

# Selkirk High School

Values in Action



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Every Friday, I have the privilege of visiting classes in order to award praise postcards and celebrate the success of students. As I went from class to class today, delivering an end of term message of thanks, I was reminded again of what a fantastic team of students and staff and families we have at Selkirk High School.

A great deal has been asked of everyone since the return to school in August. Many sacrifices have been made to ensure the safety of everyone in the community. Almost without exception our students have understood this and done everything asked of them with respect and responsibility and I am very proud of them.

Beyond the October Holiday our focus will remain very much on Safety and we will continue to adapt, amend and plan as required.

Although much is missing from pupils' experience of school at the moment in terms of extra curricular activity, we are delighted that School of Rugby has begun so positively and we look forward to launching a range of House competitions, leadership opportunities for all year groups and the return of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

And learning in the classroom continues apace. It's great to see the return of practical experiences and staff are leading the way across the Borders and beyond with digital innovation. Following announcements from the SQA, teachers are reacting quickly to ensure that all students have the opportunities, whatever happens over the coming months, to gain recognition for their progress and ability.

Arrangements are underway to ensure progress and next steps are communicated effectively to all S1-S6 families, starting with S1 shortly after the October break. In the meantime, all families are invited to get in touch without hesitation if they have any concerns.

At the heart of everything we seek to do at Selkirk High School lies our Values in Action ethos. If we are able to put our values into action in all we do- as teachers as well as pupils and in class, corridor and in our wider lives – then the children of this community can do pretty much anything, such is their unique and wonderful potential.

As ever, I am so grateful for the support and understanding of all our families. As Headteacher I am blessed indeed to be part of this community team.

With best wishes for the holiday,  
Jamie Bryson

