

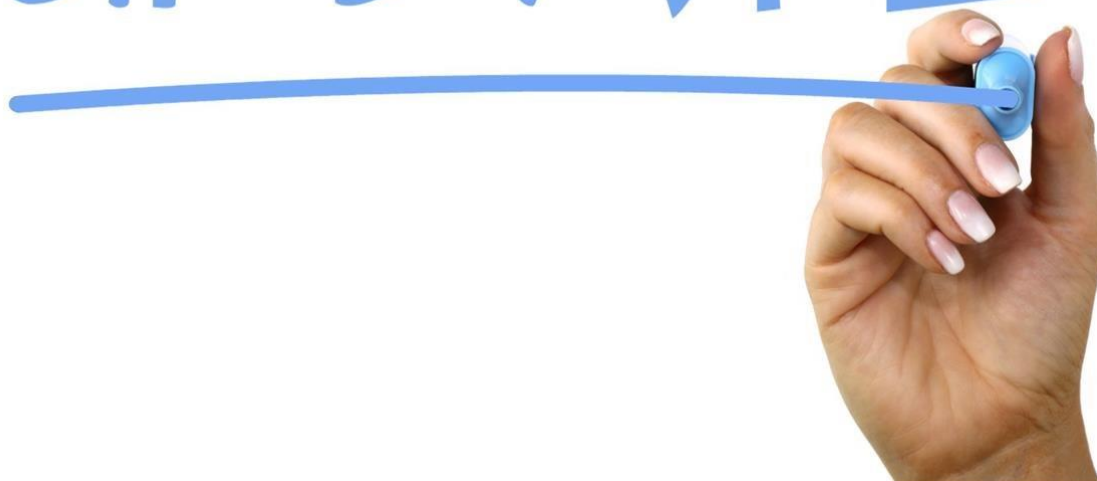


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 24th October 2023

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



Welcome back to term 2. I hope this update finds you well, having enjoyed a restful time over the October break and I hope you and your families are safe and well after the recent storm.

As always, we have a busy term ahead of us and I have noted below the detail of some of the events that are taking place. Please continue to read the weekly updates to learn more about what is happening within Viewforth High School.

It's important that all pupils have good attendance at school as this enables them to keep up to date and make positive progress with their learning and all pupils should be aiming to have more than 90% attendance. Our Guidance Teachers will continue to work closely with young people and their families to support good attendance and should you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact the relevant Guidance Teacher who will be happy to provide the necessary support.

Senior Phase Parents' Evenings



The Senior Phase Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 25th October and 31st October 2023. These will take place from 4:30pm until 7pm. Parents and carers will have scheduled appointment times and to allow the evenings to run smoothly we ask that you please stick to these. There have been a number of links sent out via Groupcall allowing you to sign up to **one** of the dates.

The link for the parents' evening on the 25th of October closed yesterday. If you have not received this, please call the school as soon as possible and we will try to help you to make appointments.

Safe Drive Stay Alive Event for S5 pupils



In Fife, over the last 10 years too many young people aged between **16** and **25** have been injured and killed on Fife roads.

In an effort to educate Fife's young and future drivers, we have a roadshow coming to school on Thursday, 26th October, periods 3 and 4. The show has hard hitting messages about the dangers young people and others face on a daily basis on our roads. The 1 hour 15 minute show is based around a video reconstruction of a road traffic collision. The video will be interspersed with real life testimonies by serving members of the emergency services. Also, and perhaps most poignantly, stories will be told by the parent of a young person who lost their life in a road crash, a passenger who's life has been severely affected by a road traffic collision and a young driver who was involved in a crash.

The video filmed on a local road near Leuchars traces the events leading up to a road crash and then follows the actions of the emergency services dealing with the incident.

If, due to personal reasons, you have any concerns about your child seeing the Safe Drive Stay Alive event then please contact Mrs Robertson (Principal Teacher of Guidance) to discuss.

How to Help Your Child Pass Event



Pupils in S4 - S6 and their families are invited along to our study evening. At this event, you will meet subject specialists, be given an insight into some core study skills as well as being given the opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding how to get the best out of this year and how to support your child to pass their assessments and exams.

The event will take place on Wednesday 8th of November from 6pm - 7pm. There will be a QR code in next week's parent update for you to sign up and for any questions you may have beforehand (in case you do not want to ask in front of everyone). We look forward to welcoming you to this important event.

Primary 7 Showcase Evening



There is an exciting opportunity for Primary 7 parents and carers to attend a Primary 7 Showcase Evening on Thursday 16th November 2023 from 5pm - 6.45pm. This event will include a short presentation from and a chance to meet with, key Viewforth High School staff involved in supporting transition from Primary to Secondary School. This will be followed by an opportunity to tour the school, visit departments and view examples of the learning in each subject area. A number of partner agencies will also be present on the evening to offer information about their services. Further information will be communicated via cluster primary schools later this week. We would be very grateful if you could share the details of this event with any friends or relatives who have children in Primary 7.

