



VIEWFORTH HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

October 2021



## Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome to Viewforth High School's Autumn Newsletter. I'm delighted to share a selection of our many successes and achievements as well as wider curricular activities that have taken place this term.

I'm sure you'll agree that the following pages demonstrate the hard work and commitment of our staff and partners and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them.

As ever, I am incredibly proud of our young people.

They have continued to display remarkable resilience and are continuing to adhere to the health and safety mitigations in place to keep us all safe.

Viewforth is a very caring community and our House

Captains have been working hard to promote charitable donations as we move towards the October holidays.





# HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME CONTINUED



## Parents/Carers

Viewforth is dependent upon the support of parents and carers in working with us to promote and maintain our high standards of behaviour, attendance, punctuality and school uniform; all of which help us to create a positive environment for learning and achievement. VHS is a school to be proud of and we want our public image to reflect the values staff and parents promote. Your ongoing support is very much needed and appreciated, thank you.

Many of our pupils achieve in lots of ways that are not connected to the school. If your child achieves something that we as a school can recognise and celebrate, please let us know.

## Staffing

This session we welcomed the following staff:

Michelle Armstrong	Chemistry (probationer)
Yvonne Arnold	Department of Additional Support (maternity leave cover)
Anita Cameron	Attendance Co-ordinator
Rebecca Dillon	English (probationer)
Louise Harris	Home Economics (probationer)
Claire Kacar	Modern Languages (probationer)
Rachael McDonald	Active Schools Co-ordinator
Jasmine Mackillop	Maths (probationer)
Katie Macmillan	Physical Education (probationer)
Louise MacMorris	Principal Teacher Curriculum (English, Drama & Modern Languages)
Rhona Rees	Biology (probationer)
Victoria Stewart	Modern Studies (probationer)
Jemma Veale	Geography (probationer)

At the beginning of next term we look forward to welcoming:

Nicola Budge	Home Economics (returning from mat leave)
Euan Connelly	Family Support Worker
Leona Fernie	Pupil Support Assistant
Joanna Kendall	English
Amber Paterson	Pupil Support Assistant
Stuart Clark	Technician
Ian Urquhart	Pupil Support Teacher

We also bid a fond farewell to:

Melanie Banks	CDT
Nadiya Fleming	English
Lee George	Technician
Jackie Meek	Family Support Worker
David Weir	Pupil Support Assistant

I would like to wish all pupils, parents, carers, partners and staff a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. Take care, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Lisa Moore  
Head Teacher





# KEY DATES



Wednesday 27th October	Senior Phase Parents' Evening 1 (S4-S6) 4.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 2nd November	Senior Phase Parents' Evening 2 (S4-S6) 4.30pm – 7pm
Monday 8th November	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 18th November	Virtual Primary 7 Evening (Time TBC)
Monday 6th December	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 9th December	S1 Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7pm
Monday 24th January	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 26th January	S2 Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 1st February	S3 Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 24th February	Senior Phase Follow Up Parents' Evening (S4-S6)
Monday 7th March	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 25th April	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 13th June	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm



# FOODBANK DONATIONS



On Friday 8th October we had a dress down day in aid of the Kirkcaldy Foodbank. Pupils are asked to donate an item of food or a monetary donation of £1 in exchange for not wearing their school uniform.

Our House competitions for session 2021-22 are well underway and pupils have already participated in a maths challenge, poetry competition, inter-house sports and are currently donating items to the Kirkcaldy Foodbank. It's great to see everyone getting involved to earn points for their House group.



We are totally overwhelmed by the generosity of the VHS school community. At lunchtime, we delivered just shy of 2000 items to the Kirkcaldy Foodbank along with a cheque for £318.75.

This is an incredible achievement and I'd like to thank you all for supporting this great cause.

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# RECOGNISING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

## Rebecca Renwick, S4

Rebecca is flying high in the world of golf. During the summer, girls from all over Scotland participated in a variety of golf competitions, organised by The Stephen Gallacher Foundation. The top 12 girls were invited to Dunbar for a play-off competition and Rebecca achieved a position called The Run to Dunbar. Last week she represented Fife County at Kilspindie Golf Club in the Cuthbertson Cup and the weekend before she won the under 16s East of Scotland Girl's Autumn Meeting.

We are all very proud of your achievements Rebecca, well done!



## Gus Stevenson, S4

Gus has been selected to be a part of the Fife Schools U15s football team.

Over 70 players participated in trials to be part of the squad with only 18 being selected.

Gus becomes the first Viewforth pupil to represent the Fife squad for 5 years.

Congratulations, we wish you all the best in the upcoming games.



