



18th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I have said it before and I will say it again; Our Academy is a vibrant school with a bright future! It has been a brilliant start to the year and I am so proud of what our students and teachers have achieved this term. We are very much moving forward together in a positive direction together to ensure all our young people thrive and flourish in their school life experiences.

My staff are working extremely hard to build positive relationships and ensure all our students receive a good education and are fully engaged in their learning and are happy and enjoy school. This was very noticeable in our recent winter examinations week when it was clearly evident students wanted to fully engage and perform well in their exams and were so motivated to achieve good grades. Our young people are very talented and they all have certain talents and abilities in abundance which make them all unique and special! Just look at our 'Hall of Fame' and Facebook posts on the school website and you will see what I mean. It was also a great pleasure to be part of such a fantastic Prize Night and present over 100 students with well-deserved awards.

When I walk the school and interact with students I am always so pleased with how well presented, respectful, polite, friendly and courteous they are with me, my colleagues, their peers and our visitors. We will always do our best to teach all our young people the difference between wrong and right and instill the qualities of respect, tolerance, responsibility, charity, and kindness. We do this through our weekly assemblies, form periods and by setting high expectations of behavior in all that we do in school.

I know there is a fresh wave of belief in Breda and we are focused on moving forward in building a future of positivity and trust. I have held meetings with and given tours to Education Representatives, local politicians and lots of local Primary School Principals who have never been inside Breda before and they have all unanimously praised the school and our students and left having had an extremely positive experience.

As part of our exciting journey we recently held the most wonderful 'Breda Bonanza' day for 500 P7 students from 12 local Primary Schools to give them an exciting and rewarding experience of Breda Academy. It was such a joy to see them all so excited, enthusiastic and engaged in the lessons and activities. We also held our first annual Primary Schools Quiz and this year's champions are Finaghy, with Braniel in second and Cairnshill in third place. I will also continue my promotion of Breda Academy by visiting all our Primary Feeder schools in the new year to speak with parents from these communities and show them Breda is a good school to send your child to and they will do well as proven by our excellent examination results in the summer.

I would also like to say thank you if you supported our charity work so far as since September we have now raised over £2000 for great causes. Working in partnership and with your continued support our school will only go from strength to strength and I very much look forward to a successful New Year.

I wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and enjoyable Christmas period.

My very best wishes and merry Christmas

Mr P Perry
Principal

