

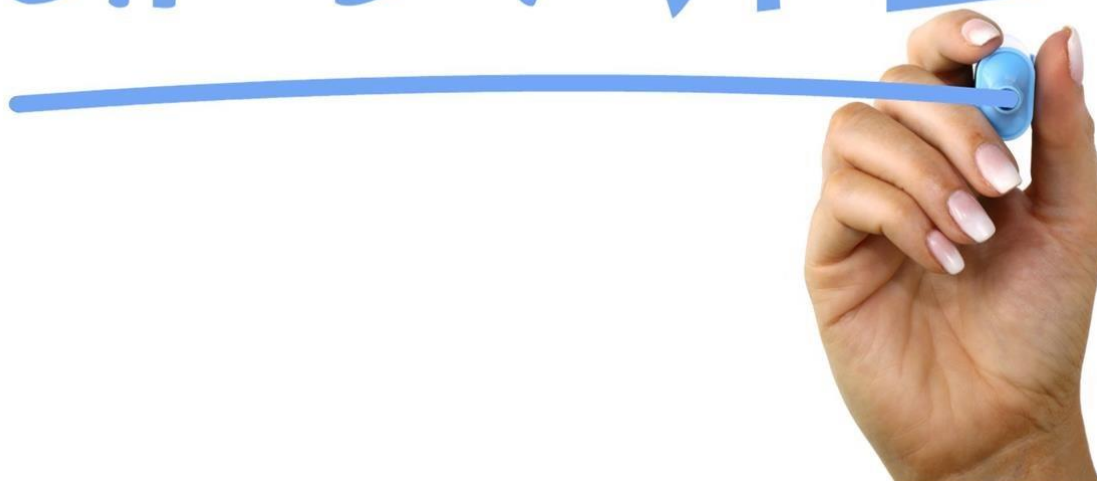


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 11th September 2023

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



To ensure we have up to date contact details for all parents and carers, we are carrying out our annual data checks. This is very important, as it helps us to be certain that should there be an emergency we can get in contact with parents, carers or an emergency contact. All pupils will be issued with the data capture form this week in registration and I would ask that you check the details carefully, making any necessary amendments. Once complete, all forms should be returned to the school office, even if no changes are required. Thank you in advance for making this return.

Today our S5 and S6 pupils had their year group photographs taken and there will be an opportunity to purchase these in the coming weeks.

On Wednesday morning, all pupils in S1, S3 and S5 will have individual photographs taken and again there will be an opportunity to purchase these photographs in the coming weeks. As always, all pupils should be dressed in full school uniform.

Young Carer's Grant




Young people who have caring responsibilities can apply for a grant of £359.65 which they can spend however they choose. The grant is available for 16, 17 and 18 year olds who spend an average of 16 hours or more caring for a person or people who receive a disability benefit. Young carers can apply if they are at school, in further education, employed or unemployed. Information about the grant is available online where there are free resources. To find out more visit: mygov.scot/YoungCarerGrant¹



¹<https://scot.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=11fdff413e50ba7bc51890111&id=8910116789&e=b201d11630>

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)

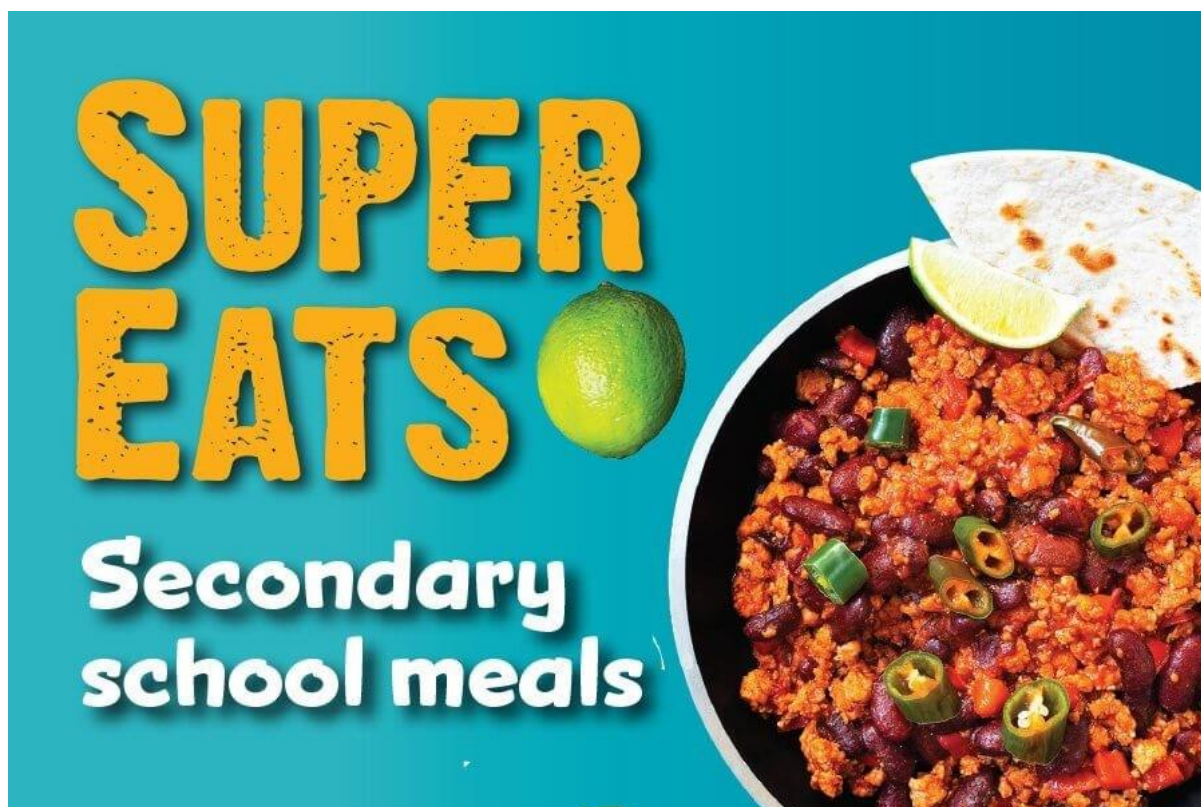
-  **Fitness** • 3.15pm-4pm
S4-6 • Fitness Suite • Mr Connelly



