



## **1. Events and Activities**

Since our last meeting the following activities have taken place:

- S3 Careers Even part 2
- Creative Industries Showcase Event
- Staffing Meeting – 2019/20
- Under 14s football team – St. Joseph's 6-2 Auchinleck
- DanceFest Event
- Sport and Recreation – Disability awareness session
- Duke of Edinburgh Practice expeditions
- Young Journalist Society – St. Joseph Edition
- National Student Investor Competition – Ranked 94<sup>th</sup> of 5885 teams
- Feast of St. Joseph – Whole School Mass – 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Cumnock Young Police Volunteer Awards
- Easter School
- Easter Holiday
- Easter Weekend
- Leaver attainment meeting with Head of Education
- Interviews (Computing, English and Biology)
- I-Pad rollout for S1 complete
- Head Teacher's report to the Equity Committee
- Young Enterprise Awards
- S2 Reports Issued
- S6 Leavers Day

## **2. Further Detail - Snapshot**

### **Second S3 Careers Event**

Parents/Carers visited our S2 pupils during PSE to speak of their career path and what it takes to run or contribute to the running of a business. Another set of parents and partners met with our S3 cohort last week to share their experience of the world of work and to outline their own professional journey. Next week, S3 pupils will be interviewed by parents and partners as part of our ongoing engagement with developing the young workforce. I would like to thank Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Marshall and all parents and partners who contributed to the above events.

Please note, since the original entry shown above, our S3 pupils completed their interviews. Feedback from visiting staff was extremely positive. Mrs Marshall is meeting with staff from the chamber to plan next session's events across a range of year groups.

### **Whole School Mass**

We were delighted to celebrate Mass on the feast day of our patron saint, St. Joseph. Our chaplains noted that participation is increasing and that respect shown during Mass is improving with each whole school Mass. I would like to thank Mr Sikora, Mrs McCaffrey, Mrs Shearer, Mr Cowan, Miss Thomson and Mrs Marshall for their assistance on the day and to those pupils who sang or assisted at the Mass.

## **Easter School**

Sessions ran across four days in a range of subjects. Staff reported strong attendance in comparison to last session and pupils and parents commented on the increase in sessions on offer.

## **I-Pad rollout and ICT Service**

All current S1 pupils are now in possession of their I-Pad. All current S6 must return their device before the school prom.

Our technician, Mr Campbell, has left to join St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary in Glasgow. His post is currently out to advert. East Ayrshire's corporate IT department have relocated some staff to our site. This is a welcome move, particularly in relation to I-pad repairs as they may now take place on site.

## **Leavers' attainment meeting with Head of Education**

Mr Kane met with Mrs Linda McAulay-Griffiths and Mr Graham McGinn to account for the attainment data uploaded to INSIGHT in late February/Early March. INSIGHT is the national benchmarking tool for measuring school level attainment. The meeting was very positive and constructive.

Some highlights of the data published in relation to St. Joseph's will be shared this evening. There are a number of very positive trends emerging from the data.

## **Young Enterprise Awards**

Congratulations to Ceara and Jay, who won the Best Digital Presence and Best Report awards at Ayrshire's Young Enterprise Award ceremony. 'Hidden Gold' developed art therapy kits for potential use in Care Homes. I would like to thank Mrs Cassidy, Mr Ritson and Miss Smith for their work with the group since August.

## **3. Staffing**

Mr Iain Tomb has now taken up post as PT Technical, Business Education and Computing.

Mr John Fulton was appointed to the post of PE teacher (full time permanent). Mr Fulton will complete his NQT year at Loudon Academy before taking up his post with us in August 2019.

Miss Jasmen Pioli was appointed to the post of Computing teacher (full time permanent). Miss Pioli will complete her NQT year with us before re-joining as a permanent member of staff in August 2019.

Miss Emma Pepper has been appointed to the post of English teacher (maternity leave cover). Miss Pepper is currently completing her NQT year in England, and will join us in August 2019.

Mr Jack Kelly has been appointed to the post of Biology teacher (maternity leave cover). Mr Kelly is currently completing his NQT year at Doon Academy, and will join us in August 2019.

Interviews for the 0.7 FTE 1 year Maths post are scheduled to take place tomorrow (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April). The successful candidate will join us in August 2019.

The following vacancies are out to advert:

Teacher of Drama

Teacher of Modern Studies

Both posts are full time permanent positions. Interviews are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Vacancies to be resolved prior to 2019/20

Teacher of Chemistry

Teacher of Music

Teacher of PE

We are awaiting confirmation of whether or not the above posts will be filled by NQTs or if they need to go to advert. We anticipate notification of the status of each post in early May.

#### **Supply staff currently in post**

Post	Staff	Duration
English Maternity Leave	Mrs Kate Hutchens	June 2019
PE Vacancy	Mr Andrew Irvine	May 2019
Additionality	Mr James Williams (PE)	June 2019
Additionality	Mr Paul Blackhurst (Maths)	June 2019

#### **4. Strategic Matters**

##### **Timetable Change**

The timetable changed today (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April), meaning that the outgoing S1, S2 and S3 pupils have moved to become S2, S3 and S4. I would like to put on record my thanks to Mr Cowan for his work in ensuring that the timetable change was as seamless as possible.

Upwards of 96% of pupils in the new S3 and S4 were able to take their preferred combination of subjects. This is a very high figure and testament to the good work that has taken place since January in relation to careers input and the restructuring of the timetable schematic in line with the curriculum consultation that took place earlier this year.

##### **Year Head Responsibility**

Year Head responsibility will be as follows for the 2019/20 academic session (effective as of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019).

S1	Mr Boyle
S2	Mrs Shearer
S3	Mr Cowan
S4	Mrs Shearer
S5	Mr Boyle
S6	Mr Cowan

##### **Parental Engagement Sessions**

Mrs Kelly (PT Parental Engagement) has organised two specific events for parents/carers living outwith the Kilmarnock area. The first takes place tomorrow at St. Sophia's in Galston. Mr Boyle and Mrs Kelly will be in attendance with a number of community and support services to offer and advice and support to families. The second event takes place later in the month at St. Patrick's.

## **Vision, Values and Aims – Parental Input**

During study leave, subgroups of parents will be invited into school to contribute to the generation of a revised vision, values and aims for our school community. At the time of writing, members of the SLT are generating material to support this process. It is anticipated that our consultation will end by June 2019.

S1-S3 pupils and some of our partner agencies will also take part in this consultation.

## **5. Forthcoming Events**

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

- Parental Engagement sessions at St. Sophia's and St. Patrick's
- SCIAF Family Fun Run – Strathclyde Park – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Bank Holiday Monday (6<sup>th</sup> May) – School closed
- S1 Reports – w/b 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Interviews for Maths, Modern Studies and Drama
- Ongoing Intergenerational project work with Craigie Nursing Home and Alzheimer's Scotland
- Ongoing SQA exam diet
- Pupil Leadership team elections for 2019/20 session (June)
- Caritas Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May)
- Graduation Mass (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May)
- Whole Staff Meeting (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May)
- Ascension Thursday (30<sup>th</sup> May)
- School Prom (Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May)
- S1 and S2 Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June during school day)
- S3 Awards Ceremony (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7pm)