

# Selkirk High School

Values in Action



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for all you have done over this period of lockdown to help keep learning going at home and for the support you have given the school. As lockdown eases, I hope you are able to enjoy some special times in the days and weeks to come.

Communications regarding the arrangements for the new term in August will continue to come from SBC for all schools- but I can say we have been working very hard and feel very positive about our offer at SHS should circumstances change and prevent a resumption of normality.

The Summer Assembly is now available to all year groups S1 to S6 on Teams.

I take the opportunity in the Assembly to thank all students for the sacrifices they have made over the lockdown period. In presenting students and staff with a specially commissioned VIA (Values In Action) Award, I wish to recognise the sacrifices they have made to keep the vulnerable safe. I also hope the award may provide a reminder of what we may have learned from this experience about what is really important in life.

I think your children are amazing- every one of them- and consider it the greatest of privileges to be part of their journey. I have permission to include an unaltered quote below from one of our students whose journey, he won't mind me saying, is truly remarkable and reminds us all at the school of the meaningfulness and responsibility of our role in the community.

*...thanks for being by my side helping me through the days that trouble me. each day when I look up in the night sky I'll lock my eye on a star and I'll wish for us to be back at school and some time everything will be back to normal. I'll keep My eyes locked and imagine hearing laughs, sounds of people playing down the banking just outside the music department and the sound of pencils where people work hard in every classroom. I can't believe I'm writing this but I mean every word...*

I continue to urge our students to be alert and stay safe and, on behalf of all staff at the school, I wish you all a wonderful holiday.

With gratitude and admiration to all our families,

Jamie Bryson

