



Head Teacher Update

Monday 27th February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here is the news for week beginning Monday 20th February 2023:

1. Parent Council took place on Monday evening. Myself and Ms Price met with the group and the main focus was the recent curriculum consultation and proposed options forms for S2 – S5. Over the next few days all Parent Council documentation will be placed on our website. There you can access all previous PC minutes and HT reports.
2. On Tuesday we welcomed Graeme Armstrong, author of 'The Young Team', to visit a selected group of seniors as part of the Renfrewshire Book Festival. I had heard Graeme speak before and knew the pupils were in for a treat, and he was superb. Now 31, he spoke to the young people about his life in Coatbridge as a gang member and drug addict, and how he managed throughout this to get some Highers, including English, and go to Stirling University. He's inspirational and the pupils were an excellent audience. They all received a signed copy of his book.
3. On Wednesday we welcomed Onatti Theatre Group to the school. They performed a 2-person show, mainly in French, to an audience of over 350 - P7 from all seven of our associated primary schools, in addition to our own S1. A well organised event by Miss Gallacher and the Modern Languages team, with great support from both Primary and JHS staff.
4. The S5 Young Enterprise group completed their Strathclyde University business exam on Wednesday afternoon. I fully expect to see familiar JHS faces on the Apprentice in years to come.
5. Well done to the Music team for getting all the pupils through their SQA Music practical exams this week. The team informed me that the pupils seemed to have performed well; this will set them up for their theory exam in May.
6. And finally, this week we celebrated Purple Friday, and as a school community we actively demonstrated - again - our allyship with the LGBTQ+ community.

Coming up next week...

1. School will be closed to pupils on Tuesday and Wednesday this week due to industrial action.
2. On Thursday 2nd March P6&7, the Music Dept are taking a number of pupils out to perform at the Music Matters Conference in Johnstone Town Hall as part of the Youth Music Initiative 20-year anniversary.

3. Thursday 2nd March is PHOTO DAY! This is the one with the big S6 photo and senior individual photos. Mrs Davidson will send out more information on this.
4. Thursday is World Book day and English are leading an online event for P7 pupils.
5. Higher PE pupils will be off timetable on Friday for their SQA practical performance assessment.
6. On Sunday 5th March the Young Enterprise pupils will be selling at the Craft Fayre at the Kilbarchan Guide Centre from 1-4pm.
7. 6th March is Scottish Apprenticeship week and pupils will learn more about this in lessons.
8. Options interviews start week beginning 6th March.
9. S1 Parents' Evening is 4.30 – 7pm on Thursday 9th March.

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:

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