

Cluster Parent Forum

A series of information evenings, one for each cluster will be held in September. These meetings will be held at each Secondary School.

If you cannot attend your cluster event, and find it more convenient to attend another event please feel free to do so.

Baldrigon Academy	Tuesday 1 September 2009
Braeview Academy	Thursday 3 September 2009
Craigie High	Tuesday 8 September 2009
Grove Academy	Tuesday 15 September 2009
Harris Academy	Thursday 17 September 2009
Menzieshill High	Monday 21 September 2009
Morgan Academy	Tuesday 22 September 2009
St John's High	Thursday 24 September 2009
St Paul's Academy	Tuesday 29 September 2009

All meetings start at 7pm and will last no longer than 1 hour 30 minutes.

Parents can keep up to date with what is happening with Curriculum for Excellence by logging onto:

www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk

Curriculum for Excellence What it means for our school.

Scotland is currently pursuing its biggest education reform for a generation. It aims to provide:

- more freedom for teachers
- greater choice and opportunity for pupils
- a single coherent curriculum for all children and young people aged 3-18.

In MHS we believe this should be a gradual process where changes brought about by Curriculum for Excellence should lead to:

- Improved quality of learning and teaching;
- Increased attainment and achievement;
- Meet the needs of all our young people.

including those who need additional support in their learning.

Parents have told us that they like to receive information about their child's education from the school. So it is important to keep parents informed about Curriculum for Excellence.

Communicating with parents

The development of the new curriculum has young people's interests at its centre is a major piece of work and putting Curriculum for Excellence into practice is a continuing process which will take several years. We intend to use our website to allow parents to keep you up to date with progress in our school.

<http://menzieshill.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk/>

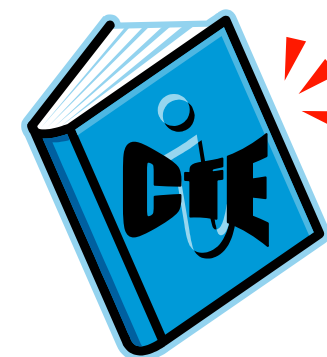
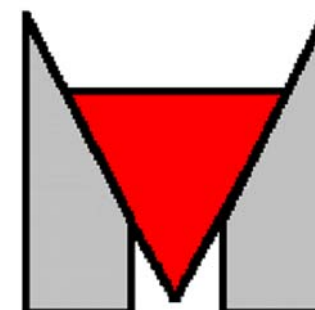
Working with parents

We have an active Parent Council and regularly involve parents in forum meetings - the last one was on Health and Wellbeing. Again, if you want to find out more, visit our website.

George Laidlaw, Headteacher

Curriculum for Excellence

A Guide for Parents



Curriculum for Excellence?

What is Curriculum for Excellence?

It is a significant reform of the Scottish Education system designed to provide a more flexible curriculum that aims to develop the four capacities in all learners between the ages of 3–18 wherever they are learning.

Dundee City Council wants all learners to become:

successful learners
confident individuals
responsible citizens
effective contributors

What does this mean for my Child?

To ensure that all pupils become all that they can be Dundee City Council wants each child in the city to experience a broad general education from age 3 to the end of S3 that will include:-

- more active and interactive learning
 - more cross-subject learning
 - more opportunities to learn about the things that interest them
 - more learning that is relevant to the constantly changing world.
 - sustained focus on the development of literacy and numeracy skills
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- ❖ all teachers across all schools, early years, primary and secondary, will work to improve, enhance and extend literacy and numeracy skills
 - ❖ all teachers will support the development of skills for learning, life and work

- Personal support for pupils will include:-
 - ❖ reviewing learning and planning their next steps
 - ❖ learning that meets their needs
 - ❖ recognition of all of their achievements in school and out of school
 - ❖ dealing with times of change and transition
- Learning at senior stages S4-S6 that will include:-
 - ❖ development of their individual potential as an opportunity to prepare for adult life
 - ❖ extension of their interests and abilities and recognition of their achievement and attainment.
 - ❖ study for qualifications at a time and level best suited to their ability including opportunities to study at an advanced level if appropriate.

In addition to these aims Dundee City Council is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young people

Curriculum for Excellence and the new levels of learning

Children and young people's learning between the ages of 3 - 18 years will be organised into five different levels.

These are:

Early Level

- ❖ The pre-school years and P1 or later for some

First Level

- ❖ To the end of P4, but earlier for some

Second Level

- ❖ To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some

Third and fourth levels

- ❖ S1 to S3, but earlier for some

Senior Stage

- ❖ S4 to S6 and college or other means of study

What does this mean for parents and carers?

- ❖ Schools will remain what they always have been for children and young people, a good place to learn with a focus on the individual learner
- ❖ Teachers will continue to assess pupils' progress and report back to parents and carers
- ❖ As Curriculum for Excellence develops, Dundee City Council is committed to keeping parents and carers up to date with information and involving them in supporting young peoples' learning at school and at home.