

Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 13th March 2023

HT Update



On Friday of last week many of our S5 students participated in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) final, presenting on behalf of their chosen charities. YPI has been designed to provide secondary school pupils with a hands-on, reality based experience through a strong academic philanthropy course which gives them the skills to assess the needs of the their community and make grants to grassroots, community-based charities meeting those needs. YPI promotes a sense of responsibility, respect and a commitment to building compassionate communities.

The charities that our S5 students were supporting included Home Start, Express Group, Andy's Man Club, STAND and Curly Star. The presentations were of an incredibly high standard and after much deliberation the judges voted in favour of STAND, which was led by Mitchell Foy, Euan Fenton and Hannah Gilmour. These winning S5 pupils presented a cheque for £3,000 to their chosen charity - well done to all involved.

Today we look forward to welcoming staff from Scotland's Rural College, who have kindly offered to come into school to work with a group of S3, S4 and S5 pupils who are interested in a career in animal care.

Study Support



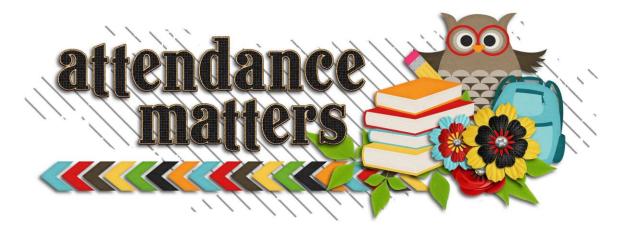
As we approach the final SQA exams which begin in April, we are continuing to provide a range of supported study sessions in school. You can find the most up to date timetable on our school website, please encourage your child to attend the sessions related to their courses. If you have any questions regarding study support, please contact Ms Greig, DHT, via the school office. Ms Greig is working to finalise the Easter Study Support timetable which will be shared later this week.

Prom Wardrobe



The Prom for our S6 school leavers is scheduled to take place on Friday 2nd June. As always, we are mindful of the cost of the school day and understand that events like these can be challenging for families. We are keen to support all S6 leavers to attend this event and to feel fully included. As a support to families, we are creating a Prom Wardrobe which we hope will include a range of dresses, suits, shirts, shoes and accessories that pupils can borrow at no cost. If you, your family, friends or neighbours have items in a good condition, that you would be happy to donate to this great cause, please hand them in to the school office. Thank you in advance for your support of our senior pupils.

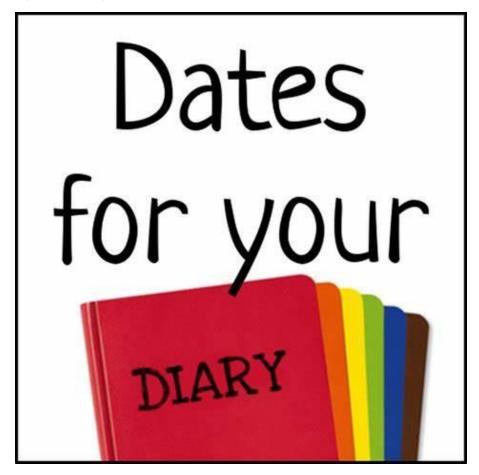
Attendance at school



As we continue to work to improve pupil attendance at school, a reminder that if your child is unwell or has an appointment and is unable to attend school, please telephone the school office on **01592 583408** and select **option 1** for the attendance line. If the line is engaged, there is the facility to leave a message. Alternatively, you can send a text message to **07860 030879**, stating your child's name and the reason for the absence. If your child does not arrive to class, you will receive a Groupcall message informing you of their absence.

If you require support with your child's attendance, please contact your child's guidance teacher who will be happy to provide support and advice.

Dates for your diary...



- Parent Council Meeting
- Parent Council Meeting
- In-service day (5)
- Parent Council Meeting

Monday 13th March

Monday 15th May

Tuesday 6th June

Monday 19th June

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