

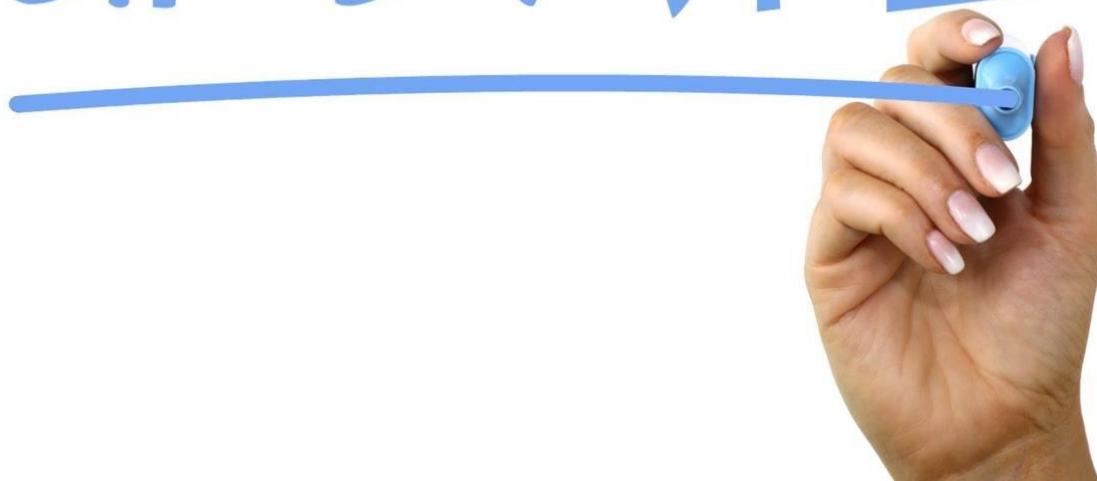


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 30th October 2023

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



As the weather changes and it is becoming colder and wetter we have been talking to pupils about wearing a coat or a jacket to and from school and the importance of getting involved in clubs and activities over lunchtime. By getting involved in clubs and activities, it provides young people with a safe space and also the opportunity to have fun and make new friends. More clubs have been added and I have included below the most up to date lists for your information. Please encourage your child to get involved.

You may have seen in the news last week that there is a potential strike day for support staff on Wednesday 8th of November. As yet, we are unclear of what this means for schools in Fife, but as soon as a decision is taken, we will share this information with parents and carers.

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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

Friday (Lunchtime)

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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Senior Phase Parents' Evenings



Thanks to the parents and carers who attended the first of our Senior Phase Parents' Evenings on Wednesday last week. The second evening takes place this week on the 31st October 2023 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.

Our Careers Advisor, Brian McKenna, will be available on the evening to talk to young people and their parents and carers about pathways beyond school.

How to Help Your Child Pass Event



In my update last week, I shared details about our Study Evening scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8th of November. As this is now a possible strike day, we are working to reschedule this event and will share the revised date with you as soon as possible.

SQA Appeals 2023



We are expecting to receive the outcome of all SQA appeals on Tuesday of this week and pupils will be updated by staff on the outcome of any appeal. The document below provides some additional information for young people and their families on the appeals process this year.

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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.

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

- 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 School](#)²

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

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.

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

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

³<mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com>

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

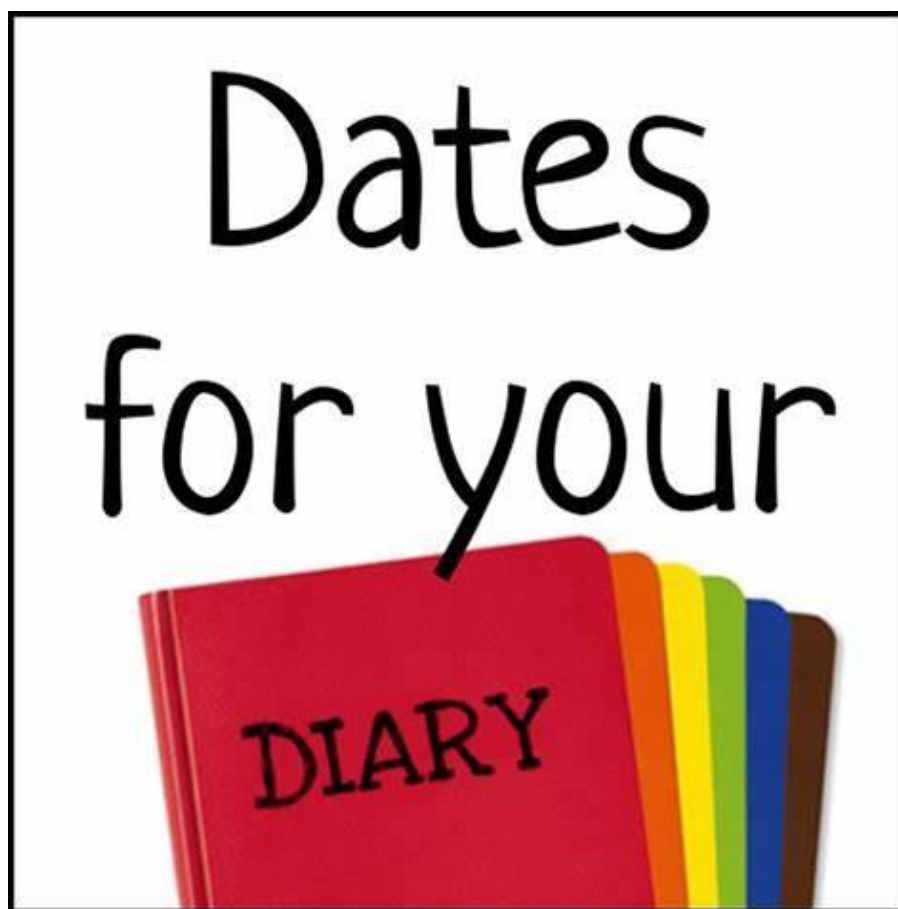


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are working to improve the ways in which you can contact your child's Guidance Teacher and more information will follow in the near future....watch this space.

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)

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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