

Session 2011-12 Some Improvements

- Implementation of new S2 CfE courses
- Development of new S3 CfE courses
- New House Councils, House Assemblies
- New uniform (in response to survey)

Wider Achievements

Participation by pupils in extra-curricular sports such as football, basketball, netball, golf, badminton, volleyball, mountain biking, skiing, rugby, orienteering, sailing, rock climbing. Individuals and teams gained success at regional and national level.

A range of other extra curricular opportunities such as debating, public speaking, a wide variety of music groups to suit all talents, Amnesty International, chess, drama club, science club, Scripture Union, photography, reading group, creative writing and languages club.

The S2 Enterprise Project led to some very creative Scottish dishes being served in Banchory. Pupils benefitted from participation in a Mock Trial, Young Enterprise and a range of creative writing and photography competitions. Once again S5 pupils made considerable contributions to local charities through the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. Pupils went on trips to London, Spain, Italy, Ireland, France and Alaska. They went all over Scotland to take part in adventure activities, conservation activities and to Cross Scotland under their own steam. These were all fantastic learning experiences.

The above is just a sample. See the website and newsletters for further details

Improvement Plans for Session 2012-13

Here are some of the areas we have selected for improvement during Session 12-13. Full details are available in the improvement Plan document.

- Curriculum – developing new National 4 and National 5 courses for S4 in Session 2013-14
- Continue to focus on maintaining and improving our very good examination results
- Implement new Pupil Leadership Structure to improve the ‘pupil voice’
- Improve consistency in learning and teaching through new policy
- Introduce new S3 CfE profile
- Review homework provision in S1/2 (in response to parental survey)
- Survey parents on year group specific issues at each parents evening
- Continue our very extensive programme of ‘learning beyond the classroom’

Sheila Di Maio
Rector - September 2012



Banchory Academy

Self Evaluation and Improvement Report
Summary

2011 – 12

At Banchory Academy, “learner and staff interactions are very positive and respectful, and there is a real sense that learning is at the heart of the school.”

Introduction from the Rector

Each year, schools judge the progress made against national standards set by Education Scotland in a document called 'How Good is our School?'

At Banchory Academy, information to make judgements on our progress is gathered from a wide range of sources, including examination data, pupil destination data, feedback from parents, pupils, teachers, members of the wider community. This data informs our annually published document, the Self Evaluation statement and Improvement Plan. Copies of our full 2012-2013 Improvement Plan are available from the Academy Reception. To request a copy please telephone the school. Copies of this leaflet are available on the school website at:

www.banchoryacademy.co.uk

This parent/carer leaflet provides a summary of information held in our full 2011-2012 Improvement Plan report. It provides;

- our self-evaluation judgements against national standards
- information on last year's progress in implementing improvements
- information on this year's plans
- details of achievements gained in our school and community

I hope that you enjoy reading about our achievements, progress and future plans for improvement at Banchory Academy

How Does Banchory Academy self-evaluate progress?

"How Good is our School" uses a number of statements grouped under key Quality Indicators (QIs) to assist schools in evaluating their level of provision. These statements of quality level, Key QIs and our self-evaluation judgements are listed below.

HGIOS3 uses six levels to help self-evaluate progress. These are;

Level Definition Description

Level 6	Excellent	Excellent or outstanding
Level 5	Very good	Major strengths
Level 4	Good	Important strengths with some areas for improvement
Level 3	Adequate	Strengths just outweigh weaknesses
Level 2	Weak	Important weaknesses
Level 1	Unsatisfactory	Major weaknesses

Banchory Academy Self Evaluation 2011-12

Quality Indicator	Level
Improvements in Performance	5
Learners' Experiences	5
The Curriculum	5
Meeting Learning Needs	5
Improvement through Self Evaluation	4

Examinations Results August 2012

Measures in S4	Banchory %	A'shire %
5 or more Credit Passes	68%	39%
5 or more General Passes	91%	82%
5 or more Foundation Passes	96%	93%
Measures in S5		
5 or more Higher Passes	33%	13%
3 or more Higher Passes	53%	29%
1 or more Higher passes	71%	47%
Measures in S6		
5 or more Higher Passes	57%	27%
3 or more Higher Passes	70%	38%
1 or more Advanced Higher	40%	19%