

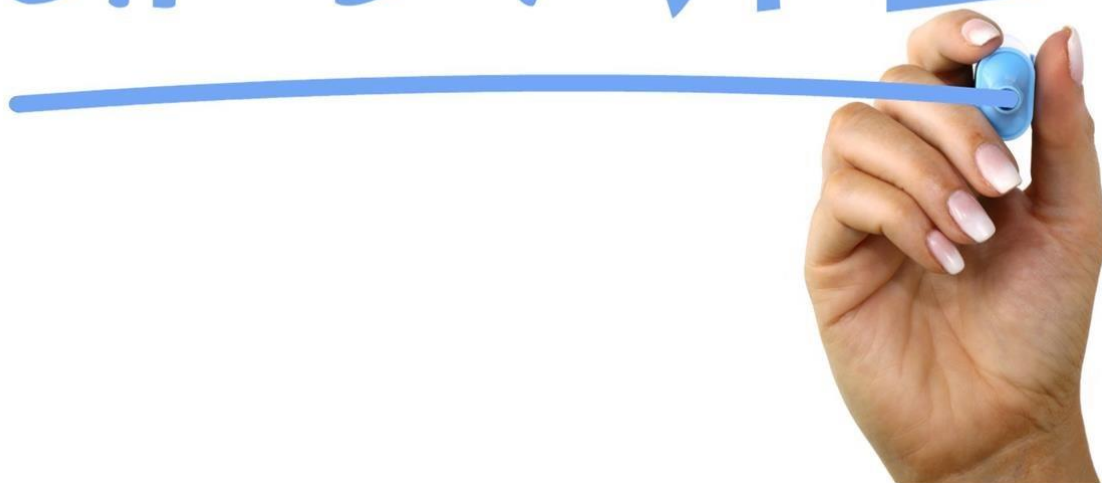


Viewforth High School

Newsletter - 15 March 2024

Head Teacher Update

UPDATE



I hope this update finds you and your families well.

I'd like to thank all parents / carers who have already taken the time to complete the ParentWise survey. This is an excellent opportunity to share your views on Viewforth High School and in turn you are helping us to understand what we can do to improve our working relationships with parents and carers. The survey will close on the 22nd March 2024 so there is still time to share your thoughts <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentWise2024/>.

At our Parent Council this week we discussed how Groupcall emails are received by parents / carers and the challenges of these messages sometimes going into junk or spam folders. We have also identified that it may not be clear that the message has been sent by the school and parents / carers may be reluctant to click the link for fear that the file may be corrupt. We are working to improve this and have communicated with Groupcall and other schools to identify solutions. One suggestion has been for parents / carers to add Groupcall to your list of safe senders and this should prevent the emails going straight to spam or junk email folders. We will continue to work to improve this method of communication.

During the last week of term, we will be holding a series of Celebrating Success Assemblies. During these assemblies we would like to celebrate the wide range of successes and achievements that our young people have across the wider school and out of school. Many of our young people are involved in clubs and activities or have hobbies outside of school that they don't tell us about and that's where I'm looking for your help. If your child has achieved success (however big or small) we'd

like to hear about it. Please email viewforthhs.enquiries@fife.gov.uk¹ with the information and any photographs you may have. Thank you in advance for helping us to celebrate the success of our young people.

ParentWise Survey 2024

All parents / carers across Fife are invited to share their thoughts about the school that their child / children attend. The feedback from parents / carers is incredibly important to us as it enable us to listen to your views and plan improvements accordingly. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questions in the survey. You can access the survey via the QR code in the attached poster.

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Preparation for SQA Exams



As we approach the end of term three, our S4, S5 and S6 pupils are working hard to prepare for their SQA exams. We are finalising our Easter Study Support offer and this will be shared with pupils and parents / carers prior to the end of term. We will also share our Masterclass timetable of focused sessions prior to each exam. Attendance at both study support and masterclasses will support young people to achieve success in their exams and provides an excellent opportunity to ask any questions pupils may have. Please encourage your young person to attend and if you have any questions in relation to SQA, please contact your child's guidance teacher in the first instance.

Ms McNamee will also write to you in advance of the end of term to detail the arrangements for study leave.

¹<mailto:viewforthhs.enquiries@fife.gov.uk>

Registration for e-Sgoil's Study Support is Open!



In addition to our own Easter Study Support programme, the e-Sgoil webinar programme is a key element of Scotland's National e-Learning Offer (NeLO). It comprises of live, interactive webinars delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers.

A total of 74 webinars are on offer, covering 31 subjects at different levels. Each webinar group will meet for three sessions during **2 – 11 April 2024**. This provision is **free** to all learners.

