

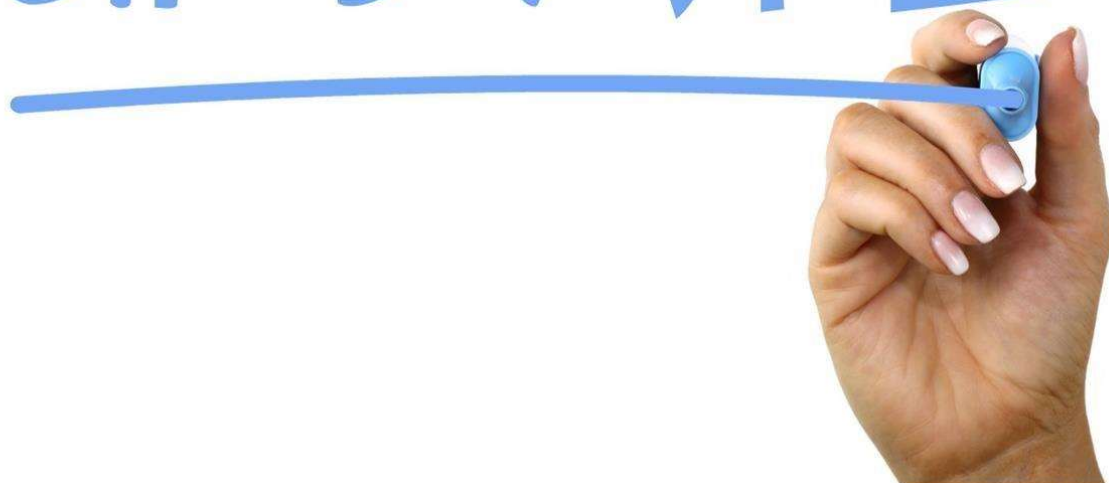


Viewforth High School

## Newsletter - 18th September 2023

### Head Teacher Update

# UPDATE



It was another busy week in Viewforth HS last week with the pupils in S5 and S6 having their group photographs taken and pupils in S1, S3 and S5 having their individual photographs taken. The photographers commented positively about the behaviour, attitude and levels of respect demonstrated by our pupils.

Our School Captains and House Captains led the year group assemblies, introducing themselves and sharing what their role in the school is. They described the ways in which they will support pupils around the school and how pupils can approach them.

All pupils were issued with their data capture form and thank you to all parents and carers who have already returned these to the office. A reminder that these must be returned, even if there are no changes requiring to be made.

You should have received a Groupcall message asking you to complete a short survey about the Cafe Inc programme. I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this as your feedback will help to inform next steps.

Last week, SQA published a revised timetable for SQA exams in 2024. You can find this revised timetable via this link [https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/nq-2024-exam-timetable.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2024-exam-timetable.pdf) Please delete any previous versions you may have at home.

## How can pupils arrange to speak with their Guidance Teacher?



At Viewforth High School, we support young people to communicate with their Guidance Teacher using an electronic system.

All young people who need to, or wish to, speak to their Guidance Teacher can make an appointment using our electronic QR Code system. Every classroom has a poster with the Guidance QR code displayed and the QR code can be scanned using a mobile device. This will take them to an online form where they can leave a note explaining what they want to talk to them about. This is automatically sent to the Guidance Teacher who will then arrange to meet with the young person. Any young person who does not have a mobile device can still make an appointment by completing a paper form available in the Support Hub and leaving it in the collection box there.

This system allows young people to get in touch with their Guidance Teacher without having to physically find them to let them know they need to speak to them. We encourage all young people to use this system whenever they need to speak to their Guidance Teacher.

## Senior Phase Target Setting Reports



The Senior Phase target setting reports will be issued to S4-S6 pupils on Friday 22 September at the end of the school day. This report will give you the expected target grades for the upcoming session. Please use these reports to discuss progress with your young person and if you have any questions, concerns or queries, do not hesitate to contact your young person's Guidance teacher. If your young person is absent, the report will be posted out the following week.

The Senior Phase parents' evenings take place on Wednesday 25th October and Tuesday 31st October and you will have a choice of which evening to attend. Information about how to make appointments will be shared soon.

## Viewforth HS Parent Council



Parent Council AGM Meeting - 18th September.




The Parent Council would like to thank the parents and carers who responded to the recent survey. Your views will be discussed as part of the Parent Council AGM meeting which will be held virtually on Zoom on Monday 18th September 2023 at 6.30pm.

