

# MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

## S2 Curriculum Information Evening

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026



# Welcome

Mr S. Clark  
Head Teacher

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**@MearnsCastleHS**

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# Mr Hamid

Depute Head Teacher  
S2 Year Head

# Every Learner Matters Team

Each year group is fully supported by an Every Learner Matters (ELM) Team:

**Year Head – Mr Hamid DHT;** overall responsibility for year group ethos, attainment and achievement of S2.

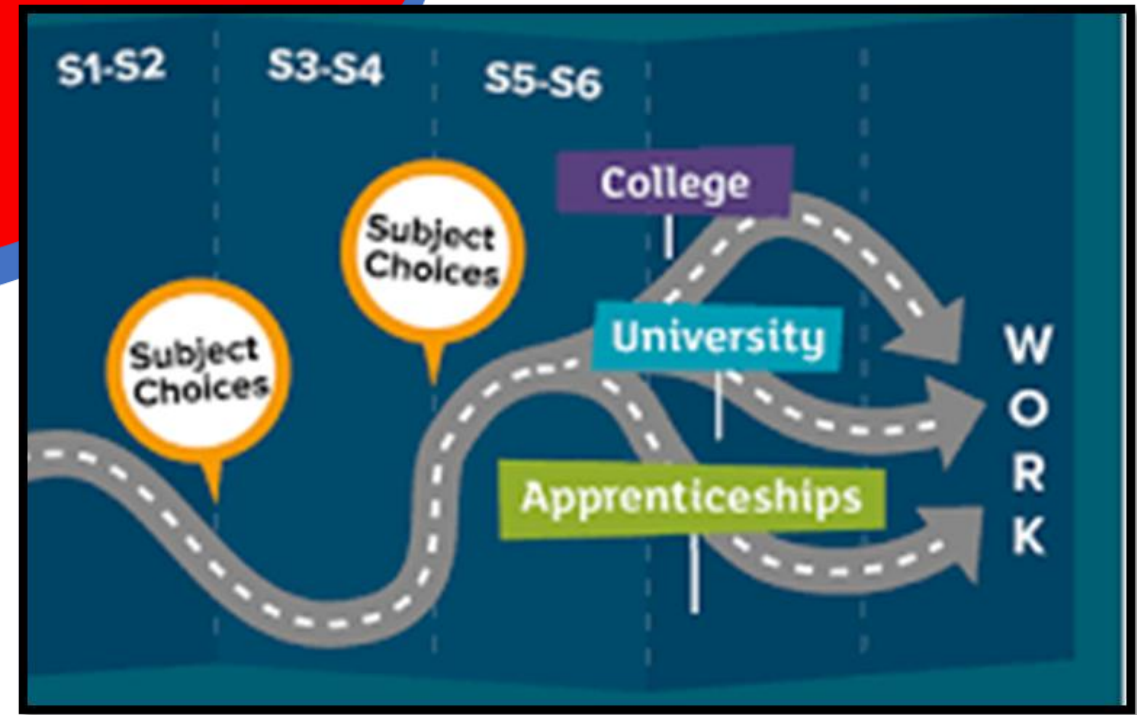
**Pupil Support Teacher – Mrs Crilley;** overall responsibility for year group pastoral care and first point of contact for all parents/carers/partners involved with S2.

**Year Group Leader – Mr Thomson PT;** planning and responding to identified needs and support with management and tracking of behaviour and attainment of the year group.

**Pastoral Project Lead – Mr Weir;** targeted intervention support in S2.

# Secondary School Journey

S1 – coverage of all eight curricular areas.  
S2 – coverage of all eight curricular areas.



Towards the end of S2, pupils choose subjects to take forward into S3 and S4.

S3/S4 - Pupils working towards their first National Qualifications.  
At the end of S4 pupils choose five subjects to take forward into S5.

S5 – Pupils working towards National Qualifications.  
At the end of S5 pupils choose four subjects to study in S6.

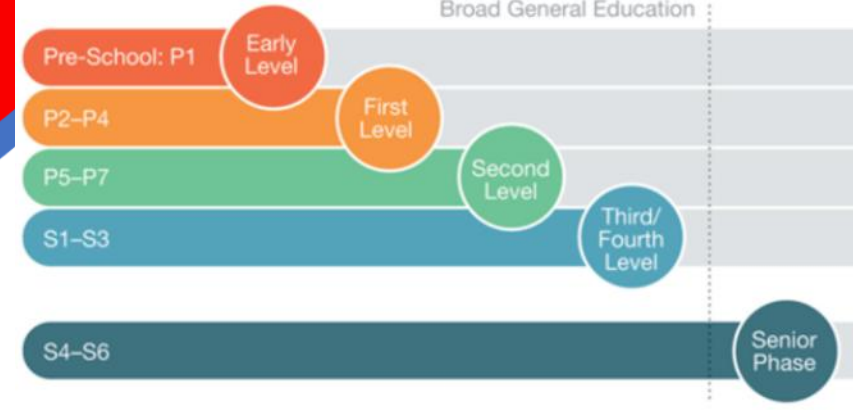
# Timetable in S1 & S2

- **33 periods per week**
  - 4 periods English (S1 x5)
  - 5 periods Maths (S1 X4)
  - 3 periods PE, Science, Modern Languages, Social Subjects
  - 1 periods RMPS, Citizenship, PSE (ELM team)
- **Subjects taught in rotation (rotate after October holiday)**
  - 3 Periods per week – approximately 10 week blocks
  - Technical & Art
  - IT & Music
  - Food and Health Technology & Drama

