



Dear Parent/Carer,

We were overwhelmed last week with your generosity to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now. We did not expect to raise very much from donations as we know we are living in challenging times, our main focus was to raise awareness. We raised over £900!! Once again this event demonstrates the care and community spirit at Barrhead High. I am very proud to share that I was appointed permanently as Head teacher and I am looking forward to meeting all families in the future.

**Calendar of events:**

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November-** Parent Council 7pm
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November-** S4 reports
- **W/C 16<sup>th</sup> November-** Virtual Careers week
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November-** S3 tracking report



**Closing the gap and raising attainment**

**S1/2**

Reminder that your child can attend the Tuesday homework club 3.35-4.35pm to access support and resources.

**S3**

Silent study is open to all S3 learners Monday to Thursday in R124

**S4**

All learners now have their 'assessment window 1 calendar'. Although it may appear busy, learners would have had 2 week intense prelim diet with a few exams each day and then a range of assignments to complete starting in December. Learners can now focus on planning for the key assessments shared. 'Boot camp' is running on a Tuesday and Wednesday to support with study skills.

**S5/6**

The supported study calendar was shared with learners. Please make sure your child signs up for the sessions and attends to prepare for prelims in January.

**Supporting families: Parent Employability Support Fund**

Working parents on a low-income in East Renfrewshire are being encouraged to take advantage of a new programme designed to help them increase household income. The Parental Employment Support Fund (PESF), which is funded by the Scottish Government, helps parents identify and work towards a new employment goal, learn new skills, search for jobs and prepare for interviews and link with employers looking for staff with their skills and experience – all with the ultimate goal of helping residents to earn more

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money. Lone parents, families where the parent or child has a disability, parents with three or more children, from an ethnic minority, whose youngest child is under 1 years old and parents aged under 25 years old, who have the right to work in the UK, are all eligible.

To enquire about the programme, parents can call 0141 577 8438 or email [worker@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:worker@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)

Residents who are not eligible for the programme can still be supported with job search, training, CV writing, interview techniques and more through Work EastRen and also supported by MART for income maximisation and debt reduction. The free service supports anyone based in East Renfrewshire with employment. They can also be reached on the phone number and email above.

### **Bicycle safety**

The Police will be visiting Barrhead on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am to carry out 'bicycle marking' to help to identify bicycles if they are stolen.

### **Pupil achievement**

Finally please click on the [link](#) to celebrate pupil achievements.

Best wishes,

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