



Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 20th November 2023

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



Last week was Anti-Bullying week and our assemblies were led by our Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP). The Mentors discussed the bystander effect and how a bystander has the power to support someone who may be being bullied. The MVP Mentors are S5 and S6 pupils and their role is to lead inputs across the school including assemblies and Personal and Social Education lessons focusing on how we can challenge bullying, violence and aggression.

Our Art and Design department are also running an exhibition to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying week with pupils being asked to vote on an image which will be used on anti-bullying posters across the school.

This week our assemblies will focus on our revised Viewforth High School vision and values and I'll share these with you next week.

Primary 7 Showcase Evening



Thank you to all parents / carers, family members and Primary 7 pupils who joined us on Thursday evening last week. The evening was very well attended and it was great to see so many young people enjoy seeing what the Viewforth HS curriculum has to offer. This was the first of many events that will be held across the course of this session to support a smooth transition for all pupils moving from Primary 7 to S1 at Viewforth HS.

School Meal Information



The Fife Council Catering Team has shared some key dates for school lunches which pupils may wish to get involved in.

- Wednesday the 13 December 2023 – Christmas Lunch – All settings
- Thursday the 25 January 2024 – Burns Day – All settings
- Thursday 14 March 2024 – International School Meal Day– All settings

Mobile Phones

We are working to reduce the amount of time young people are spending on their mobile phones during lessons. To support us with this, it would be very helpful if parents / carers could refrain from messaging your child(ren) during lessons. If there is an emergency, please call the school office who will arrange for your child to be contacted. If it isn't an emergency, please limit the communications to interval (10.25am - 10.40am) and lunchtimes (12.55pm - 1.40pm).

Christmas Concert



Our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 6 December at 7pm in our assembly hall. This is our first Christmas Concert since prior to Covid and our pupils are working very hard in preparation for the evening. The work of our pupils studying Art and Design will also be on display as you enter the assembly hall. Tickets will soon be on sale from the school office and this is an event that you don't want to miss out on. Please note that all pupils must be accompanied by an adult.

Study Skills Evening



A reminder that on Wednesday 22 November, Viewforth High School will be hosting a Study Skills Evening, mainly focused on our Senior Phase pupils (S4-S6). This evening will give young people and families an insight into how to make best use of study time and how to do homework effectively, as well as give you the opportunity to hear from our very own young people and teaching staff who will share some hints, tips and advice.

Please use the QR code to register your interest. It would help us a great deal for planning if you could let us you if you are coming along (or even if you cannot make it).

Study Skills Evening



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.

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.com² The meetings begin at 6pm.

Monday 4th December

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

²<mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com>

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

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

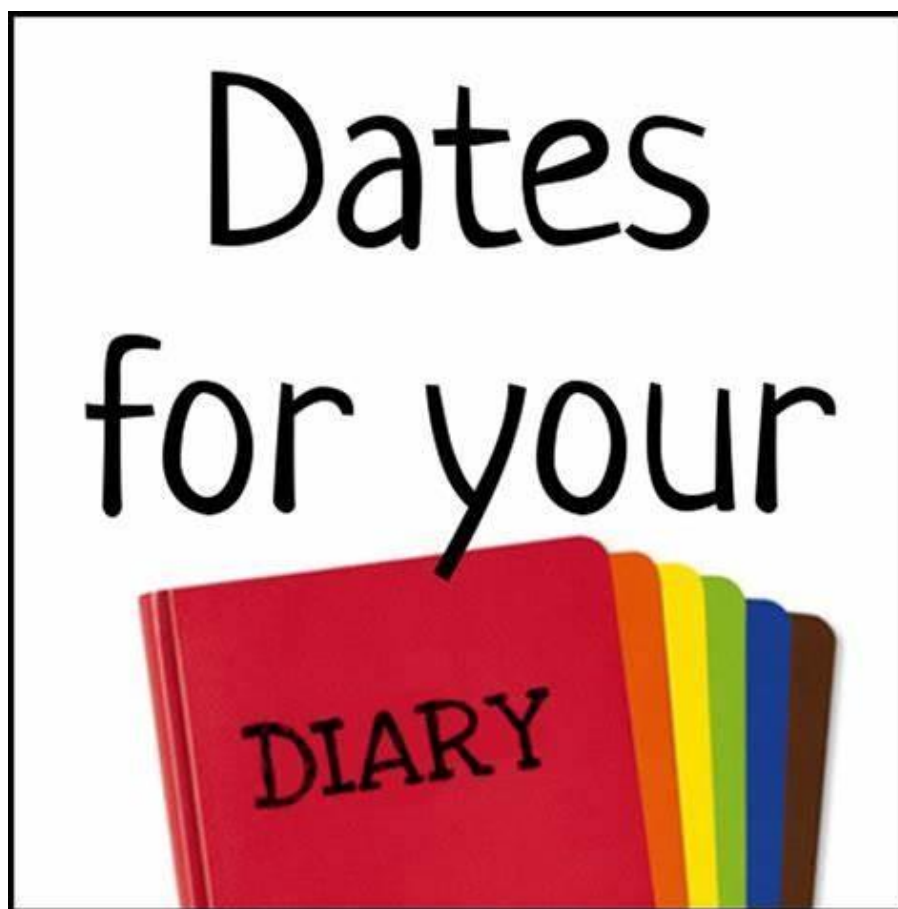


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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

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 2023

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

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

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