# Key Dates for Reporting in S2

- **Tracking Report** – 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Ratings on Progress, Behaviour, Effort & Homework.
- **Full Report** – 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Full written comment from each subject detailing strengths, next steps and level & progress within level.
- **S2 Options/Parents Meeting** – 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Meet individual teachers for feedback
- Presentation explaining the options process.

# Reporting Attainment Levels



In S2 pupils will be working between Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels 2-4. Within each level, there are currently **three categories**

- **Making progress**

- Pupil has experienced a number of outcomes and are beginning to make progress
- 02.M – Achieved level 2 and making progress at level 3

- **Progressing well**

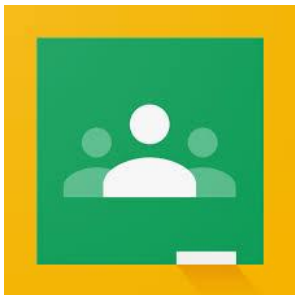
- Pupil has achieved a wide range of outcomes and are beginning to undertake more challenging learning
- 02.W – Achieved level 2 and progressing well at level 3

- **Achieved**

- Pupil has achieved success in all outcomes and has applied learning in new and unfamiliar situations
- 03 – Achieved level 3

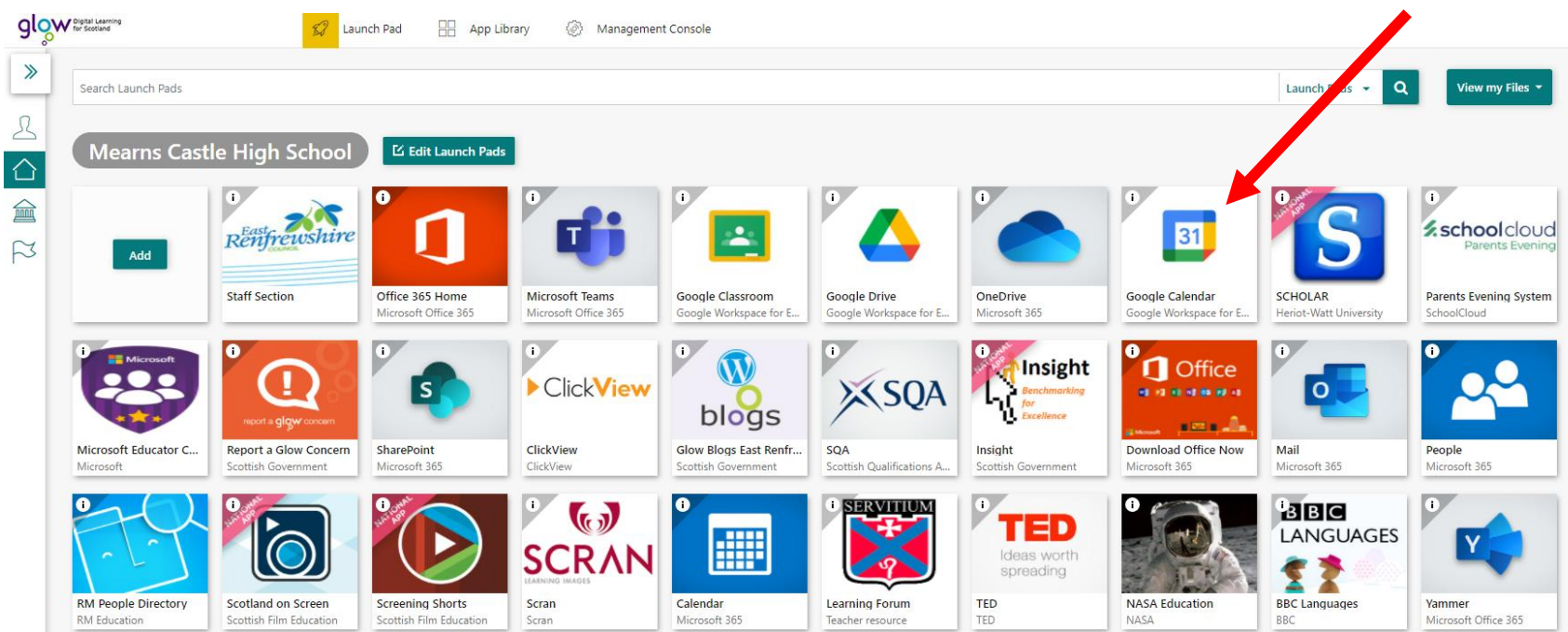
# Homework and Studying

- Every class has their own Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams page.
- Resources and learning materials for each subject shared via these platforms.
- Homework instructions issued via these platforms.



