
Wednesday 13 February	In-service (staff only)	

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