



## **1. Events and Activities**

Since our last meeting the following activities have taken place:

- Inaugural East Ayrshire History Challenge
- Interviews for Biology, PT Science and Acting DHT posts
- Decision taken on future of St. Sophia's
- Appointment of Pupil Leadership Team (S6)
- SQA Results 2018/19
- INSET 1
- HT Parent Information Evening
- Investiture Mass for S6 Leadership Team
- Missio Scotland Assembly – St. Therese of Lisieux

## **2. Further Detail**

### ***History Challenge***

Mr Marr's History group represented our school in the inaugural East Ayrshire History Challenge. Mr Marr had organised this event in South Ayrshire before joining us last session. Our school were one of three to enter the competition, with Loudon Academy leaving victorious. Each school prepared material on the history of their own school, and presented to one another. Thanks to the pupil team and Mr Marr for the enthusiasm demonstrated when representing the school. The work of our group is on display in the Social Subjects corridor and they have already started to work on this year's piece.

### ***St. Sophia's***

Cabinet took the decision to refurbish St. Sophia's on the current site. This reflects the opinion of the overwhelming majority of those who responded to the consultation. We are delighted that St. Sophia's will continue to serve the communities of the Irvine Valley in the years ahead and from their current site.

### ***Pupil Leadership Elections and Investiture Mass***

The pupil leadership team interviews were held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Pupils were appointed to the following roles:

Head Girl (Senior School): Elle Haddow  
Head Girl (Junior School): Breagha MacKellar  
Head Boy (Senior School): Shahmir Mirza  
Head Boy (Junior School): Lewis McKenna  
Depute Head Girl: Stephanie Gorman  
Depute Head Boy: Makenzie Quinn  
Columba House Captains: Caitlin Kelly, Andrew Bolton  
Andrew House Captains: Roberto Mancini, Nayaab Rasab  
Margaret House Captains: Holly Druce, Corey Davidson

### ***Missio Scotland Assembly***

Our S2 pupils heard from Martin Mann (Missio Scotland) and Nicholas McLuskey (Third Order) on the life of St. Therese of Lisieux. The relics of St. Therese are visiting Scotland and a number of our young people will represent the school at Mass in the Cathedral next week. The assembly was well received, with Mr Mann commenting very positively on the conduct and engagement of our young people.

In addition, a number of pupils have submitted art work to be displayed in the Cathedral during the visit of the relics.

### ***Annual HT Information Evening***

The HT shared initial SQA attainment data, school improvement priorities and important dates for the session ahead.

## **3. Staffing**

### **Appointments since the last parent council meeting**

Post	Staff	Status
PT Science	Miss Lauren Zeb	Permanent
Biology	Mr Matthew Giroux	Permanent
Chemistry	Miss Kelly McComb	Temporary
Depute Head Teacher	Miss Angela Quigley	Acting until February 2020

Please note, Miss McComb will remain with us until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September when Miss Zeb takes up post.

Mr Kane (HT) will commence paternity leave around Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August, and will be off for ten working days.

Miss Quigley will take up post upon Mr Kane's return from paternity leave, at which point Mr Cowan will join Grange Academy.

### **Vacancies**

Post	Deadline
English Maternity Cover	Out to advert, closing date Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
PT Social Subjects (Acting)	All paperwork submitted to HR. Post to be advertised ASAP. Post commences upon Mr Kane's return from paternity leave. Acting until February 2020.

#### 4. Strategic Matters

##### School Improvement Plan 2019/20

Shared digitally this evening, prior to ratification and further discussion at the next Parent Council meeting. Final submission to be made to local authority in September.

##### SQA Attainment

Results shared digitally for discussion.

#### 5. Pupil Equity Fund Consultation

Proposed PEF spend was initially shared in June prior to feedback this evening.

<b>Total allocation £98,400</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
EA Planning and Support Costs	£4,240	
Bethany Trust Counselling	£14,000	Continuation of 18/19 arrangement
Home Link Worker	£9,000	Based at Mount Carmel, and split with Mount Carmel and St. Sophia's
Family Learning Materials and Programmes	£4,000	Facilitated via combination of HLW and PT Family Engagement
PT Family engagement	£4,300	Continuing work started in January 2019
PT Moderation	£4,300	Continuing work started in January 2019
PT Inclusion (x2)	£8,600	Continuing work started in January 2019
Inclusion Worker	£22,000	Subject to job sizing, working with SIMD1 and SIMD2 pupils to engage in activities within school/offer one to one support where needed
Accelerated Reader Software	£2,500	Specific software to support SIMD1 and SIMD2 pupils joining us from associated primaries and still working at first level (P1-P3) in literacy
Attendance Officer to support around eighty identified pupils from SIMD1 and SIMD2	£18,000	Subject to job sizing In attempt to address long standing issues of lowest attendance rate in East Ayrshire
Washing Machine installation	£1,000	Subject to quote
Breakfast Club and Uniform Supply	£2,000	
Support for Learning Worker	£16,000	Continuation of last year's arrangement. Should be noted that our core allocation has also been cut from 244 to 220 hours.
Vulnerability Fund	£3,000	In response to removal of EG vulnerability fund and to support families and young people to access excursions and wider achievement opportunities.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£112,940</b>	

NB – Our allocation for 2019/20 is £98,400 but there is an underspend on our current 2018/19 figure of £15,000 which accounts for the difference between our allocation and projected spend. We received a rebate of £9,000 for our Home Link Worker charge last session as it transpired we paid the share of both St. Andrew's and Mount Carmel in session 2017/18. In real terms our underspend sits at around £6,000 this session.

## 6. Forthcoming Events

Dates stated are given in good faith. External providers may alter dates at short notice.

P7/S1 Transition Mass 11.45am	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
S1 Settling in Evening 6pm	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
Junior Leadership Team Elections	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Extended Leadership Team Meeting	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
S1-S6 Photographs (Provisional)	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August
UCAS Information Evening 7pm	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August
DoE Gold Practice	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Diocesan Mass – St. Therese of Lisieux	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Senior Award Ceremony 7pm	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
HPV Immunisations (Provisional)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Mentors in Violence Prevention Launch	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Maths Week	w/b Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Vocations Week	w/b Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Education Group Meeting	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
BAE Roadshow (Science)	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Servant Leadership Retreat (S6)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Various excursions	Ongoing in Geography, Modern Studies, RE, English
September Weekend	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
HT and PT Results Analysis Meetings	w/b Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September until Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October