

CONNECT

Good Morning!

Here is a belated update for October and November Newsletter

Another Jam packed month of Connect flown by! We have seen meetings, activities, growing support across the school and in the community, grants being worked on and submitted for funding, cross-country support, transporting pupils to and from work experience, supporting our pupils at the college, and so much more.

Last month opened up with a progress meeting for one of our prior disengaged pupils who are now attending Rathbone. Connect was requested to be present by the pupil and has since seen this pupil flourish in this new positive destination. Connect had also been back and forth to and from the College, meeting and monitoring the pupils that we have attending college courses.



We have started working more directly with classes across the school. For example Connect is providing individualized focused support for several pupils in John Kirkland's S4 Tech class, and taking an S2 PE class to aid in additional coverage. And even help out with Kilmarnock's Got Talent.



Our Connect Groups are going great! We are up and running with focused and additional support groups for select S1,S2,S3,S4, with several S5 pupils and 2 S6 UCAST support periods, thanks to L. Black and N. Mcilvanney. Furthermore we are running 4 Lunch and 4 year specific break clubs, as well as before school support for several of our pupils.

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These last two months we have had multiple groups out biking, hiking, canoeing as well as other activities building/developing life skills through outdoor learning. We have seen pupils; Explore new places, Experienced new activities, Overcome new challenges, learn about heritage and grow and mature as young people.



Were excited to be moving into the Christmas Season, with so much ahead of us and so much going on, there is only great thing to be done! A couple sneak peeks of things on the horizon....Teachers Vs. Pupils Bubble football game, Craft fayre, ACE Awards outdoor Activities, Connect group trip to the Pantomime, Potential of Connect run/Pupil lead "Community Café" where outside organizations can have a place in school to meet with pupils, as well as high quality fairtrade coffee making/enterprising opportunity. And Chris in Connect is working towards obtaining his Mountain Leader Qualification so we as a school can have more freedom to explore this hills without having to outsource a guide/instructor.

