



1. General Update

Prelim Results

Prelim results were issued to all pupils last week and outlined a summary of notional grades based on the examinable element of the prelim paper only. That is to say, some courses issue a final course award based upon a total taken from the exam paper and other practical tasks. The results only reflect performance in the examination element at the point of prelims. For subjects with no exam, parents/carers were provided with a current tracking grade of either on track to pass or not on track to pass.

In some subjects, such as Drama and Music, practical prelims are taking place this week. Pupils will be informed of practical prelim performance by class teachers.

SQA Practical Exams

For those subjects where there is an examinable practical submission as opposed to an internally assessed submission, we will shortly receive notification of SQA examiner visit dates. This will apply for Drama and Music only, with the window of assessment usually running from late February to early May.

Personalisation and Choice/Options

We held personalisation and choice Information Evenings for parents/carers of those in S3, S4 and S5. Events were well attended.

The event for S2 was scheduled to take place last week, but with weather warnings, was rearranged to now take place tomorrow (Tuesday 23rd January).

Options interviews are underway, with our intention being to conclude S4 and S5 interviews by close of day Wednesday 31st January. S2 and S3 should conclude by Friday 9th February.

Burst Pipe on site

On Thursday 18th before the start of the school day, the fire alarm was triggered twice as a result of a burst hot water pipe above the PE staff base. The water temperature resulted in steam escaping with the water, which then triggered the alarm. Plumbers were on site within an hour and the problem was remedied. The PE staff base remains out of use. Beyond a brief interruption to first period, the issue did not impact learning and teaching.

Park School Feedback

East Ayrshire Council asked us to pass on a link to a request for feedback from stakeholders in respect of the trial move of Park School S4-S6 to our campus. Parents/carers are encouraged to complete a return if possible.

Revised Extra-Curricular and Supported Study Programme

Now that the new term has started, we will shortly issue a revised table of supported study and extra-curricular activity.

Correction to February Weekend Holiday Dates

School is closed to pupils on Friday 9th, Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February. School re-opens on Wednesday 14th February.

Guide to Tracking and Monitoring

Mrs Marshall will join us this evening to speak about plans for further guidance for parents/carers to assist with interpreting tracking and monitoring data and school reports. Mrs Marshall is PT Pastoral Care for Teresa House and is undertaking an associate DHT role this year.

2. Staffing

Mr Goldie has joined the Maths department on a full time permanent contract from Irvine Royal Academy and replaces Miss Egan, who has now started her new role with the University of West of Scotland. Miss Pesti has joined our Art department until June 2024 as maternity cover for Miss Woodward.