## Tamarah Howesgo, S3

Tamarah has been awarded "Young Person of the Year" by Fife Gingerbread. This was due to her hard work, personal progression, dedication and compassion. Tamarah has been a part of a youth forum encouraging the community to listen to young people's voices and applied for £3,000 of funding to design a wellbeing room for young people to go to when they are having a tough day. We are so proud of Tamarah, and she deserves to be recognized for the multiple outstanding achievements!





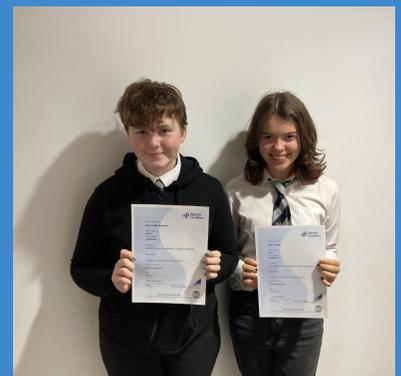
# SPORT & DANCE LEADERS 20/21



Viewforth High School had 36 pupils complete a variety of Sports and Dance Leaders qualifications last session. The Sports Leaders courses achieved were at SCQF Level 4, 5 and 6 levels while the Dance Leaders all gained a SCQF Level 5 qualification.

This achievement is all the more remarkable because a lot of the work the pupils submitted was completed remotely and involved them taking more responsibility than usual for their own learning. The coaching undertaken by these pupils was also of a very good standard and they had to develop their skills quickly due to the amount of time spent away from school last session due to the pandemic.

Congratulations to all those who completed these courses a lot of hard work and determination effort went into achieving these awards.





# ACTIVE SCHOOLS

This term has seen the return of extra-curricular sports clubs at Viewforth. Pupils have had opportunities to attend a variety of activities including Football, Netball, Dance, Yoga, Table Tennis Basketball and Lacrosse during lunch breaks and after-school. These clubs have been led by members of staff and senior sports leaders, and across the term over 90 pupils have attended activities on offer. Over term 2 we hope to add further clubs and see even more pupils getting involved!

### Extra Curricular Sport Activities

After-School



#### Netball

**Games Hall** • 3.15pm-4.10pm

**S1 Tuesday** Miss MacMillan

**S4-6 Wednesday** Mrs Kerr / Mrs Taylor

**Sign-Up Required**

#### Dance

**Gym Hall Games Hall** • 3.15pm-4.10pm

**S3/4 Monday** Miss MacMillan / Miss Donald

**S1 Thursday** Miss MacMillan / Miss Donald

**S2 Thursday** Miss MacMillan / Miss Donald

**Sign-Up Required**  
\*Sessions will take place in separate year groups on a rotation

#### Football

**Astro** • 3.15pm-4.10pm

**S4-6 Tuesday** Mr Wilson

**S1 Wednesday** Mr Learmonth

**Sign-Up Required**

**How to sign up:**

- Scan the → QR code with the camera on your phone, or collect a paper sign-up form from the PE base
- Complete online form with parent/carer
- Get along to the club!



**Limited spaces!**




### Extra Curricular Sport Activities

Lunchtime



#### Basketball

**Games Hall** • 1.10pm-1.35pm

**S3 Tuesday** Sports Leaders

**S1 Wednesday** Sports Leaders

**S2 Thursday** Sports Leaders

**No Sign-Up Required**

#### Yoga

**Gym Hall** • 1.10pm-1.40pm

**S2 Tuesday** Miss Stewart

**No Sign-Up Required**

#### Table Tennis

**Gym Hall** • 1.10pm-1.35pm

**S3 Monday** Sports Leaders

**No Sign-Up Required**

#### Lacrosse

**Astro** • 1.10pm-1.40pm

**S3 Friday** Mrs Morrison

**No Sign-Up Required**

**Limited spaces!**




### Extra Curricular Activities

Viewforth High School



#### LGBTQ+

**S1.13** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1-6 Monday**

#### Makaton & Music

Come along and learn British Sign Language through music and songs

**S1.13** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1-6 Wednesday**

#### Geography Club

**B1.02** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1-6 Monday**

#### Chess

**B2.03** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1-6 Wednesday**

#### Chill Out Zone

A chance to get help with homework and watch films

**S1.07** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1-3 Tuesday**

#### Into Film Club

**S1.10** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1-3 Friday**

#### Guitar & Ukulele

**Music Department** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S2 Thursday**

#### Keyboard & Glockenspiel

**Music Department** • 12.55pm-1.40pm

**S1 Friday**

**Limited spaces!**




Over the summer holidays, Active Schools hosted their annual Young Ambassador training day, which took place in 5 different venues across Fife. The Young Ambassador programme allows young people to drive change in sport & physical activity in schools and the local community through:

