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Our Learning *Our Opportunities* *Our Responsibility*

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Dear parent/carer,

We have a lot of very positive news to share from term 3 and this is available in more detail in the newsletter. I hope that you are able to enjoy some time off over the next couple of weeks. Dunfermline High School re-opens fully on Monday 17 April.

A calendar of key dates is included at the end of this letter.

Sporting Success

Our pupils have enjoyed success in many different ways over the last term. *Our U15 girls, U14 boys and U18 boys have all reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup for school football*. *Niamh Mitchell, European Boxing Champion, has won the Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Personality of the Year with Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics double gold medallist, Darcie Black, also nominated*. *Harris Mackie is also the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics 200m champion.*

We have also achieved a great deal of success in Netball with our *S3 pupils winning the Fife Plate and Shield*. They also *won the Fife League final* just last night with a very impressive victory. Our *S2 netball team won the Plate Competition* at the Fife tournament.

It has been very encouraging to see more opportunities in rugby being offered thanks to the support of staff volunteers and the SRU.

We are very hopeful that our application to be a *Gold School of Sport* will be successful to recognise the extensive range of opportunities offered by staff and pupils and our growing links with local clubs. This is part of work in promoting our school values – *Our learning, Our opportunities, Our responsibility.*

SQA Attainment Supported by Improving Monitoring and Tracking

We are continuing to work hard to ensure as many pupils as possible maximise their SQA Literacy and Numeracy qualifications and we are optimistic that our ever-improving monitoring and tracking procedures have allowed us to surpass our already very good levels from recent years.

The same procedures are providing us with better information to offer supports and interventions for our pupils to achieve the best SQA qualifications that they are capable of. I am very grateful to my colleagues for offering an extensive study support timetable during the holidays and very encouraged by the level of uptake from our senior pupils.

Concession Time Study Leave for S4, S5 and S6 Pupils

Study leave for S4, S5 and S6 pupils begins on Monday 24 April with the diet of exams starting on this day. Friday 21 April will therefore be the last day that S4-6 pupils will follow their full timetable. Additional exam support is provided for pupils through timetabled masterclasses and this information has been shared by Mrs Ferguson. Some of our S4 pupils will also be contacted to attend during concession time to obtain further qualifications.

The last day of concession time is Wednesday 31 May with our S4 and S5 pupils all returning on Thursday 1 June for Induction Days and more details of this will be shared after Easter.

First Day of Easter Holidays	Friday 31 March
Return from Easter Holidays	Monday 17 April
Concession Time Study Leave Starts for S4, S5 and S6	Monday 24 April
School Holiday	Monday 1 May
School Holiday (Coronation)	Monday 8 May
S4 and S5 Pupils Return from Study Leave	Thursday 1 June
School Holiday	Monday 5 June
INSET Training Day (Pupil Holiday)	Tuesday 6 June
New Timetable Scheduled to Start	Wednesday 7 June

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you enjoy a great holiday period.

Yours faithfully

Iain Yuile