

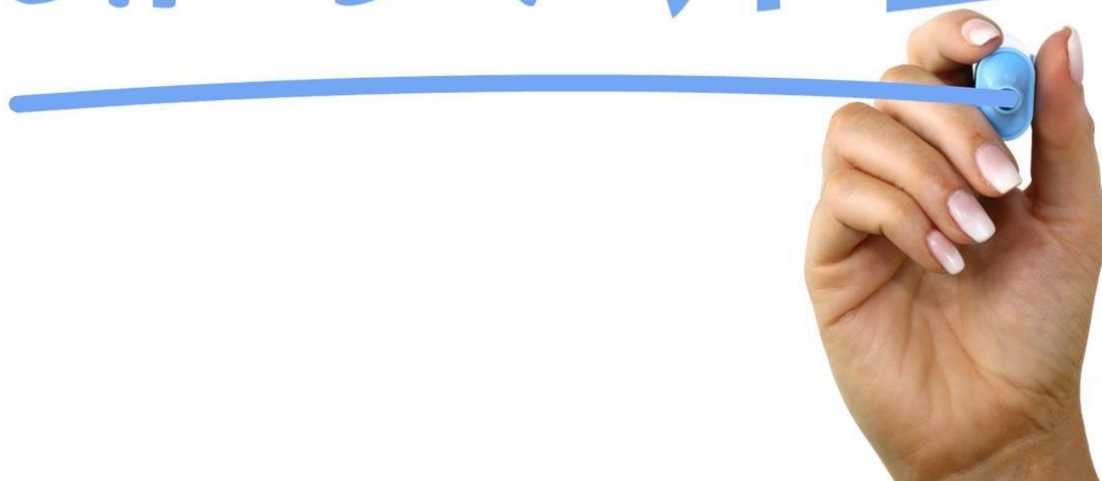


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 5 January 2024

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a lovely break and found time to relax during the festivities.

At the end of last term we donated an incredible 710 items of food and toiletries to the Kirkcaldy Foodbank along with a cheque for £77.85. I'd like to thank our young people and their families for these generous donations, which I'm sure will have had a positive impact on our local community. As you know this was also a House Competition and the results are in... in first place was MacGregor, followed by Fidra and in third place was Craigendal. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

The new term is off and running and our prelim exams for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 started this morning. Pupils are reminded that they should attend all classes when not in an exam and a copy of the exam timetable and specific details can be found below.

We are aware that some parents and carers may have received new mobile phones over the Christmas break and I'd like to ask that you ensure you inform the school office of any changes to contact details. You can do this by emailing viewforthhs.enquiries@fife.gov.uk or by calling 01592 583408. It's essential that we have accurate contact details in case of an emergency situation.

Prelim Examinations



A reminder that young people should look carefully at their prelim timetables and highlight the days and times of their exams, being aware that they may have more than one exam per day. All young people should be ready to enter the exam hall 10 minutes prior to the start time of their exam and have noted their seat number (the seat number is likely to be different for each exam). If their exam begins during lunchtime, they will be entitled to an early lunch. If a young person has assessment arrangements, Mrs Hill will provide them with an individual timetable which will state the start and end time of their exam and which room this will take place in.

No mobile phones or smart watches should be taken into the exam hall. These can either be handed to a member of staff or locked in the classroom where bags and jackets will be stored.

Pupils should follow their normal timetable when not in an exam and registers will be taken both at the beginning of exams and in classes as normal. School uniform should be worn as normal.

Good luck to all pupils in S4, S5 and S6!

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S2 Parents' Evening



All parents and carers of S2 pupils are invited to attend our S2 Parents' Evening which will take place on Wednesday 24 January from 4.30pm - 7pm. This is an important evening which takes place in advance of the Curriculum Pathway process and I would encourage all parents and carers to attend to hear about the progress your child is making and the courses that will be on offer for them in S3. You will receive more information soon about booking appointments online.

