

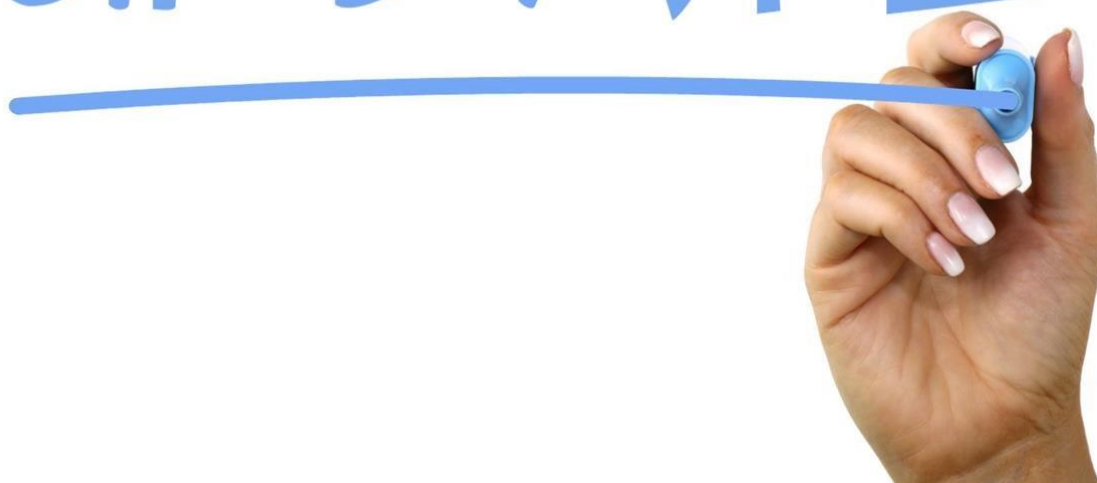


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 13th November 2023

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



Last week was a time for reflection in Viewforth HS with our School and House Captains leading Remembrance Assemblies on Tuesday. Our pupils heard of how the first Head Teacher and the first Depute Head Teacher of Viewforth High School fought in the first world war and how pupils studying Home Economics at this time were learning how to cook using very limited resources from ration allowances. On Thursday, our School and House Captains led our Act of Remembrance alongside our School Chaplain Rev. Christine Fraser and yesterday I accompanied our School Captains Caitlin and Euan as they laid a wreath at the Kirkcaldy War Memorial alongside Captains from the other 3 Kirkcaldy Secondary Schools.









Battle of the Bands Success

Last week at a Battle of the Bands competition held at Woodmill HS, 2 of our senior pupils and their band Permacrisis had a very successful evening. The band won best overall band and the Matthew

Barrie Shield, and as part of this prize they also won a recording studio session at Fife College. The band members are - Alex Harrower (lead guitar), Rowan Docherty (vocals), Jason Simms (bass guitar - former KHS pupil) and Ashton Lee Mcindoe (drums - KHS pupil). Alex Harrower also won best guitarist! Well done to Permacrisis!



First Aid Success



On Monday of last week a number of our S4, S5 and S6 students were trained in Emergency First Aid at Work. I'm delighted to tell you that 57 young people passed the course and now have the Level 6 qualification which not only looks great on application forms and CV's but is a fantastic life skill to have. Those young people who didn't get the chance to take part in the course this year will take part next year.

S3 Reports

S3 reports will be issued during period 7 on Tuesday 14 November. If your young person is absent tomorrow, they can collect their report from reception on Wednesday or alternatively, they will be posted home later in the week.

Primary 7 Showcase Evening



This Thursday evening we look forward to welcoming Primary 7 pupils and their parents / carers to Viewforth High School to attend the 'Primary 7 Showcase Evening' which takes place from 5pm - 6.45pm. The event provides an opportunity to tour the school and visit departments to get a flavour of the learning experiences on offer across the school as well as an opportunity to meet staff members and begin to develop relationships. The tours will be led by current S1 pupils, supported by S6 pupils, and provide an opportunity to ask questions of our pupils and gain an insight into their transition experience. We know this will be a popular event and are excited to meet everyone!