Last Easter, there were over 16,000 webinar registrations and almost all learners rated the overall quality of the Easter Study Support as "excellent". The timetable, registration form, and a range of supporting documentation can all be accessed here.²

Additional resources for Senior Phase learners can be found in e-Sgoil's Senior Phase Learning Spaces³ and please note that Evening Study Support webinar programme⁴ continues during term time until the start of the SQA exam diet.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with e-Sgoil⁵.

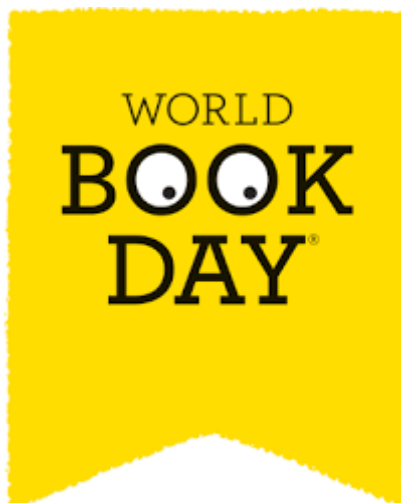
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World Book Day Success



As part of World Book Day 2024, S1-S3 pupils were given the opportunity to enter a competition to win a Bookbox. The Bookbox contains: two copies of a new novel (four different genres), chocolates to share, hot chocolate for two, bookmarks and reading tips.

To enter the competition, pupils had to review a book they were reading, or had already read. To encourage creativity, there were three entry options which pupils could choose from:

1. A creative artefact – (sculptures/paintings/posters etc)
2. A writing piece – such as a review of their book or similar.
3. A script/graphic novel or play conversion

We had a range of entries from S1 to S3 and 18 deserving winners were selected. The 18 pupils are:

S1

Oscar Carscadden

Chloe Wiscombe

Thomas Varney

David Taylor

Patryk Sybilski

Roan Callow

Robert Easton

Graeme Wood

Hannah Swanson

Diana Bruniniece

S2

Isla O'Connor & Raya Vasileva (S2) Joint

Iona Galvez Brown

Adam Kasprzyk

Kaya Loudan

Ellie-May Ellor

Niamh Shevlin

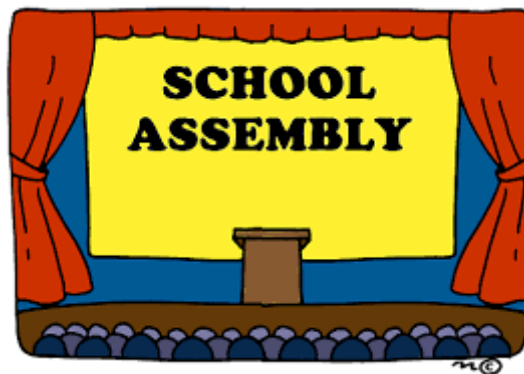
Ashleigh Lonergan

S3

Angel Moir

Well done to everyone involved!

Assembly Programme



This term our morning year group assemblies have focused on important whole school messages around studying, leadership, health and wellbeing and social issues.

World Book Day

Mr Devlin led assemblies to promote the school's World Book Day celebrations and competitions. He also used the opportunity to highlight the positive impact of reading on wellbeing and also some simple steps young people can take to improve their literacy skills.

Using Your Local Library

Miss Korabiowska delivered assemblies on how to use your local library effectively. She covered joining the library and the services it provides, as well as how it can support your studies and enjoyment of reading.

Physical Wellbeing and Brain Development

This assembly dealt with how choosing healthy lifestyle factors can have a positive impact on brain development and function. It explored how healthy food and water intake along with good sleep habits can support performance in school. It also highlighted the negative impact of "Energy Drinks" on learning potential in a day.

Ramadan

Next week Mrs Orr will cover the currently ongoing Muslim observance of Ramadan. This will explore what Ramadan is, why it is done and how we can respect and support our Muslim classmates and colleagues in our community at this time.

Workshop for Parents / Carers

This workshop is aimed at helping parents & carers to both recognise and support their own mental health, but also develop skills they can use with children. Please sign up in the following form if you'd like to attend: <https://forms.office.com/e/dgFzFCmVm7>



School Traffic Management Plan



Please find attached the school's updated Travel Management Plan. This is reviewed annually by our Business Manager and covers the usage of all parking and drop off areas for all site users of Windmill Community Campus. Although this document is updated annually, awareness of this document and its instruction is raised regularly through assemblies, school meetings and parent communications. If you have any questions regarding the Traffic Management Plan, you can contact our Business Manager, Ms Fiona Davison, via the school office.

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Cost of the school day

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As a school we work to ensure that all young people can attend without having to worry about the cost of anything in school. This also includes things that they might need to help them attend school. There are a range of services we offer that all young people are welcome to use.

