



1. General Update

Prelim Dates

The prelim timetable was issued to individual pupils and via the school app.

Where young people have support arrangements in place for the prelim diet, Mrs Hoy either has or will meet with them to finalise accommodation arrangements and IT access.

Parents' Evenings and Reporting

S2 Parents' Evening takes place tomorrow, Tuesday 21st November. Parents' Evenings have taken place for S3 and S5/6. S1 Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday 5th December.

Turnout – S3 Parents' Evening – 53%

Turnout – S5/6 Parents' Evening – 64.3%

The majority of S5/6 Parents/Carers and almost all S3 Parents/Carers reported preferring face to face events over online.

Feedback mainly centred on the layout of the hall, with a new layout and map now agreed and ready for distribution tomorrow evening at the S2 event. There were some comments around frustration caused by appointments not running to time. Overall, the feedback was positive in terms of the quality of conversation/information.

RSHP Consultation

Mr Kane shared with all parents/carers communication encouraging them to engage with and respond to the live consultation on delivery of RSHP in Scottish schools. There are a number of potential outcomes that could impact delivery of elements of RSHP/RE in Catholic schools. Some of the potential outcomes are alarming in terms of how they may sit against the terms of the Education Act.

Catholic Education Week

Staff and pupils will be in attendance in an official capacity at least three parish communities over the coming weekend.

- Our Lady's and St. Patrick – Vigil Mass 6.00pm
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Sunday 11.30am
- St. Joseph's, Kilmarnock – Sunday 11.00am

Attendance at the above parish communities and for the Masses shown is confirmed. It is possible that staff will be present at other Masses too.

Since we last met, our pupils also attended the Generation Hope touchpoint day in Paisley, where those to have participated in the summer camp had the opportunity to reconnect with friends and to spend time in prayer.

Extra-Curricular Activity

Our Extra-Curricular programme was shared around the time of the last Parent Council meeting. Attendance, particularly in PE, is strong.

- Maisie in S3 represented the school at the Future Chef competition
- Abi in S4 was selected as part of the National Athletics Academy
- Our S2/U14 football team lost on penalties in the second round of the Scottish Cup to St. Andrew's/St.Bride's from East Kibride
- Korey in S3 won Silver at the Irish Open when competing in Karate
- The same team beat Stewarton 5-1 in the league
- CPR training was delivered to our S6 cohort
- The first school show in at least five years will take place during June 2024 with Guys and Dolls announced

Pupil-led Activities

Recent Bake Sale activity has raised money for our associated charities. In addition, our Young Journalist society have launched a school podcast, which provides a summary of activities that have taken place in school. You can listen here:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/7EbTg7NAqnWZKelr8osiNO>

Anti-Bullying Input

A broad overview of approaches to anti-bullying will be presented at this evening's meeting.

2. Staffing

Staff to have joined since our last meeting are as follows:

- Mrs Hanif – 1.0FTE Computing teacher until June 2024
- Mrs John – 0.5FTE Teacher of SfL until June 2024

The following staff will start shortly.

- Miss Lewis – Classroom Assistant
- Mr Brown – PT RE, starts on Monday 27th November
- Miss Thomson – Acting PT Expressive Arts (Maternity Cover), will take responsibility on as of 8th January

Interviews for the following posts will take place shortly.

- Teacher of Maths – Permanent full time post – Interviews Monday 27th November
- Teacher of Art – Maternity Cover until June 2023 – Interviews Wednesday 29th November

The Maths vacancy has arisen as a result of Miss Egan moving onto a new post within the Higher Education sector. Miss Egan is a highly valued, well respected and important member of staff. Miss Egan consistently gave of extensive expertise during her time here and we wish Miss Egan every success in the future.