

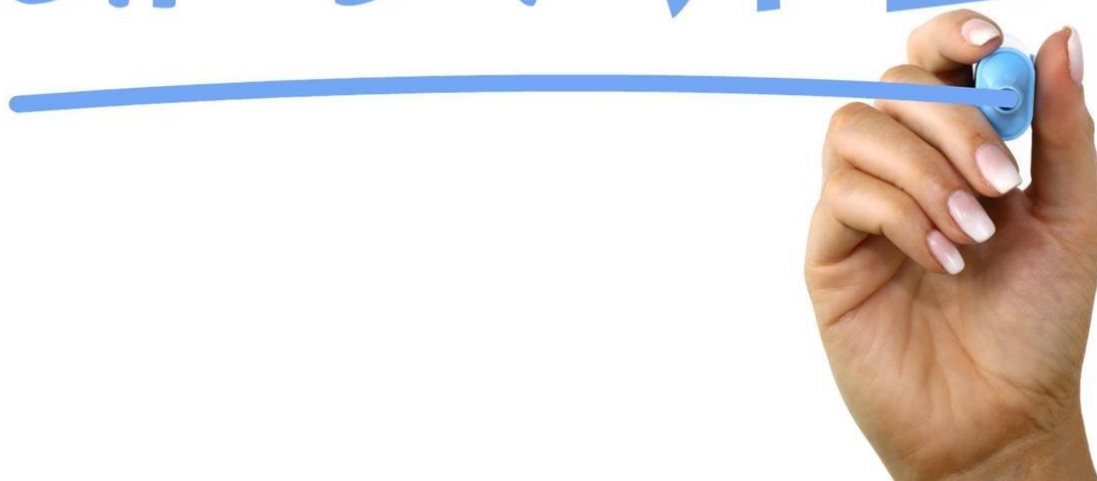


Viewforth High School

## Newsletter - 1st December 2023

### Head Teacher Update

# UPDATE



I hope this weekly update finds you and your families well.

There has been lots taking place in Viewforth High School this week including The Young Carer's Partnership presenting to all young people in assemblies; our young people studying Criminology visited Fife College Stenton Campus to participate in a CSI event and our Senior Phase Hospitality students have been busily preparing for their next assessment which involves serving a 3 course lunch to staff...the staff are very much looking forward to this!

You'll see from the items below that we have lots planned in the coming weeks and more will follow in the update next week. A reminder that the last day of term is Wednesday 20 December and classes will be working up until 3.10pm on this day so it's important that all young people continue to attend right up until the end of term.

There will be a dress down day on the last day of term in support of the local Foodbank. Young people are encouraged to bring an item or items for the Foodbank and these will be collected in registration. Thank you in advance of your support of this worthwhile cause.

### S2 Reports

S2 reports were distributed today period 7 (Friday 1 December). If your young person was absent, they can pick up a copy of their report from reception on Monday.

## S2 - S5 Mock Curriculum Pathway

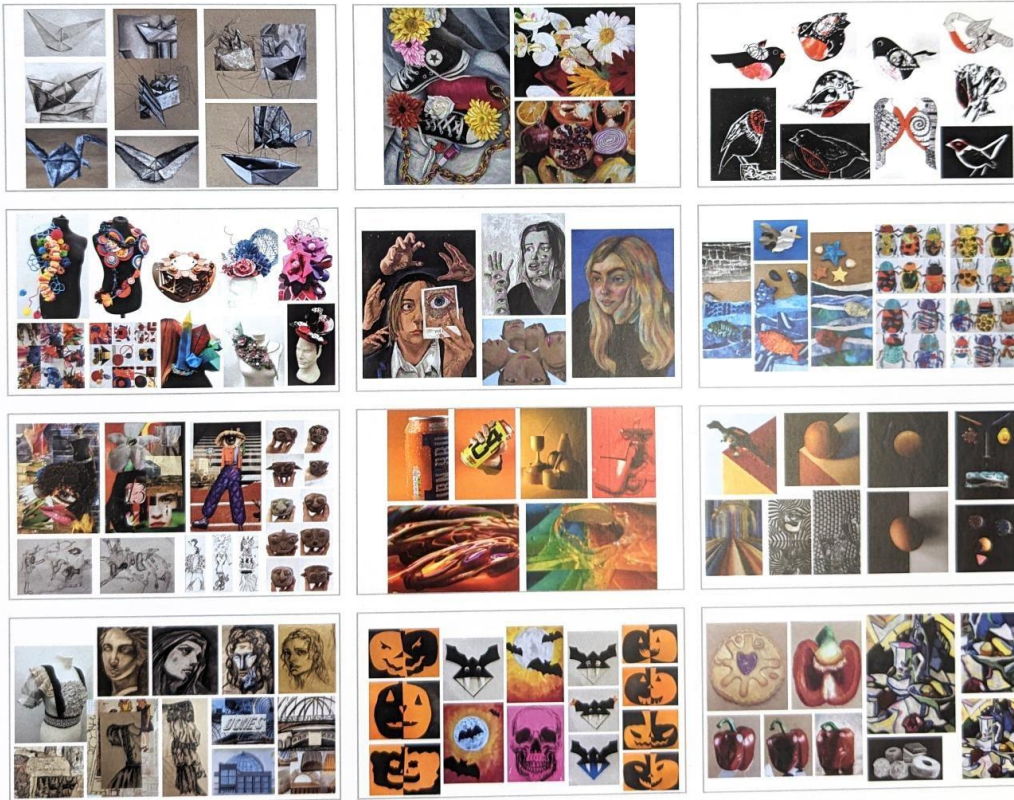
All S2, S3, S4 and S5 pupils will take part in a mock Curriculum Pathway week beginning 11 December. This is to help to give departments an idea of which subjects the young people would like to follow in their Curriculum Pathway choices. These will take place at the following times:

S2 Period 1 Monday 11.12.2023, S3 Period 2 Wednesday 13.12.2023, S4 Period 3 Thursday 14.12.2023 and S5 Period 1 Friday 15.12.2023.

Please note that these are not final choices, but it gives us a real idea of what our young people would like to study in the next phase of their learning.



# Viewforth High School



## 2024 CALENDAR

We are delighted to let you know that our official Viewforth Calendar for 2024 is now on sale. The calendar would be the perfect Christmas gift for proud family and friends. Each month showcases lots of amazing Art and Design work from all year groups across the school. If you would like a copy, pupils can order and pay for one at the main school office on Monday 4, Tuesday 5 and Wednesday

6 December. The calendars will also be on sale at the Christmas Concert on the Wednesday the 6th of December.

Calendar Prices:A4 - £4 / A3 - £7

## **Primary 7 Ceilidh**

As part of our cluster transition programme we will be welcoming pupils and staff from our associate primary schools to showcase and celebrate their learning of traditional Scottish dance which they have been learning this term. The ceilidh will take place on Tuesday 12 December. We will also enjoy a wee bit of a disco and some fun prizes will be up for grabs!

## **S1 and S2 Merit Party**

As we approach the end of term we will be hosting an end of term party for pupils who have consistently displayed the vision and values of the school through their accumulation of merits. This will take place during periods 6 and 7 on Tuesday 19 December, further information to follow so start practicing the dance moves!

## **S3 and S4 Christmas Movie**

As we approach the end of term, our S3 and S4 pupils who have consistently displayed the vision and values of the school through their accumulation of merits will be invited to watch a Christmas movie. This will take place during periods 3, 4 and 5 on Wednesday 20 December, further information to follow.

## **S5 and S6 Ceilidh**

On Tuesday 19 December we will be holding our annual senior ceilidh from 6pm - 8pm. This has been a very well attended event each year, enjoyed by all who attended. We are looking forward to the same again this year. As in previous years, this will be with live band and refreshments included. Tickets for the event will be on sale at the school office from Tuesday 12th December. Dress code is formal, with footwear suitable for a ceilidh. We do have our Viewforth Vinted clothing collection for anyone who might prefer to borrow a suit or dress rather than buy brand new. Anyone wishing to make use of this can speak to Mrs Robertson or Mr Wilson to arrange access.

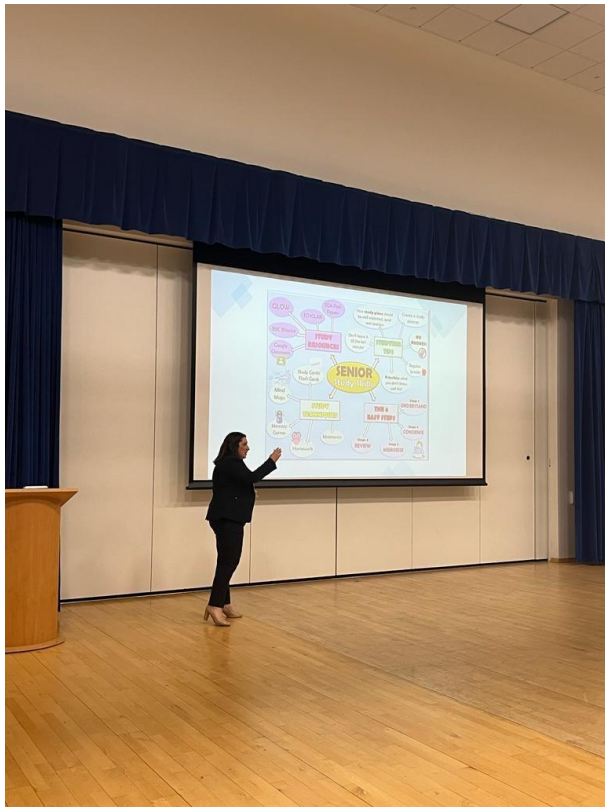
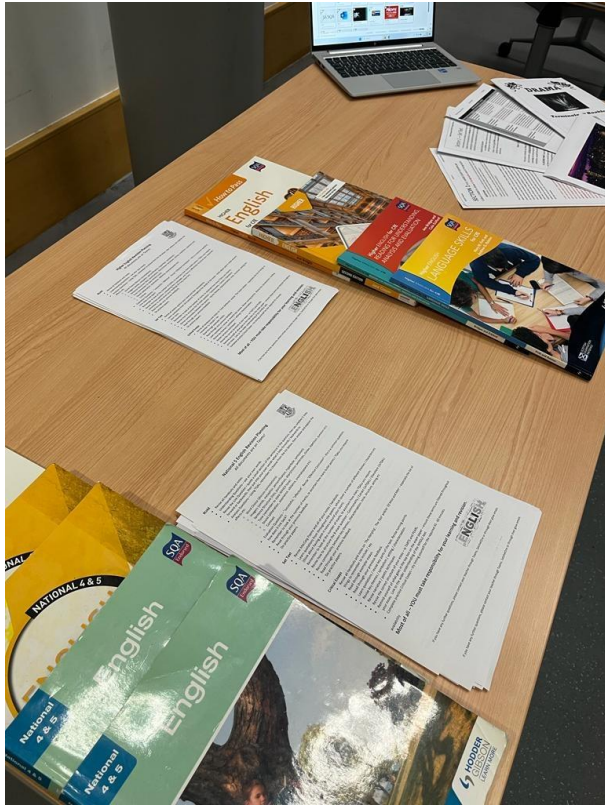
## Study Skills Evening