School Uniform

It's great to see so many of our young people have returned from the holidays wearing full school uniform. A reminder that hooded tops, outdoor jackets and hats should not be worn in classrooms. Pupils in S4, S5 and S6 should continue to wear their school blazers in and around the school, however we appreciate that they may prefer to wear coats to and from school given the colder temperatures.

Fife College Applications



Applications for Fife College courses beginning in August will open on Monday 15 January. If your child is considering applying for College, they will be supported by their Guidance Teacher to do so. Please ask them to speak to their Guidance Teacher soon to make them aware of their intentions. You can find out about the courses on offer by exploring the Fife College website <https://www.fife.ac.uk/>

Donation of water bottles

We have received a very generous donation of 40 water bottles from CECA Scotland (Civil Engineering and Contractors Association Scotland). The Guidance Team are currently working to identify young people who would benefit from these bottles. If you would like your child to be

considered, please contact your child's guidance teacher or direct them to speak with them early next week. Thank you to CECA Scotland for this generous donation.

School Meal Information



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

- 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.com¹ The meetings begin at 6pm.

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

¹<mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com>

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

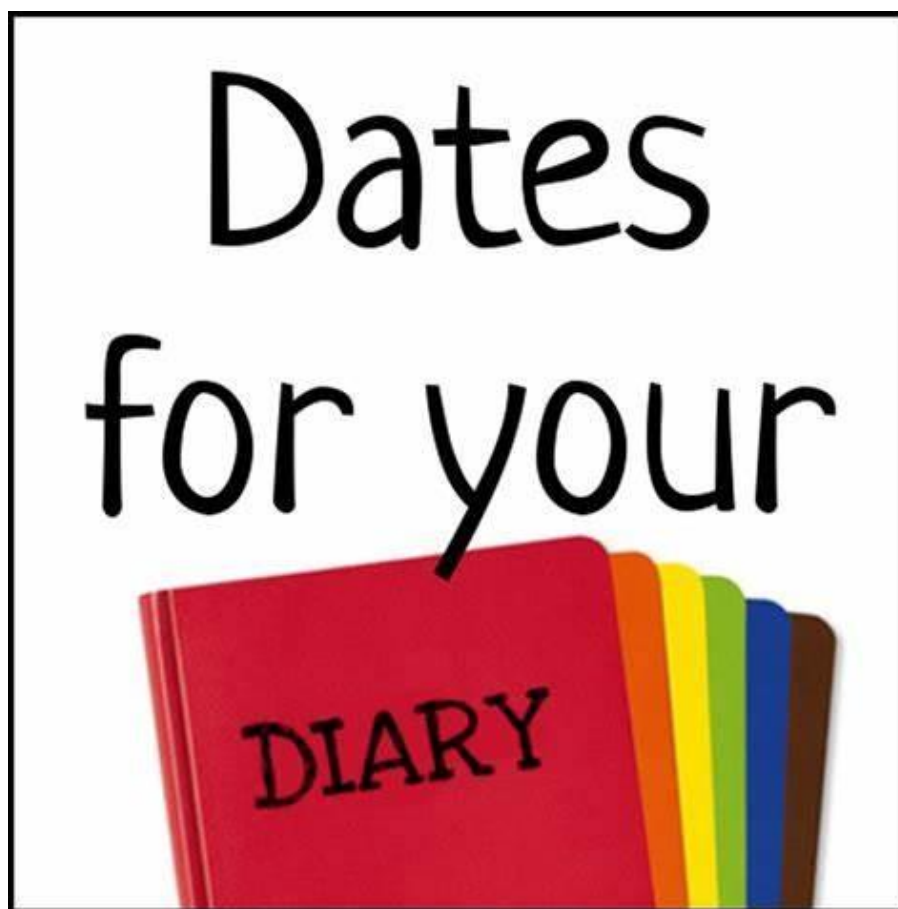


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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

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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