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

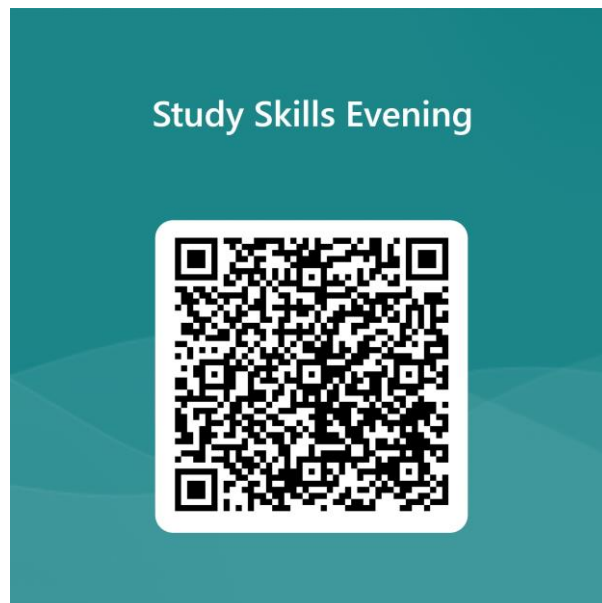
We are working to reduce the amount of time young people are spending on their mobile phones during lessons. To support us with this, it would be very helpful if parents / carers could refrain from messaging your child(ren) during lessons. If there is an emergency, please call the school office who will 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).

Study Skills Evening



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 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

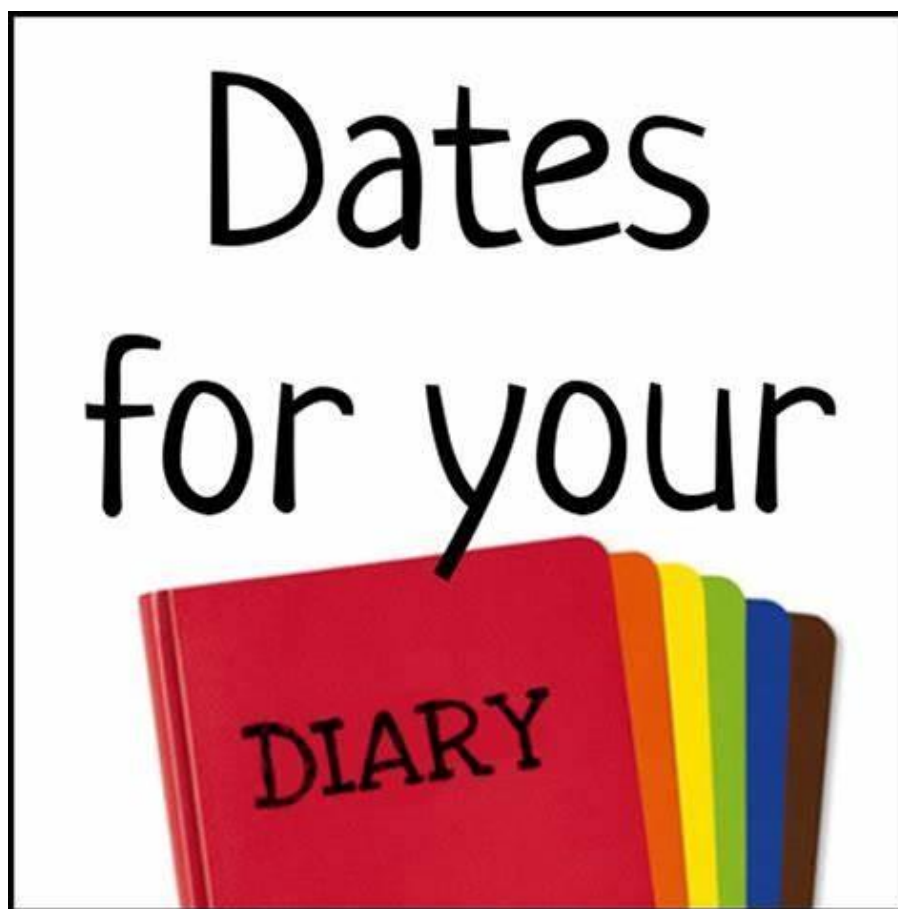


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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 2013

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

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

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