

## Department of Education

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Our Ref: AB/SS  
Your Ref:  
Date: 15 March 2012

Dear Parent / Carer

### EASTER SCHOOL 2012

Your child has expressed an interest in our Easter School Revision arrangements. Easter School is an excellent opportunity for pupils to do some extra revision and to ask for help with anything they have not fully understood. It complements the private study that they will already be doing and the supported study programme which runs in school.

As you will be aware, East Renfrewshire Council, like all other public services in Scotland, faces tough financial challenges for the period 2011-2013 and beyond. With this in mind, the council launched 'Shaping Our Future', a consultation on how we might meet the budget challenges from 2010 to 2014. One of the key messages in the document was that core education services and those that affect vulnerable people should be offered greater protection. In order to safeguard these core services, a savings package was proposed which included an option to recover part of the costs associated with the running of Easter Schools in East Renfrewshire. At a special Council meeting, elected members approved the budget for 2011/12 and an indicative budget for 2012/13. The savings option relating to charging for Easter Schools was approved and must now be implemented for Easter Schools held over the 2012 spring break. In line with the Council's priority to protect vulnerable residents, pupils entitled to free school meals will continue to access Easter School free of charge. For all other pupils a rate of £4 per daily session will be payable.

Payment for Easter School should be made **online** by following the link from the school website ([www.mearnscastle.e-renfrew.sch.uk](http://www.mearnscastle.e-renfrew.sch.uk)) to the Payments4Schools service using the 'PAY' icon. In order to make an online payment, you will need to know your child's Scottish Candidate Number. If you do not know your child's candidate number please contact the school office.

**Please note that payment for Easter School must be made by Monday 26 March 2012 at the latest**

Pupils are not required to wear school uniform at Easter School, but they will be asked to sign in each day for security purposes.

If you have any questions regarding the Easter School programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Steven Sorley  
Depute Head Teacher

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## EASTER SCHOOL 2012

**All Sessions run from 9.00 am till 3.30 pm**

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Subject/Level</b>              | <b>Teacher</b>        | <b>✓</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Monday 2 April     | Geography - Int 2/Higher          | Miss Ferguson         |          |
| Monday 2 April     | Geography - Int 2/Higher          | Mr Walker             |          |
| Monday 2 April     | French - Int 2                    | Miss Murray-McIlvride |          |
| Monday 2 April     | Drama - Higher                    | Miss Devon            |          |
| Tuesday 3 April    | Modern Studies - Int 2/Higher     | Mr Hale               |          |
| Tuesday 3 April    | Geography - Int 2/Higher          | Miss Ferguson         |          |
| Tuesday 3 April    | Geography - Int 2/Higher          | Mr Walker             |          |
| Tuesday 3 April    | French - Higher                   | Miss Murray-McIlvride |          |
| Wednesday 4 April  | Modern Studies Int 2/Higher       | Mr Hale               |          |
| Thursday 5 April   |                                   |                       |          |
| Friday 6 April     | SCHOOL CLOSED                     |                       |          |
| Monday 9 April     | SCHOOL CLOSED                     |                       |          |
| Tuesday 10 April   | History – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher | Mr McGowne            |          |
| Tuesday 10 April   | History – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher | Mr McCluskey          |          |
| Wednesday 11 April | History – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher | Mr McGowne            |          |
| Wednesday 11 April | History – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher | Mr McCluskey          |          |
| Thursday 12 April  | History – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher | Mr McGowne            |          |
| Thursday 12 April  | English – Adv Higher              | Mrs McMahon           |          |
| Thursday 12 April  | PE – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher      | Miss Dobbie           |          |
| Thursday 12 April  | PE – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher      | Mr Gibson             |          |
| Thursday 12 April  | PE – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher      | Mr Donnelly           |          |
| Thursday 12 April  | PE – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher      | Mr Brown              |          |
| Friday 13 April    | History – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher | Mr McGowne            |          |
| Friday 13 April    | PE – Int 2/Higher/Adv Higher      | Miss Dobbie           |          |
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