

Largs Academy Newsletter FEBRUARY 2024



Welcome to our February Newsletter...

Pupil and Parent Voice

Throughout February, we will be gathering the views of our parents, carers and pupils in order to evaluate our strengths as a school and continue to plan for future improvements.

In Registration, pupils have been completing a short survey on our school's vision, values and key priorities.

We would really appreciate if our parents and carers could do the same by clicking on the link sent with this newsletter or by following the QR code below:





Scottish Youth Parliament

We are delighted that S5 pupil - Adam Johnson - has been elected as a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Adam wants to thank all of the pupils who supported him in voting and feels his successful election is "both a privilege and shows how diverse our community is".

School Trip to Sestriere



80 pupils and 8 staff are just back from a fabulous week of skiing and snowboarding in Northern Italy. This was our first ski trip in over four years and our staff were blown away by the behaviour and efforts of our young people and so impressed by the progress they made by the end of the week. Skating, cinema, bowling and games also featured in the evening activities and parents and carers should be very proud with how our young people represented themselves and the school during the trip.



Spotlight on... Attendance

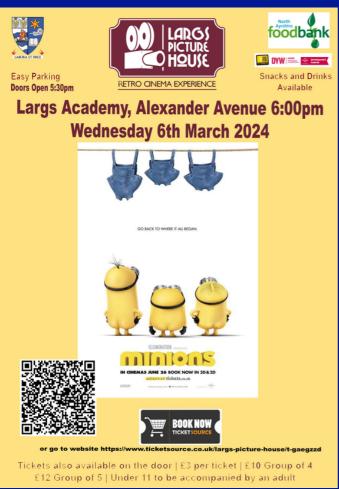
Locally, nationally and internationally the subject of school attendance - particularly since the pandemic - is a common topic of discussion. Like most schools in the country, our average school attendance is not at the levels we were used to back in 2019. Our average pupil is missing a day of school every fortnight - this adds up to about a full month off school every year!

As a school we understand that young people may become unwell or significant family events may lead to young people missing school from time to time. However, school is the place that helps young people with both their socialisation and with future qualifications, and frequent absence can have a serious impact on young people in a host of different ways.

If you are struggling to get your child(ren) to school, please get in touch and let us know. Equally, please use your judgement when your child(ren) is requesting time off school due to illness and contact the school if you feel that they may be avoiding school.

We love seeing our young people and want to see more of them! Please support the school by promoting good attendance patterns that will both help them in their teenage years and set them up for life after school at college, university or in the world of work.





<u>Key Dates - February</u>

February 7th:

Kaleidoscope Expressive Arts Showcase (6pm-8:30pm at Largs Academy)

February 8th:

Careers Fayre (parents and carers can attend from 3pm-4pm)

February 8th:

S2 Options Information Evening (6:30pm-7:30pm on Teams)

February 8th:

S5/6 Tracking Reports with prelim marks

February 9th, 12th and 13th:

February Long Weekend and Staff Inservice Day

February 15th:

S4 and S5 Options Information Evening (6:30pm-7:30pm on Teams)

February 21st:

Young Musician of the Year Final (Saltcoats Town Hall at 7pm)

February 22nd:

S4-S6 Parent Meeting (3:30pm-5:30pm on parent-booking.com)

February 27th:

Parent Council (5:30pm-6:30pm at Largs Academy)