

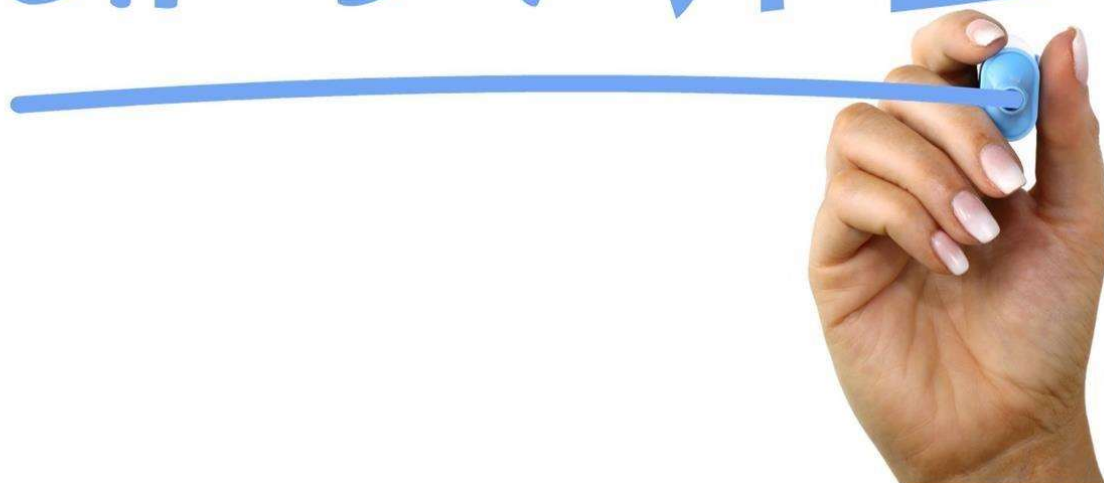


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 15th August 2023

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



On behalf of myself and the Viewforth High School team, welcome back to school and a warm welcome to our new S1 pupils. I hope you have enjoyed a lovely break over the summer holidays and are feeling ready for the new term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school tomorrow and a reminder that the school day starts at 8.46am and pupils should be on time for registration as lots of important information will be shared; pupils will also receive a copy of their timetable for the new session.

We appreciate the continued support of families and ask that you support us to ensure your child is in full school uniform. You can find more information on our school website about our uniform expectations. If you require support with school uniform, please contact your child's Principal Teacher of Guidance, who will be happy to help. Our pupils in S4 - S6 are expected to wear a school blazer and I know that many families have been collecting their uniform orders over the course of the last week. If your child hasn't yet ordered their blazer, this can be done via the school office.

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, the school office will issue Data Capture Forms to all families. This process allows us to check that the contact information we have is accurate and up to date. This is incredibly important, especially in case of emergencies, so we ask that you return the forms as soon as possible after you receive them.

If your child is in the senior school and wishes to discuss an SQA appeal or requires to be re-coursed following their results, they should speak with Ms McNamee (Depute Head Teacher). Ms McNamee will be available from Wednesday afternoon and will speak with pupils individually.

Arrangements for Day 1



All pupils are reminded to enter the building via the pupil entrance door ready for an 8.46am start. Pupils in S2 - S6 should make their way to their registration class and staff will be on hand to direct them to the correct room, just in case they've forgotten....6 weeks is a long time!

Our S1 pupils will be met on arrival by senior pupils and staff and will be escorted to the assembly hall. The S1 pupils will also get an additional 5 minutes at interval and at lunch to ensure they have enough time to get themselves organised, have something to eat and then enjoy some social time. We encourage all of our S1 pupils to stay on campus for lunch for the first term, rather than leaving the premises to go to the local shops.

All pupils will be issued with copies of their new timetables and will receive information on what to do if the fire alarm sounds as well as other general information to ensure the school runs smoothly and safely.

The Senior Leadership Team will run a series of assemblies throughout the day, reminding pupils of the school expectations.

The school day will end at 3.10pm for all pupils.

Key Staff



Your child's Guidance Teacher plays a key role in supporting them to achieve success throughout their school career. They will monitor attendance, time keeping, behaviour and progress and will liaise closely with both your young person and the family home. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the relevant Guidance Teacher below.