- Breakfast Club – open from 8.20 – 8.40 daily in the school café
- Sanitary Products – our Support Hub have a range of sanitary products that are free to take if needed. Many classrooms have these in class as well for young people to help themselves. These are signposted in the classes.
- School uniform – the Support Hub has a range of uniform that young people are welcome to have if needed. This includes shirts, trousers, tights, socks and jerseys among other items. Whilst pupils can ask themselves, if parents would prefer, they can phone and ask for this support on their young person's behalf.
- Toiletries – we also hold a stock of toiletries for anyone who may need them this includes shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.
- All families who are eligible, are encouraged to apply for free school meals. You can check your eligibility and to apply via this link: [Free school meals and school clothing grants | Fife Council](#)⁶
- Also, your child may be eligible to apply for Educational Maintenance Allowance if they are over 16. You can check eligibility and apply via this link: [Education Maintenance Allowance | Fife Council](#)⁷
- S4-6 students are also reminded that there is a stock of study materials held in the Depute Head Teachers' office that they are welcome to use. This includes cue cards, post-it notes, highlighters and resource guides.
- Whilst all young people are encouraged to come equipped for school with their own pens and pencils, if they need anything like this they can be provided at school.

⁶<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/free-school-meals-and-school-clothing-grants>

⁷<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/funding/educational-maintenance-allowance>

If you, or your child, have any concerns around costs associated with school you are welcome to contact the school and speak with their Principal Teacher of Guidance.

Fife Council provides a range of supports related to cost of living. More information can be found about this here: [Benefits and money advice | Fife Council](#)⁸

Alternatively, the our Fife Council website has a range of advice and links to support available for families.

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

⁸<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/welfare,-benefits-and-money-advice>

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.com⁹ The meetings begin at 6pm.

Monday 22nd April

Monday 10th June

Key Staff



⁹<mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com>

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

Mrs Campbell for classes 1C1, 1C2 and 2C1

Mrs Stewart for classes 1F1, 2F1 and 2F2

Ms Barr 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

Mr Bowman for classes 3F2, 3M1, 3M2, 4F1, 4M1 and 4M2

Ms Harris will support 3C1, 3C2 and 4C1

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

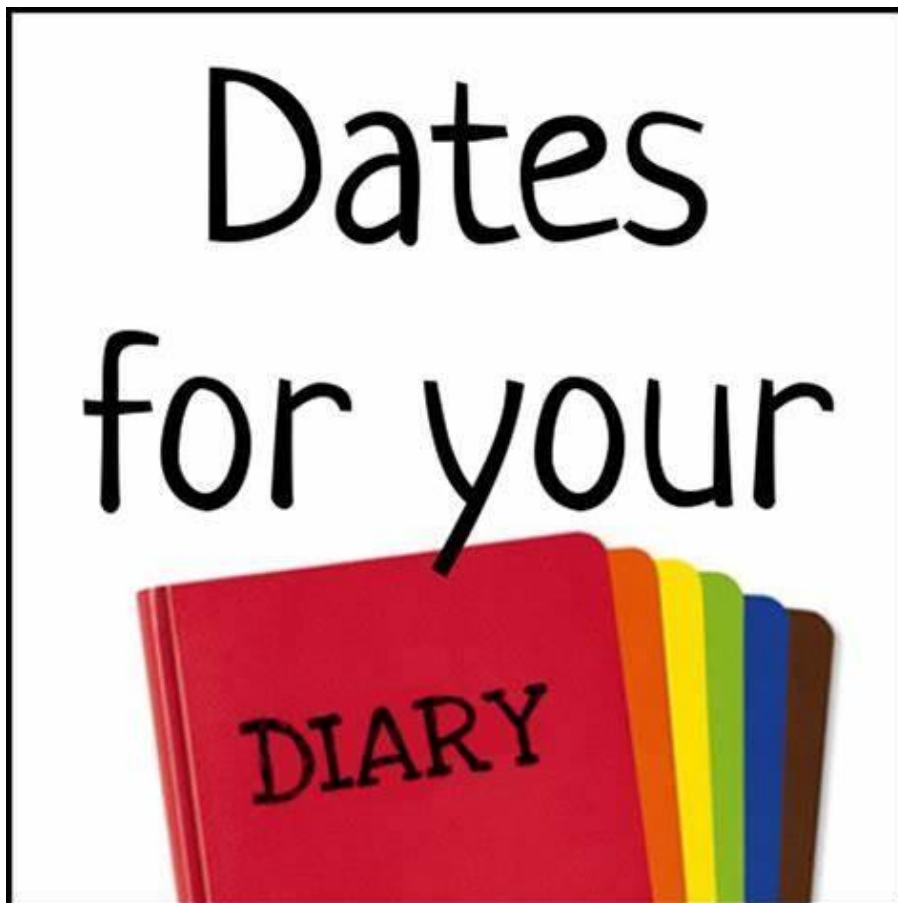


There are a variety of ways you can contact the school and we would encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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...



Term Dates 2023/24 (all dates are inclusive)

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

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

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