On Wednesday 22 November, young people and their families were invited along to our Study Skills evening where they were given hints and tips on how to study more effectively and also how to help and support your young person at home. There were also a few freebies given out. We are planning to run another event like this at the next Senior Phase Parents' Evening and will send out more information in due course.

Here are some photos of the evening. Thanks to all who came along to support.











## 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 13 December 2023 – Christmas Lunch – All settings
- Thursday 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).

## 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>1</sup> The meetings begin at 6pm.

Monday 4th December

Monday 15th January

Monday 11th March

Monday 22nd April

Monday 10th June

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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

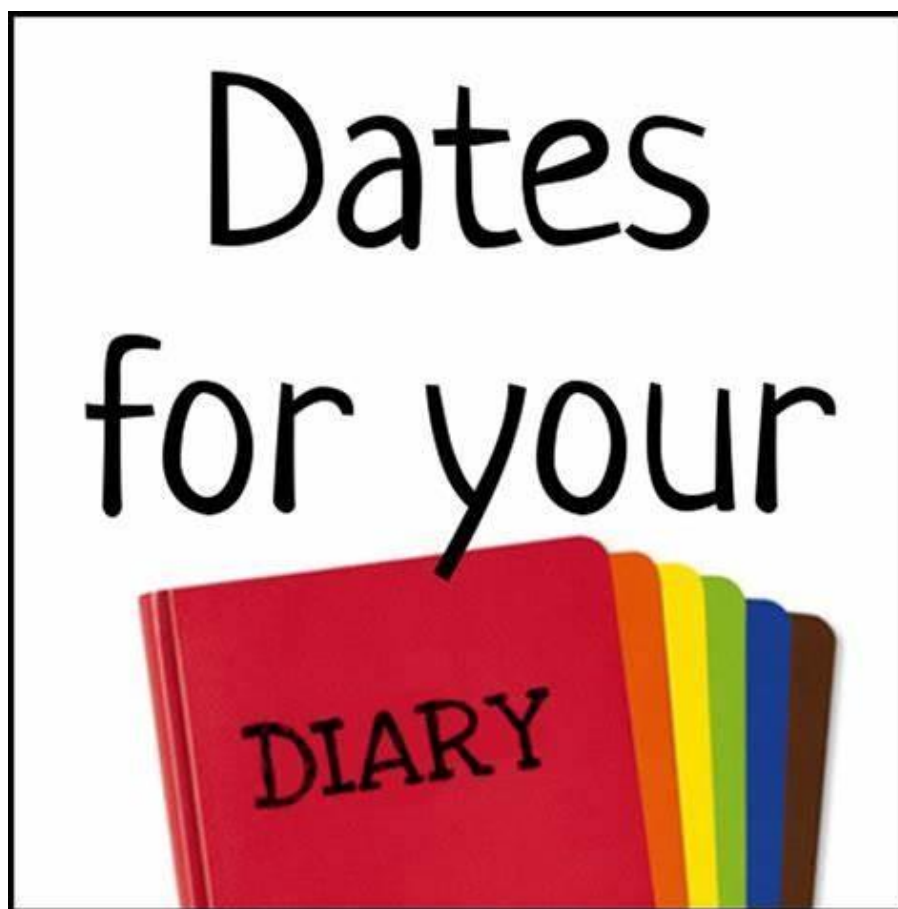


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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 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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