Anthony Nolan Donor Registration Event



In November, our S5 and S6 pupils will receive a joint presentation from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Anthony Nolan charity. Anthony Nolan is a leading UK blood cancer charity matching individuals willing to donate blood stem cells, or bone marrow, to people with blood cancer and other blood disorders, requiring life saving transplants. Anthony Nolan and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have been working with schools across Scotland and Fife to encourage young people to take an active part in their citizenship through encouraging young people to sign up to be part of the transplant register. The age criteria is now open to those who are aged 16-30.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday 1st November and will inform the young people about the process, what being a donor means and the impact it can have on another person's life.

Any young person who is interested will be able to volunteer to sign up to join the donation event on Wednesday 22nd November. During this event they sign up via completing a registration form and a cheek swab.

Study Support - National E-Learning Offer



Registration is now open for the NeLO / e-Sgoil evening Study Support programme for 2023/24. The Study Support comprises live, interactive webinars focussed on Senior Phase courses. The webinars are delivered by experienced teachers and 51 different webinars are on offer each week during term time, covering all the larger subject areas and an extensive range of other subjects.

The service is focussed on delivering equitable access to all learners in Scotland and is completely free. Last session, almost all learners attending Evening Webinars rated the overall quality of their experience as excellent.

A ThingLink containing further information on the programme can be accessed here¹. This includes links to the e-Sgoil website; an explanatory video; registration information; the Study Support timetable; individual subject timetables and an FAQ document. There are also supporting documents on how to sign up, how to access Glow, and how to contact e-Sgoil.

Satchel One - Show My Homework



This academic session is now in full swing and pupils are receiving regular homework to support and consolidate their learning. I wanted to remind you that the school's platform for issuing homework is 'Show My Homework' and you should have received log in details to allow you to view the homework your young person has been issued as well monitoring their completion of the tasks set.

- Pupils log in by clicking 'Sign in with RM Unify' and enter Glow username and password. Pupils should not use the 'username' log in option.
- Both the pupil and parent/carer's guides are on the school website which can be accessed by following this link: Show My Homework – Viewforth High School²

If you require any help or support with Show My Homework, please contact Mr Kowbel, Depute Head Teacher.

¹<https://www.thinglink.com/card/1761376381146497510>

²<https://viewforthhighschool.co.uk/digital-learning/show-my-homework/>

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.

Viewforth HS Parent Council



The Parent Council meeting dates for this session have been confirmed and you can find these below. If you would like to attend a meeting either online or in person, please contact viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com³ The meetings begin at 6pm.

Monday 30th October

Monday 4th December

Monday 15th January

Monday 11th March

Monday 22nd April

Monday 10th June

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

³<mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com>

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

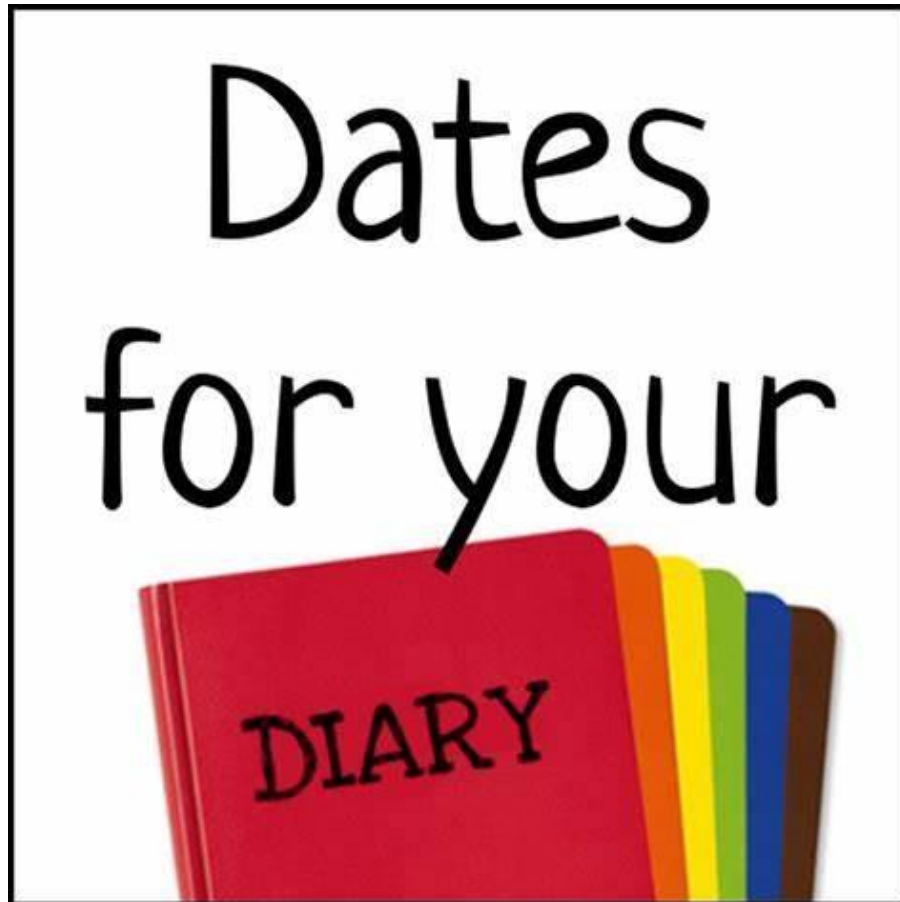


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are working to improve the ways in which you can contact your child's Guidance Teacher and more information will follow in the near future....watch this space.

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)

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

Care - Ambition - Respect - Equity