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School Lunches



Fife Council have recently revised their school lunch menu and you can find out more information, via this link. Secondary School Meals | Fife Council² If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will have £2.40 allocated to their My Fife Card on a daily basis. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, but you haven't yet applied, you can do so via this link. Apply for a school clothing grant and/or free school meals/milk | Fife Council³ If you require help with the application, please contact your child's guidance teacher.

Education Maintenance Allowance

What is it?

- The Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a weekly payment of £30 for young people who are in full time education and are over 16.
- All payments are made direct to the young person's bank account and it is them who must apply, with the parent's help.
- Parent's income is taken into account as part of the application. **How do I Apply?** Applications can be made online via the Fife Council website Education Maintenance Allowance | Fife Council⁴ However, to complete the process the young person will need a

²<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/school-meals/secondary-school-meals>

³<https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/form-pages/apply-for-a-school-clothing-grant-and-or-free-school-mealsmilk>

⁴<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/funding/educational-maintenance-allowance>

mygovscot account. Which can be registered for here: Register for a mygovscot Account⁵ As part of this application you will need some personal information to hand, including:

- the parent or carer's income
- the young person's bank account details
- the young person's birth certificate or passport

evidence you might need to hand for this might also include:

- evidence of residency status
- an award letter (if receiving Universal Credit)
- parent or carer's Tax Credit award notice or Universal Credit letter
- parent or carer's P60 or payslip

What happened after I have applied?

The young person will be sent a letter granting the award. This will include a Learning Agreement which they must sign and hand in. This learning agreement puts conditions on payments, which must be met or they may be stopped.

What are the conditions?

The pupil will sign to agree that they:

- must ensure that the requirements of the study programme are met
- will support the school's aims and standards of conduct
- they understand the EMA may be withdrawn without warning should my attendance in any class fall below the 100% minimum requirement.
- If they are late more than 2 times in any one week the EMAA will be withdrawn for that week. It may also be withdrawn for persistent lateness over the course of a few weeks.

⁵<https://signin.mygovscot.org/home/?entityId=https://www.fife.gov.uk/account&sp=register/FIFVD>

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

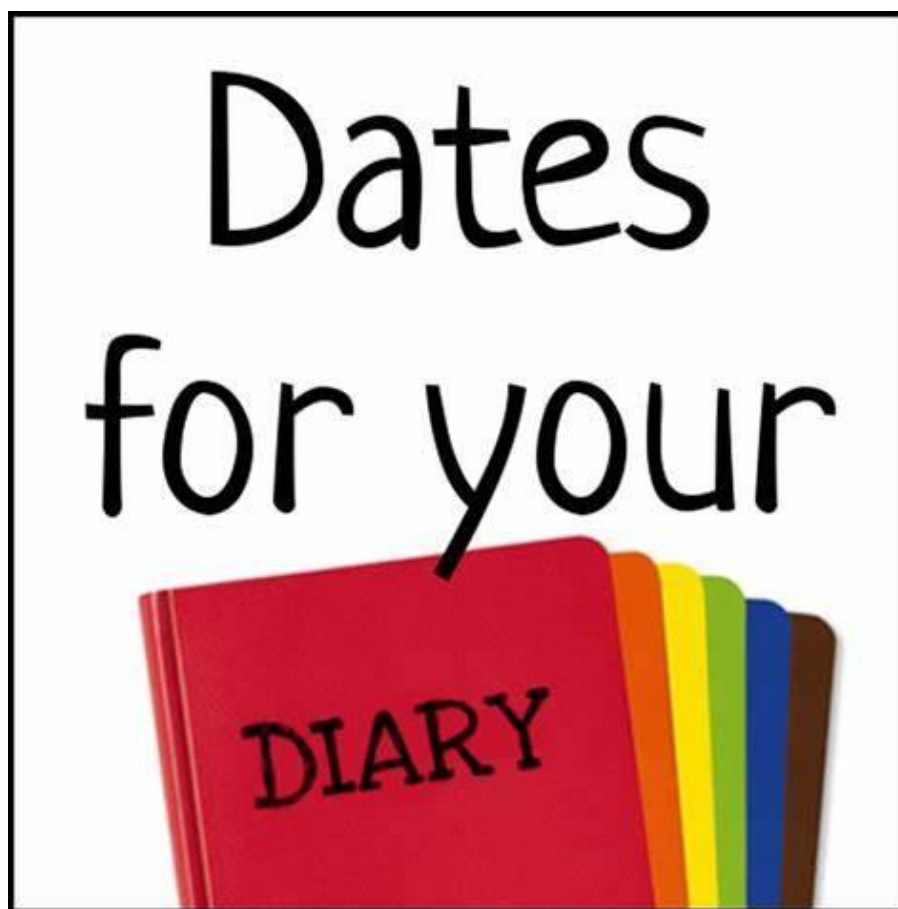


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are working to improve the ways in which you can contact your child's Guidance Teacher and more information will follow in the near future....watch this space.

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 2013

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

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

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