S1 and S2

Mr Simpson for classes 1C1, 1C2 and 2C1

Mrs Stewart for classes 1F1, 2F1 and 2F2

Mrs Hughes for classes 1F2, 1M1, 2M1 and 2M2

The Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for S1 and S2 is Mr Kowbel.

S3 and S4

Mrs Beesley for classes 3F1, 4C2 and 4F2

Mrs Edwards for classes 3C1, 3C2, 3F2, 4C1, 4F1 and 4M1

Mr Bowman for classes 3M1, 3M2 and 4M2

The Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for S3 and S4 is Ms McNamee.

S5 and S6

Mrs Lara Robertson

The Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for S5 and S6 is Mr Wilson.

Contact details

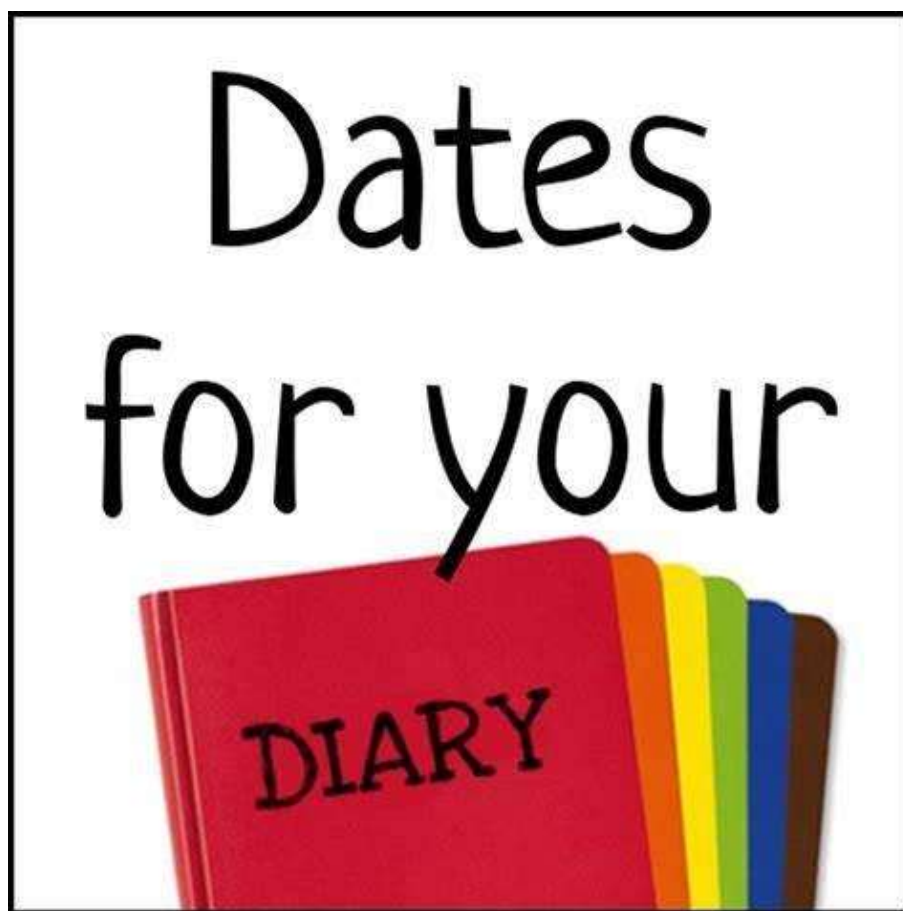


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are working to improve the ways in which you can contact your child's Guidance Teacher and more information will follow in the near future....watch this space.

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...



Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 25th October 2023 - Senior Phase Parents' Evening (1)

Tuesday 31st October 2023 - Senior Phase Parents' Evening (2)

Thursday 16th November 2023 - Primary 7 Open Evening

Thursday 7th December 2023 - S1 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 24th January 2024 - S2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - S3 Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd February 2024 - Senior Phase Parents' Evening

*Please note that our parents' evening are face-to-face in the school building. These will run between 4.30pm and 7pm and further information will be shared in advance of each evening.

Term Dates 2023/24 (all dates are inclusive)

Autumn Wednesday 16th August 2023 - Friday 6th October 2023

Winter Monday 23rd October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Thursday 4th January 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 28th June 2024

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