



Head Teacher Update

20th September 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have now completed week five of the 2022/23 term. Apologies for the delay in getting these updates out to you. The last two Fridays have been impacted by the period of national mourning, and as you know we paused our social media updates as a mark of respect.

Here are some of the activities that have been going on in school over the past few weeks:

- Our captains and S5/6 prefects have settled into their new roles (and duties). Collectively they are adding a great deal to our school community as they support corridor supervision and work with younger pupils. They are also looking brilliant in full school uniform and are wonderful role models to their peers.
- S1 continue to get to know us, becoming part of our school community. Settling in interviews will take place with all S1 learners week beginning 27th September.
- All pupils should now have finalised timetables. If there are any ongoing issues, parents/carers should contact their child's pastoral teacher.
- At the end of August, we were successful in our application to become a Vision School. This is an award for schools who are carrying out significant work around Holocaust Education. Special thanks to Miss McGinley and Miss Smith (RE) who have been the lead teachers. We are the second school in Renfrewshire to hold this award, and a group from the school will receive the award at a special function at Holyrood!
- On Monday 5th September we held our first parent council meeting of the session. It was a very productive meeting with a lot of agenda items covered, and we also had a brief presentation on SQA results.
- On Friday 10th September we welcomed the Glasgow Science Centre into school. They worked with each of the S1 pupils on some really impressive experiments. A great time was had by all.
- Before the summer holidays some of our young people entered a writing competition. They had to write a story inspired by 'Twisted Tales 2022 - A Different Voice', in no more than 100 words. Congratulations to Niamh and Suzie whose stories have been chosen to be published in a book of the same title, and a copy of it be placed in the National Archives of the British Library.
- Approx. 50+ S6 pupils were taken to the UCAS (university) exhibition at the SECC on Tuesday morning. They came back full of enthusiasm for their

future pathways. They were also immaculate in their uniform and conduct and compared very favourably to youngsters from schools all across Scotland. Well done everyone!

- Our senior information evening takes place on Tuesday 20th September. If your child is in S4-S6, this is an event you don't want to miss! The sign-up link has been texted out to the 'main contact' on our Seemis system, allowing you to choose the workshops you want to attend. Please note that it is an in-person event, and we look forward to seeing you at 6pm on Tuesday evening (and your child will be warmly welcomed too).
- Miss McGinley has been working on our extra-curricular programme for 2022/23 and this should be with parents very soon.
- Finally, in the next couple of days our 2022/23 school improvement plan and 'standards and qualities' report will be uploaded onto our school website. You may recall that we sent you a survey in June to capture your views and opinions about school priorities. We also invited parents and carers to attend an in-person drop-in event. We have taken your views into account, and our plan has been approved by Head of Service, Tracy McGillivray.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Senior info evening, Tuesday 20th September

September weekend is 23rd and 26th of September.

Week beginning 27th September is S1 settling in interviews AND Maths week

OCTOBER

Tempest photos are 3rd October for S1 and S3

Week beginning 3rd October is dyslexia awareness week

Week beginning 10th October is S4 assessment week

Week beginning 17th October is the October week holiday

Monday 24th October is an in-service day and pupils should not attend

Tuesday 25th October is S5/6 assessment week

School careers week Mon 31 Oct – Friday 4 November

With best wishes to you and your family,

Lynne Hollywood

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Head Teacher

If you need to contact us, please call 0300 300 1331 and ask to speak to your child's pastoral teacher:

	PASTORAL PT	DEPUTE HEAD TEACHER
ARRAN	Mr Rainey	Mrs O'Malley
IONA	Miss Docherty	Ms Cole
MULL	Miss McFadden (acting)	Mrs Davidson (acting)
SKYE	Mr Kennedy	Ms Price (acting)