If you would like to attend the meeting or have any comments for the Parent Council then please contact [viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com)<sup>1</sup> It is hoped that using the feedback provided, future Parent Council meetings can be more accessible to the wider Parent Forum.

## Clubs and Activities

### Extra Curricular Sport Activities 2023-24





#### Monday (Lunchtime)

-  **Basketball** • 1.05pm-1.35pm  
S1 • Games Hall • Sports Leaders
-  **Dance** • 1.05pm-1.35pm  
S1-3 • Gym Hall • Miss MacMillan


#### Tuesday (Lunchtime)

-  **Badminton** • 1.05pm-1.35pm  
S1-2 • Games Hall • Sports Leaders
-  **Table Tennis** • 1.05pm-1.35pm  
S1-3 • Games Hall • Sports Leaders

#### Tuesday (After-School)

-  **Basketball** • 3.15pm-4.15pm  
S1-3 • Games Hall • Fife Steel Basketball Club
-  **Cheerleading** • 3.15pm-4pm  
S1-6 • Gym Hall • Miss MacMillan
-  **Fitness** • 3.15pm-4pm  
S1-3 • Fitness Suite • Mr Connelly
-  **Football** • 3.15pm-4.15pm  
S1-3 • Astro • Mr Learmonth

#### Wednesday (After-School)

-  **Football** • 3.15pm-4pm  
S4-6 • Astro • Mr Wilson
-  **Netball** • 3.15pm-4.15pm  
S1 • Games Hall • Mrs Kerr

#### Thursday (After-School)

-  **Fitness** • 3.15pm-4pm  
S4-6 • Fitness Suite • Mr Connelly



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## 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

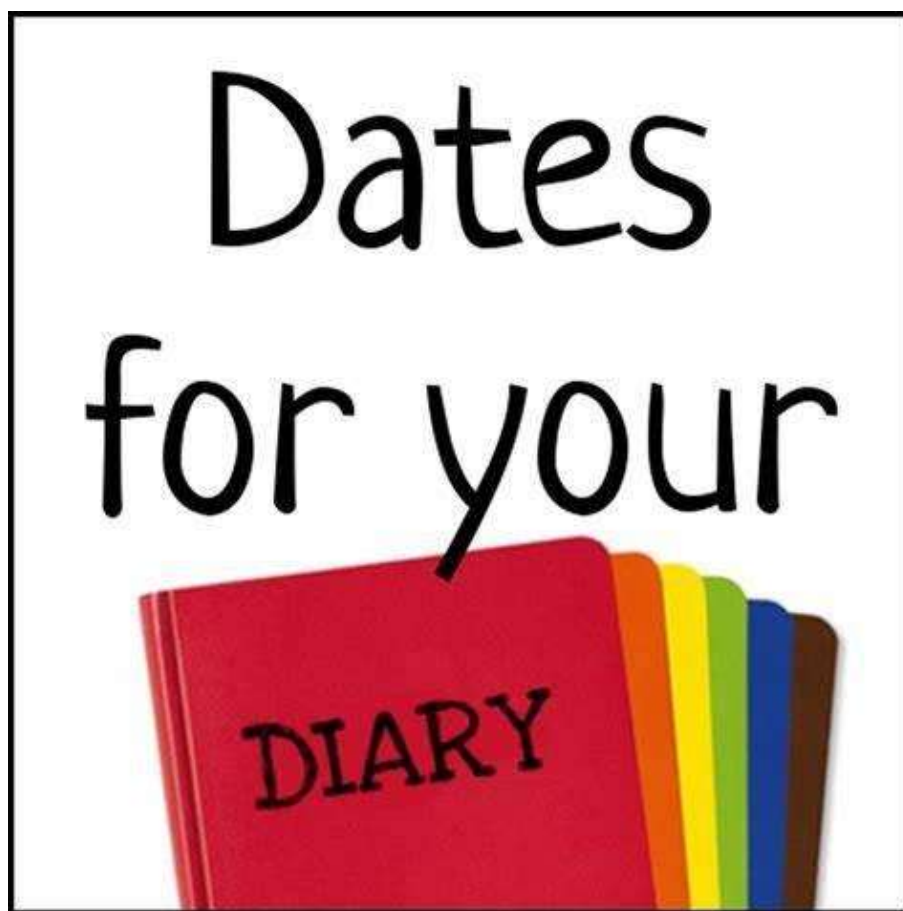


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are working to improve the ways in which you can contact your child's Guidance Teacher and more information will follow in the near future....watch this space.

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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