

June 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE DAY AT THE JAMES YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL**

You will be aware of the major refurbishment project which has already taken place at the school over the past year; we are delighted with the results so far. Over the summer break, a substantial programme of building work is scheduled to take place, involving 10 departments as well as our Autism Resource. This final phase will see the project largely completed.

The scale and nature of the work over the summer break will mean that a substantial part of the school building, involving mainly practical subjects, will not be available until the very start of the new term. Further work will be required after that to set the departments up again and equip them for student use. **Given the organisation involved, it will be necessary to restrict the number of pupils returning to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

**I have sought approval from the local authority, and the Scottish Government for an exceptional closure of the school on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009 for all students in the new S2 to S4 and those attending the Autism Resource: current Primary 7 students and the new S5 & S6 will attend as normal.**

The phased return will provide an opportunity for practical departments to be organised and ready to receive S2 – S4 students on 19<sup>th</sup> August, and will allow senior pupils to have a positive role in introducing younger children to the upgraded and extended school building on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the phased return to school of your children, but hope that the steps I have taken will see the school return to normal operation much quicker than would otherwise be possible.

I should also mention that the car park at the school will be closed completely during the holidays to allow for reconfiguration and resurfacing. The school will therefore be inaccessible to visitors until week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Yours sincerely

**C.A.Horne**  
Head Teacher