

Viewforth High School

### Newsletter - 28th April 2023

## **Head Teacher Update**



I hope this update finds you well and looking forward to the May weekend. A reminder that the school is closed on Monday for the public holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd of May.

Our SQA exams are well underway and I'm delighted to say that so far we have had 100% attendance for all exams. Our senior pupils are also maximising their potential by attending the Masterclass sessions and the feedback so far has been very positive.

This week our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants took part in their expedition along the Fife Coastal path and despite very cold temperatures and a few blisters, they all arrived back in school in very high spirits having successfully completed the expedition. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the staff for supporting them.

There is a new Youth Cafe Drop-in Project running from the Gallatown Community Hub. This is a group for young people to chat, learn and experience activities in a safe space. The drop in is based in the Gallatown Hub every Thursday from 3.30pm - 5.30pm and is for young people aged 11 to 15 years of age. The staff involved will be in school next week to promote the drop-in project, but please encourage your child to attend if they are interested.



1 - Viewforth High School Fundraiser

We need your help!

The Viewforth High School Parent Council have been working with Asda in Kirkcaldy and I'm delighted to say that we have been selected to be part of the Green Token Scheme. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity and we are hopeful of securing some funding for the school to help support the cost of living crisis. You can help by clicking on this link <a href="https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4648">https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4648</a> and then voting for the VHS Parent Council. All you have to do is enter your email address and then verify the email confirmation, the whole process takes less than a minute to complete and will really help to make a difference.

Voting closes this Sunday so time is of the essence! On behalf of the Parent Council and the community of Viewforth HS, I'd like to thank you in advance for supporting us.

### **SQA Exam Preparation**



To help our senior pupils who are sitting National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams in the coming weeks, we have a full programme of SQA Masterclasses. You can find the timetable for this on the school website and I would ask that you encourage your son or daughter to attend as this will help them to prepare for their exams.

SQA have also published a campaign to help pupils get 'exam ready'. The resource is full of useful tips and resources to make preparing for exams that little bit easier. You can access the learner hub via this link Learner support for National Qualifications in 2022-23 - SQA<sup>1</sup>

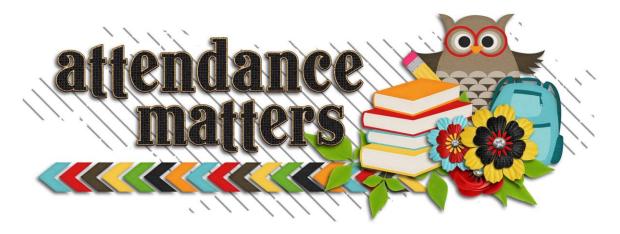
Each morning in advance of an SQA exam, candidates are welcome to enjoy a free breakfast from 8.30am in the drama studio. This also provides an opportunity to check in with subject specialists before entering the exam hall. If pupils don't have a quiet place to study at home, they are welcome to come into school for this. They should be wearing school uniform and sign in at the school office.

¹https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/84153.html?utm source=toolkit&utm medium=email&utm campaign=learners 2023 getexamready&mkt tok=NTA1LVICSC0zMDAAAAGLPguGQ8qJTiJT8skTmN4l909BVErIF1I-Vjq7Kj1ynh3xQiJJwxNgbDzrpjRiyLUb5JOufiBJNmCHI1nMAtxitkrM XF7hpY7xXdRuiytFQ



The Community Use Team at Windmill Campus, in partnership with Sports Development and Fife Sports and Leisure Trust, have organised an exciting free opportunity for all Primary 6 - S2 pupils who enjoy football. The sessions will be run by SFA qualified coaches who will be delivering the full range of football skills. There is no need to register or book a space, just come along and enjoy.

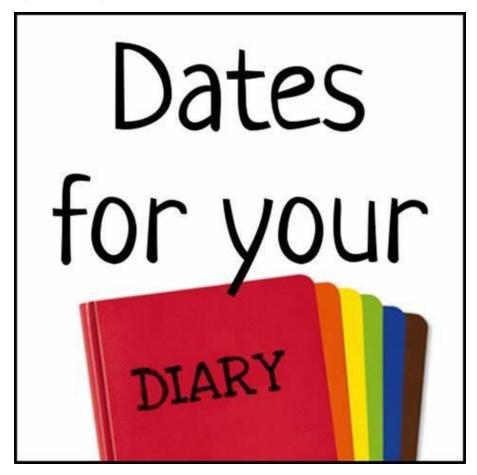
#### Attendance at school



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

Monday 15th May

Tuesday 6th June

Monday 19th June

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