



S6 NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

In many ways, it is hard to believe that our current S6 group are coming towards the end of their formal education at Dumfries High School. It seems no time since they came through our front doors in August 2017 as fresh-faced youngsters about to embark upon their secondary school journey.

There is no doubt that they have achieved great things within their time at Dumfries High School. I also firmly believe that they will continue to go on and achieve great things in the next chapter of their young lives.

Please note a few details which will be of interest as your child is about to leave Dumfries High School.

Leaving Ceremony

To mark the end of their time at Dumfries High School, S6 pupils will have the opportunity to attend a leaving ceremony on the afternoon of **Friday 21 April**. This event will take place between 2.15pm and 3.15pm in the main hall. We would also like to invite parents/carers along to this event.

There will also be an opportunity for some short speeches and the presentation of leavers certificates to all S6 pupils. I would ask, that for one last time, all S6 pupils attend this event in full school uniform as we will have a photographer on hand to take some pictures and capture some memories of the afternoon.

Hoodies

A significant number of our current S6 cohort have purchased Leavers Hoodies in a variety of colours and with a range of 'interesting' names on the back. Orders have been processed and we are currently awaiting delivery. Any outstanding payments must be made to the main office as soon as possible.

'Pre-Loved' School Blazers

Given the current circumstances, there are likely to be a number of our families facing increased financial hardship and we hope to be able to assist those in such a position by offering pupils the opportunity to wear a previously worn or 'pre-loved' school blazer.

Now that your child's school career is coming to an end, I would ask any parents/carers if you would be willing to assist in this endeavour by donating their previously worn school blazer. All blazers will be fully laundered before being issued to another pupil.

Blazers can be handed in at the main office any time from Monday 5 June. Should you and your child be in a position to help it would be greatly appreciated. As a gesture of goodwill, we will pay £5 in return for each blazer which is donated.

S6 Group Photograph

Details below relate to the S6 year group photograph which was taken recently. This would be a lovely memento our S6 pupil's to look back in years to come.

Please visit www.martinmcaephoto.com

If you have any further problems please contact Martin McNae in the first instance.

Senior Prom – Friday 23 June 2023

The S6 Prom will be held at Hetland Hall on Friday 23 June. Arrival should be at 6.30pm with the evening ending at midnight.

The ticket price for each person will be £45. This price will include the following: red carpet on arrival, drinks and canapes on arrival, three-course meal, tea and coffee, linen tablecloths, private area for photoshoot, LED Dancefloor and a DJ for the Evening.

Tickets must be paid for no later than **Friday 28 April**. Payment can be made at the main school office or directly into the DHS bank account using the following details:

Bank of Scotland
Dumfries High School Fund
80-11-60
06054458 (Please ensure you put your full name as a reference)

The Prom committee and I will continue to arrange details for this evening so we can all come together and celebrate the end of your time at Dumfries High School. In the meantime, please ensure payments are made as quickly as possible.

SQA Assessments 2023

During recent weeks, pupils and staff at Dumfries High School have been incredibly busy generating assessment evidence to create estimate grades to submit to SQA for pupils in the senior phase who are undertaking National Qualifications this year. Results for pupils will be issued on **Tuesday 8 August**.

Study leave for the vast majority of pupils in S4/5/6 will begin on **Tuesday 2 May**. Pupils who are sitting exams before this date, will be given two extra days to prepare for, and sit, these exams:

Subject	Level	Dates
PE	Higher	Friday 21 April Monday 24 April
Geography	N5 & Higher	Monday 24 April Tuesday 25 April
Administration & IT	N5 & Higher	Tuesday 25 April Wednesday 26 April
Biology Human Biology	N5, Higher & AH Higher	Wednesday 26 April Thursday 27 April
Spanish	N5	Thursday 27 April Friday 28 April

Leavers Forms

Ms Kilmurry will communicate with all S6 pupils and request that completed leaver forms are returned to her thereafter. Leaver forms will be emailed directly to S6 pupils on Wednesday 31 May. They should then be completed and emailed back no later than the following Friday 9 June. Completed forms help to indicate the destination of all pupils to ensure everyone is moving towards a positive destination whether that be University, College, employment or training.

Any pupil who is unsure about their next step after school should get in touch to allow us to discuss options with them. Alternatively, pupils and parents/carers can contact our Skills Development Scotland (SDS) Career Coach Zoe Knox to discuss options: zoe.knox@sds.co.uk

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our S6 Leavers on everything they have achieved during their time at Dumfries High School. I hope that each and every pupil can look back at their time throughout the last six years with a sense of pride, fulfilment and enjoyment.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to express our very best wishes to everyone as you move on to your next chapter; grab every opportunity that comes your way and go on and do fantastic things with your life.

Good luck, take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.