- Delivery and organisation of extra-curricular sport
- Creating competitive school sport opportunities
- Supporting the development of other leadership opportunities
- Celebrating pupil achievements in sport & physical activity

- Young Leaders** ★
- Young Ambassadors** ★
- Platinum Ambassadors** ★
- Cluster Sport Stars** ★
- Fife Sport Stars** ★



**YOUNG LEADERSHIP PATHWAY**

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**LEADERSHIP IN SPORT**

### FIFE YOUNG AMBASSADOR DAY 2021



COVEN



Kirstyaly Was learning about the plan do review process



AND THAT'S A WRAP

#YADAY2021



Staying active during lunch



#YADAY2021



# HOME ECONOMICS



## NPA Bakery

Well done to Miss Harris and Miss Devine's NPA Bakery classes who have been making fantastic progress while developing their knowledge and skills in the kitchen. We have covered powdered goods being used as ingredients and have made some wonderful goods including sausage plaits and apple turnovers. Well done everyone we can't wait to move on and start making bread, pastry and cakes.



## Practical Cookery

Our Practical Cookery students have been getting to grips with food preparation techniques and processes this term. We have developed our knife skills and learnt new ways to prepare and cook food. The students have created some fabulous dishes including Keema Curry, Sweet & Sour, Quiche and Berry Towers. Well done everyone.

## Department of Additional Support

Our pupils have been attending Home Economics each week and have been developing their skills in the kitchen by making a variety of foods such as Coleslaw, Macaroni Cheese, Soda Bread Rolls and Butterfly Cakes. S2 and S3 pupils recently made Croissants to celebrate International Day of Languages.



## Croissants





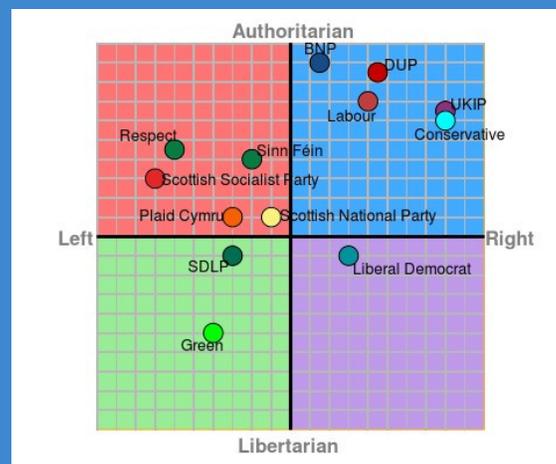
# MODERN STUDIES



The Modern Studies department launched a new S3 course in Criminology this term. Pupils taking the course are developing their understanding of crime and the criminal justice system, as well as learning to think like a criminal investigator. They have been working collaboratively to develop theories to account for various complex criminal cases, and next term will be going on to learn more about how to analyse crime scenes. White suits and blue gloves at the ready for CSI Kirkcaldy!



Pupils in Higher Politics have been learning about different ideologies, as part of their Political Theory unit, and have recently all taken the Political Compass test, to help clarify their own political leanings ([www.politicalcompass.org](http://www.politicalcompass.org)). The results were very interesting and showed that we have a wide range of political viewpoints in the class – which makes for some healthy (and occasionally a tad heated!) debates. We're keeping our eyes peeled for the next Gordon Brown, Ruth Davidson or Nicola Sturgeon...





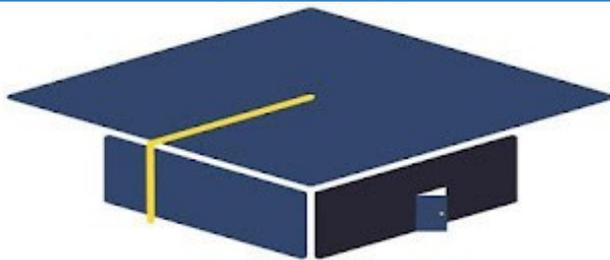
# FIRST CHANCES



We have welcomed some new third year pupils to the First Chances Programme at Viewforth. They have had initial meetings with staff from St Andrews University and Fife College and are beginning to think about their famous Fifer research project. Unfortunately, we have not been able to make it along to sessions in person but pupils have been very engaged with the TEAMS sessions and hopefully will be proud of their finished projects due for completion early next year.



