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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to you all after our Christmas holidays, which seem quite a long time ago. I am pleased to report we have all our senior pupils back to school following our prelim examinations and they are now focused on preparing for their final assignments and exams over the next few weeks. In the junior school S2 and S3 will soon be undertaking course choice activities as they look ahead to next session. Our S1 pupils have made a terrific start back after the holidays and continue to excel as a year group.

While we continue to be a busy school, with a range of activities always underway, I wanted to draw your attention to two important matters.

Firstly, we have met once again with the architects for the new school and plans are beginning to take shape. Following this meeting, the architects will now arrange a time for the Pupil Council, the Parent Council and school staff to consider the emerging plans in more detail. At that point each stakeholder group will have the opportunity to make recommended changes before a further draft is created which will more closely resemble the final plans. The planning team from East Dunbartonshire Council are confident we are on track to meet the original timescale of delivering the new school by July 2021. I look forward to inviting you in in the near future to look over the plans and provide feedback. I am pleased to report that at first glance the plan incorporates the original feedback from parents during the wide-ranging survey carried out in August this session.

Secondly, I am delighted to inform you that Education Scotland will visit the school in February to inspect at the work of our school, our staff and our young people. I remain proud of all the various achievements of the school over the last six years, where our attainment and our achievement have continued to improve year on year and where our young people all move on to positive and sustained destinations when they leave at the end of their six years here. The staff and young people are preparing to show off their school and outline the exciting future plans to further improve the life and work of Boclair Academy. Similar to the new building survey from earlier in the year, you will shortly receive an email inviting you to complete a short survey to help Education Scotland understand the parent view of Boclair and I hope you will take some time to support us in sharing the life and work of the school.

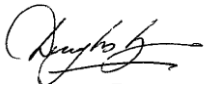
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In order to help better inform you of both of the above areas of school life my Senior Leadership Team will be available to discuss this with you during family learning drop in sessions on either Monday afternoon between 2 and 3 pm or Monday evening between 6 and 7 pm. You are very welcome to join us at either or both sessions.

Finally, I thank you for your continued support of the school. As always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education please contact myself or a member of your child's year group team.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events at some point over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Brown
Head Teacher