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Our Learning *Our Opportunities* *Our Responsibility*

20 December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you once again for the support of the whole Dunfermline High School community as we continue to promote our shared school values of **Ambition, Respect and Commitment.**

I hope that you will be able to enjoy a good Christmas holiday period and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Thursday 4 January 2024.

I have attached a table of some key dates for next term. It is our intention to hold short House assemblies for most year groups within a week of our return to share general expectations for the New Year and to check uniforms are in line with our agreed School Dress Code.

It has been a very busy term with our S4 pupils completing their prelims and our S5/6 pupils preparing for their diet of exams in January. There have also been a lot of activities and achievements to celebrate and we will try to capture as much as we can within our newsletter

Charities Support and Christmas Assemblies

After a few weeks of encouraging support for the Mission Christmas Appeal, our Charites Group helped to load the van with the very generous donations from the Dunfermline High School community on Friday. We are very proud of every member of our school community who was involved in any way.

The additional theme of our Christmas assemblies last week was charity. Some senior pupils shared details of how our school community has taken ***Our Responsibility*** to support various worthy causes including 241kgs of food and £250 for Dunfermline Foodbank earlier this term.

Money raised from our Dress Down Day at the end of term will go to Maggie's Cancer Charity and the hospice in Kirkcaldy. More fundraising is planned for these causes and this has been decided partly in memory of Tracy McAlpine, our former Kitchen Supervisor.

Christmas Concert

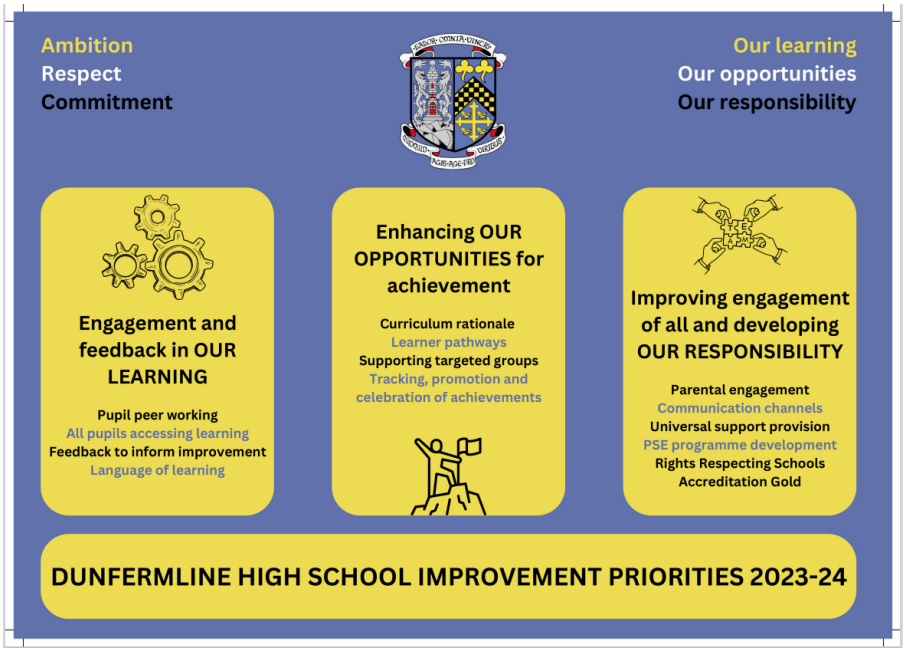
Many thanks to our Expressive Arts Faculty and pupils for our excellent Christmas Concert on Monday 4 December. We were treated to music and drama performances that left the audience in a much more festive mood.

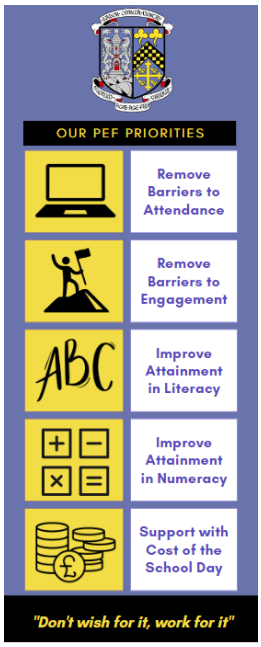
SIP Priority 3: **Improving Engagement of All and Developing *Our Responsibility***
Rights Respecting Schools Accreditation Gold (RRSA Gold)

As part of our School Improvement Plan Priority 3, our school has been working towards achieving **RRSA Gold**. The pace of this work is starting to pick up with significant input from our **Pupil Empowerment Teams** and staff groups including assemblies and staff INSET Day training. Faculties have been trying to incorporate UNCRC rights into their lessons.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you have a great Christmas.

Iain Yuile





Key dates

Wednesday 20 December 2023	Last day of term
Thursday 4 January 2024	Return to school
Thursday 11 January 2024	S5/6 Prelims begin
Thursday 18 January 2024	S2 Learner Pathways Parents' Info Evening
Tuesday 23 January 2024	S2 Parents' Evening
Monday 29 January 2024	S4/5 Learner Pathways Parents' Info Evening
Wednesday 14 February 2024	INSET staff training day (pupil holiday)
Thursday 15 and Friday 16 February 2024	Holidays
Wednesday 21 February	S3 Parents' Evening
Monday 4 March 2024	Parent Information Session
Thursday 28 March 2024	Last day of term
Monday 15 April 2024	Return to school
Monday 22 April 2024	SQA Exam Diet Starts