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Viewforth is now using ClickView. It is used by over 4,000 schools and colleges, and is an online video platform providing access to thousands of videos and educational resources for all subjects, in a safe and secure environment. The videos are a fantastic resource for you to use at home to revise a topic, help with research projects, or to approach discussions and understanding around student wellbeing. You can access ClickView anywhere, at any time. Type [www.clickview.co.uk](http://www.clickview.co.uk) into your browser, download the free app for iPad or iPhone in the Apple Store or the Android app via Google Play. Simply sign in using your child's school login credentials.

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Global Celebrations: Chinese New Year

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Chinese New Year is full of fireworks, the colour red, and delicious food – but how did this celebration

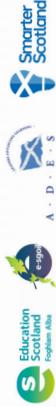
# Study Support

TIME	SUBJECT	LEVEL
5PM	English	Advanced Higher
5PM	Physics	National 5
5PM	RMPS	Higher
6PM	Maths	National 5
6PM	RMPS	National 5
6PM	Physics	Higher
6PM	Engineering Science	Higher
6PM	Physics	Advanced Higher
6PM	Human Biology	Higher
7PM	PE	Higher
7PM	Biology	Higher
7PM	Computing Science	Higher
7PM	Biology	Advanced Higher
7PM	Computing Science	National 5
7PM	Biology	National 5
5PM	Maths	National 4
5PM	Geography	National 5
5PM	Music	National 5
6PM	Spanish	Higher
6PM	Maths	Advanced Higher
6PM	Business Management	Higher
6PM	Art	National 5
6PM	Music	Higher
7PM	English	National 5
7PM	Design and Manufacture	Higher
7PM	History	Higher
7PM	French	Higher

TIME	COURSE	LEVEL
5PM	Graphic Communication	Higher
5PM	Geography	Higher
5PM	Applications of Maths	National 5
6PM	Modern Studies	Higher
6PM	Gaidhlig	Higher
6PM	Maths	Higher
6PM	English	National 4
7PM	Gaidhlig	National 5
7PM	Design and Manufacture	National 5/Higher

TIME	COURSE	LEVEL
5PM	PE	National 5
5PM	English	Higher
6PM	Chemistry	Higher
6PM	Chemistry	Advanced Higher
7PM	History	National 5
7PM	Chemistry	National 5
7PM	Health and Food Technology	National 5/Higher

National e-Learning Offer



# STUDY SUPPORT



Please see the online Study Support offered by E-SGOIL.

The Viewforth Study Support Programme will begin early in the new term, more details to follow.



# MODERN LANGUAGES



What a busy first term it has been in the Modern Languages Department. We are delighted to introduce our Language Ambassadors who will help promote languages across the school and beyond. We are so thrilled to welcome them as part of our team.

Mrs MacMorris's S2 class have been researching a French town and then presenting their findings to the rest of the class. Fantastic work S2.



Miss Kacar's lucky s3 French class have had the opportunity to make crepes during the week of European Languages. They were simply magnifique.



S3 Spanish have proved that their knowledge of Spanish culture is exceptional- ¡Bien trabajo mis alumnos!



Mrs Zia and Miss Kacar's Higher class have been lip syncing to Ratatouille & Le festin. Nos élèves sont super.

I cannot wait to update you in the next newsletter on what has been happening in the busy world of Modern Languages.

Follow us on Twitter - @ViewforthML

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We created a link with a French school for pupils to write to a French pen pal.



All pupils have helped create a Languages of the World tree using their hand prints. Excellent work !



# ENGLISH



The English Department are excited to be taking part in National Poetry Day.

This year it is being held on 7th October and is based around the theme of "choices".

Students will be looking at poems on "choices" by Caleb Femi and Miko Berry (our very own Scottish European Slam Poetry Champion) and they will then be coming up with their own poems on this theme.



We are looking forward to seeing lots of amazing poems from our students (from all year groups) and there are house points galore to be won! We will be announcing the winners in due course and hopefully sharing the work of some of our talented poets!

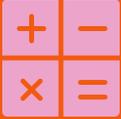


This year's National Poetry Day theme is all about:



Points to be won for your House in each Year group

Get creating your **CHOICES** poem and hand into your English teacher!



# MATHEMATICS



As part of maths week, registration classes were asked to take part in our annual maths week quiz. The maths department are so proud of all the budding mathematicians and loved hearing all the great discussions between pupils.

The overall winning house was MacGregor with a massive 182 out of a possible 200.



