



1. General Update

Mental Health and Wellbeing Evening

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Evening took place on February 8th at 6:30pm. The N5 MHWB class presented on attachment theory and did a great job of this. A number of local organisations such as, Children's First, The Exchange, Beautiful Inside and Out and the East Ayrshire Wellbeing team also spoke in order to raise awareness of how they can support young people, and their families, with their mental health. Mrs Kirkwood, our school librarian, also shared the Mental Health Toolkit Resources we have available in the school library for young people to access if they feel they need support with their mental health at any point. The school educational psychologist was also in attendance to answer any questions parents and carers might have.

The event, as expected, had low attendance; however, those who did attend said they felt it to be beneficial as they learned better ways to support their children. Currently, we are planning to create short films to inform families how we as a school support young people with their mental, physical, spiritual and social wellbeing, and also provide them with tips and strategies to better equip them in supporting the young people in their care. These will be shown at better attended events such as Options Evenings and will be targeted to the needs of particular year groups.

International Women's Day

All of S1 participated in a DYW event on International Women's Day. S1 pupils were given the opportunity to hear from the following women from the world of work:

Name	Company
Julie McEleny	AHK Group
Jennifer Martin	Cumnock Tryst
Gillian Goldie and Fiona Campbell (former pupil)	Executive Director Finance
Kerri Sweeney	Clinical Scientist
Val Blacklock	Modern Languages
Hailey Mitchell and Laura Allardice	Clark Contracts
Kerry Mosely	Santander
Sally Chute	British Army
Denise Campbell	Fire Scotland
Lucy Cree S3 pupil and Chloe Fleming (navigator)	Junior Rally Driver

Pupils had a preparatory lesson in PSE before the event. They were supported to ask our visitors about their career, the pathway they took and any challenges they have faced as a woman in their career. Pupils are currently using the information they have learned to create their 'Ultimate International Woman' through PSE lessons this week.

Following this DYW event, it now means that every year group has had a DYW input this academic session. Details are attached at the end of the report.

Update from Miss Quigley

Tracking & Monitoring

Prelim Result reports were issued to candidates in February 2023.
S5/6 Reports were issued to parents & carers by email on Friday 10/03/2023

SQA Exams

Various SQA Deadlines for coursework are upcoming.
Begin Monday 24/4/23. Weekly update issued to S4-6 pupils by email with exam timetable, links to revision support & SQA Past Papers.
Pupils can sign up for e-Sgoil Easter Study Support classes - link has been shared with pupils. Important Exam information for pupils has been added to school website and app for parents & carers.

SQA Verification

Successful AAA audit where our new AAA Policy received very positive feedback and highlighted as an area of good practice.
New SQA Verification Policy introduced in early 2023 which reflects most up to date SQA Guidance.
In Round 1 of SQA Verification all three subjects selected (History, Geography & Graphic Communication) had positive verification outcomes, reflecting that our assessment procedures & decisions reflect national standards.
Visiting Verification took place in PE for the one-off performance. The verifier report was extremely positive and showed that our judgements are in line with the national standard and that our moderation procedures in the department are a particular area of strength.

Learning & Teaching/ Self Evaluation

Strategic focus on Meeting Learners Needs in 2022/23. Consistent approach to Quality Assurance has been introduced across departments, including week-long QA visits from SLT. Staff & Pupil surveys have provided valuable stakeholder feedback on supports for pupils. Pupils' views largely very positive on supports in school.

S6

Prom is booked at the Park Hotel 16/6/23. Cost to pupils is £45.
Leavers Hoodies & Yearbook creation is in progress. Cost to pupils is £39.
S6 Last Day 21/04/23. Mass, school celebration & Guard of Honour followed by out of school activity TBC.
Parents & Carers will be invited to the mass.

2. Staffing

PE – Short Term Supply Post

Recruitment checks are ongoing for a supply teacher of PE. It is hoped that we will be able to appoint from the supply pool prior to the Easter break.

Secondment – PT Pastoral Care post

Mrs Burnett has secured a permanent Quality Improvement Officer post with Dumfries and Galloway council. Education Scotland has requested that Mrs Burnett's secondment be extended until her start date with Dumfries and Galloway. Given that Mrs Duthie is already in the Acting post and has worked with young people and families throughout this academic session, we agreed to this extension.

We thank Mrs Burnett for her service to the school over many years and wish Mrs Burnett every success in her new post.

Recruitment for a permanent Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care will take place prior to the summer break.

PT Modern Languages and 23/24 staffing

Mrs McDaid will leave us in April. Mrs McDaid has served this community for many years as Principal Teacher of Modern Languages. At the moment, Mrs McDaid and Miss Blacklock share the Principal Teacher post. Recruitment to replace Mrs McDaid will also take place prior to the summer break. We thank Mrs McDaid for the many opportunities she has given to our pupils and families over the years and wish Mrs McDaid well in her future ventures.

It is anticipated that we will request NQT (Newly Qualified Teachers) in Business Education, Music, History and Physics. We are aiming to recruit a full-time permanent teacher of Computing. Some of the posts where NQTs will be requested are those currently held by staff who plan to retire in August. Retirees will be declared at our next Parent Council meeting.

DYW St Joseph's Academy 2022/23

Year Group	DYW Event	Details	Date	Total Number of Pupils involved	Businesses Involved	Strategic staff lead
S6	Life Skills	Pupils engaged in the following workshops: Car Maintenance, ironing, cookery, how to read a pay slip, self defence	09/06/22	71	Ayrshire Road Alliance Police Scotland Roxburgh Group ATA Kilmarnock	MM
S5/6	Pathways Market and Study Skills	Universities, colleges and apprenticeship representatives from across Scotland hosting a stall for pupils, parents/carers. Parents/carers invited to attend study skills workshop prior to Pathways Market to identify support strategies at home with teachers and educational psychologist	13/09/22 Cancelled due to Queen's funeral	180	University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde RCS University of the West of Scotland Glasgow Caledonian University University of Stirling Aberdeen University Herriot Watt University Edinburgh University Glasgow School of Art University of St Andrews Young Persons Guarantee Skills Development Scotland SASS Ayrshire College Glasgow Kelvin College City of Glasgow College New Lanarkshire College Armed Forces Teachers of St Joseph's Academy Educational Psychologist	MM
S5/6	Mock Interviews	Every S5/6 pupil will receive 1:1 interview from a representative from the world of work	04/11/22	180	Young Person's Guarantee McCall Maintenance Police Scotland (retired) Santander SDS SL3 Northern Marine Bank of Scotland AK Solicitors Education Scotland Roxburgh Group Kilmarnock Football Club Lloyds Banking Group Ernst & Young Avia Insurance Buzzworks	MM
S6	Work Experience through volunteering	Every S4 pupil will be offered the opportunity to gain work experience through volunteering	May/June 2023	70	Volunteer Scotland	MM AB

S3	Charity Careers Day	Pupils to learn about careers within charity organisations. This will also link to S3 pupils YPI project	Nov/Dec 2022	113	Samaritans, Beautiful Inside and Out Ayrshire Young Carers	MM AK
S1	International Women's Day	Women in careers previously considered as 'male dominated' sharing their experiences and pathways	March 2023	100	British Army Santander Fire Scotland AHK Group Cumnock Trust Morgan Stanley NHS Clinical Scientist Clark Contracts	MM
S2	Barclays Life skills	Pupils engage in the following workshops: Big Data - maths, Communication – English. Workshops are led by Barclays and focus on developing skills for life and work	Jan 2023	100	Barclays Talent Foundry	MM CJ LL