



Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 2nd October 2023

## Head Teacher Update

# UPDATE



It's hard to believe that it's the last week of term already. The term will end at 3.10pm on Friday but all classes will be working up to and including period 7 on Friday so please work to ensure your child has 100% attendance this week.

Our S1 pupils will receive their reports towards the end of this week and if you have any questions about the content of your child's report, please contact their Guidance Teacher in the first instance.

After the holidays we have our Senior Phase Parents' Evenings (S4-6) on Wednesday 25th and Tuesday 31st of October. Parents and carers can select their preferred evening and all appointments are made online via the online booking system. These evenings are a great opportunity to hear more about how your young person is progressing in their subjects and to learn what you can do to support their learning at home. Our Skills Development Scotland Advisor, Brian McKenna, will also be available to offer advice and support on careers and pathways beyond school. The evenings begin at 4.30pm and run until 7pm. If you are experiencing any difficulties with the online booking system, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

## 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 here<sup>1</sup>. 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.

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<sup>1</sup><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<sup>2</sup>](#)

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

## Flu Vaccinations



All pupils in S1 - S4 will receive consent forms today for this year's flu vaccination programme. Parents and carers are asked to complete these and return, via your young person, to the school office by Wednesday 4th of October. More information will be shared in due course regarding the immunisation programme for pupils in S5 and S6.

## 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.

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

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.com](mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com)<sup>3</sup> The meetings begin at 6pm.

Monday 30th October

Monday 4th December

Monday 15th January

Monday 11th March

Monday 22nd April

Monday 10th June

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<sup>3</sup><mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com>

## 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



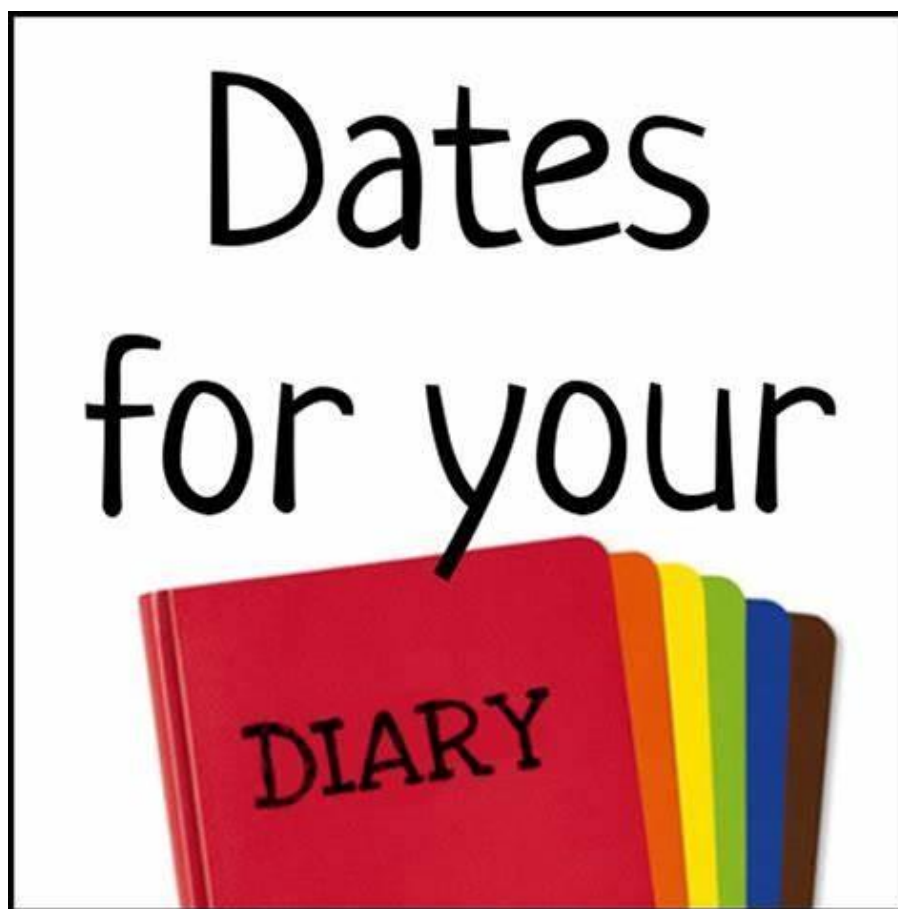
There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are working to improve the ways in which you can contact your child's Guidance Teacher and more information will follow in the near future....watch this space.

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 2013

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

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

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