- 1st Place - 1M1
- 2nd Place - 4C2
- 3rd Place - 2M1

**Scottish Maths Week 2021: 27<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Registration Class:**

Which is smaller: $\frac{3}{5}$ or $\frac{11}{20}$ ?	
A film starts at 18:20 and finishes at 21:15. How long does it last?	
Write 23:23 in 12 hour time.	
What is the area of a square that is 6 cm long?	
Write down an even number less than 25 which is a multiple of 7.	
If $b = 4$ .	
Find the value of $20 - 3b$	
Solve $4x - 2 = 8$	
Write down the factors of 37.	
$40 + (20 \div 4) \times 3 =$	
A pencil costs £0.11 How much would 1000 pencils cost?	

“There are 7 D in a W” stands for “There are 7 DAYS in a WEEK”.  
What do the missing letters stand for in the following phrases.

There are 12 M in a Y	M Y
There are 1000 G in a KG	G KG
366 D in a LY	D LY
1760 Y in a M	Y M
60 S in M	S M

**Tie-Breaker:** How many days older is Mr Higgins than Mrs McLeod?



# DYW - DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE

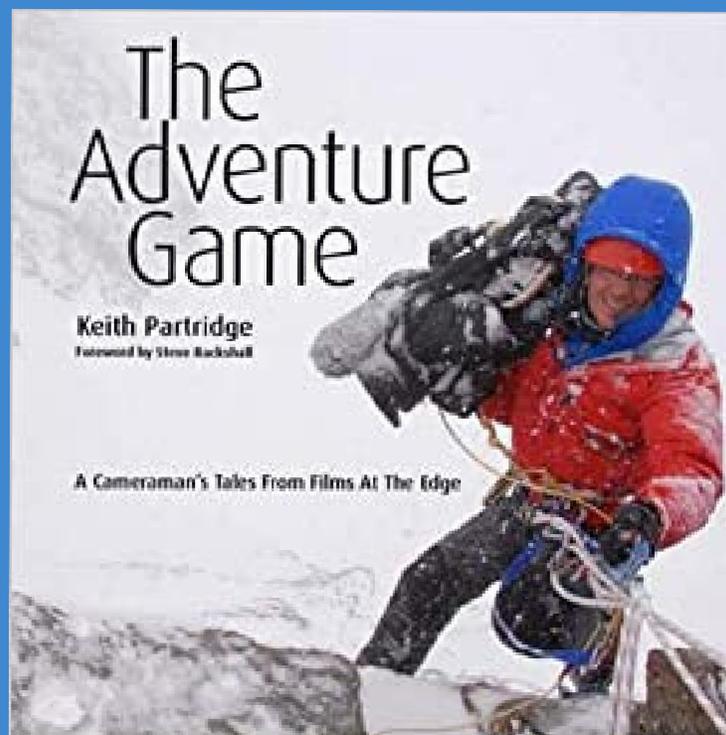


DYW and the Art department held an event called “The Adventure Games”, which was an industry talk delivered by Emmy award-winning cinematographer Keith Partridge. This was lead by Fife Council’s, Culture of Enterprise initiative, which was targeted at young people with a keen interest in expressive arts and media. The aim was to inspire our young people to think about a career in Digital Arts and learn life lessons from the experienced Keith Partridge that they can take with them into their own sustained positive destinations after Viewforth High School.

A direct quote from one of our young people about the event was that they had learned:

***“You need to push past your comfort zone in order to achieve your dreams.”***

There is no stopping our pupils at VHS reaching their potential after this inspiring talk.

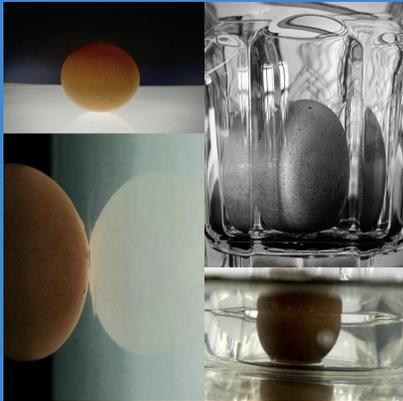




# ART & DESIGN



The Art and Design department received funding from the Scottish Attainment Challenge which enabled the department to purchase 5 new digital SLR cameras. The Art department currently offer Higher photography in S5/6 and this is the second year we have the NPA photography course at senior level. By having the additional cameras, it has allowed all pupils to have access to equipment to produce some fantastic photographs and we are looking forward to experimenting with them more throughout the year.



The Art, Design and Photography department are looking to build on their network of local creatives and expand on our creative learning offerings at VHS. We would love to hear from anyone working in any area of Art, Design and Craft that might be able to offer help in the form of a talk, workshop or work-based placement for pupils that are looking to follow a career in the creative industries.

If you could contact  
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we look forward to hearing from you!



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