# Homework

- Staff issue homework as an “assignment” on Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams.
- No matter the platform, this can all be viewed on each pupil’s Google Calendar in GLOW



# Homework

Homework will appear in the calendar on the date it is due, example below

The screenshot shows a Google Calendar interface for May 2022. The calendar is viewed in a month grid. A red arrow points to a homework event on Wednesday, May 11th, titled "11:30am ICT HOME". Other homework events are visible on May 9th, 10th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, all titled "Assignment: Exercise". On May 6th, there is an event titled "Assignment: Test Assi" with a sub-event "11:29am Assignme". On May 13th, there is an event titled "11:29am Assignme 2 more". On May 20th, there is an event titled "11:29am Assignme". On May 27th, there is an event titled "11:29am Assignme". On May 31st, there is an event titled "11:29pm S2 Pop Mi". On May 1st, there is a holiday event titled "Early May Bank Holiday". On May 2nd, there is a holiday event titled "Spring Bank Holiday". On May 3rd, there is a holiday event titled "Queen's Platinum Jubilee".

| SUN   | MON | TUE | WED   | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 May | 2   | 3   | 4     | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8     | 9   | 10  | 11    | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15    | 16  | 17  | 18    | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22    | 23  | 24  | 25    | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29    | 30  | 31  | 1 Jun | 2   | 3   | 4   |

# Homework

Homework can be accessed by clicking on the hyperlink which will open the Classroom or Teams page for the subject and show a description of the homework task.

The screenshot shows a web browser with multiple tabs. The active tab is 'East Renfrewshire Council - Calendar'. The address bar shows 'calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2022/5/1'. The browser's toolbar includes various icons and a 'Reading list' link. The Google Calendar interface is displayed, showing a monthly view for May 2022. A pop-up window is overlaid on the calendar, showing details for an assignment titled 'Assignment: Exercise 33' due on Monday, 9 May. The pop-up includes a link to the assignment details, the creator's name 'Mrs Stewart S2 French 2021/22 S2', and a 'Busy' status. The calendar background shows dates from Sunday, 1 May to Saturday, 7 May, with various assignment notifications and a 'Meet with...' section at the bottom.

Browser tabs: Glow - Launch Pad, East Renfrewshire Council - Calendar

Address bar: calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2022/5/1

Browser toolbar: LSMDM™, ASM, Glow, SQA, DSA, Digital Schools Awa..., Room Booking Syst..., MyGTCS Login | Ge..., SELFIE | Home, Reading list

Calendar interface: Calendar, Today, May 2022, Month, glow

Assignment details pop-up:

- Assignment: Exercise 33
- Monday, 9 May
- <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzYwOTI5MDg4MDA5/a/NTA1NTgzNTE5MDM0/details>
- Mrs Stewart S2 French 2021/22 S2
- Created by: L Stewart
- Busy

Calendar events:

- Early May Bank Holiday
- Assignment: Exercise
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- Assignment: Exercise

Meet with... Search for people

Time Insights

# Homework



- Parents can access their child's Google Calendar by **seeking permission from your child** to log in to the Google Calendar app on the parents phone.

*It must be the child's school Google account – not a personal e-mail account. The last part of the login for Google is the key bit:*

*gw...@er.glow.scot*

Sign in

with your Google Account. You'll also sign in to Google services in your apps & Safari.

Email or phone

glowemailaddress@er.glow.scot

[Forgot email?](#)

[Create account](#) [Next](#)

# Homework

**Homework Study Café**

**Tuesday 3.45-4.45pm**

**Open Area**



# Extracurricular Offer

- Over 50 Clubs on offer!
- School extracurricular activities help students develop important meta skills by providing a variety of opportunities

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MEARNS  
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SCHOOL

EXTRA  
CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

| Lunch Time                                                                                                                                                                | After School                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gym club<br>Knitting club<br>Philosophy club<br>Table Top Games<br>Taylor Swift club<br>Basketball                                                                        | Netball<br>Maths Study club<br>Debating club (Amor)                             |
| Lunch Time                                                                                                                                                                | After School                                                                    |
| Rollercoaster club<br>Gymnastics c<br>Measns Magazine<br>Dance club (SS)<br>Book Group<br>Legs club<br>Girls Respecting School Group<br>Muslim Prayer Group<br>Volleyball | Basketball<br>Hockey<br>Girls Football<br>Rugby                                 |
| Lunch Time                                                                                                                                                                | After School                                                                    |
| Geography Club<br>Racism<br>Chess Club<br>Netball<br>Reading Society                                                                                                      | Warhammer Club<br>Udu Club                                                      |
| Lunch Time                                                                                                                                                                | After School                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Drama: Ghost Your Club<br>STEAM Club<br>Chess/Reading<br>Debating club (Senior) |
| Lunch Time                                                                                                                                                                | After School                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Volleyball Junior                                                               |



# Mrs Crilley

## S2 Principal Teachers of Pupil Support

# The Role of Pupil Support Teacher

*A consistent point of contact for pupils and families*



- **Supporting the Whole Child**

- Focusing on wellbeing, confidence, resilience and personal development, as well as academic progress.

- **Building Positive Relationships**

- Being a trusted point of contact for pupils, parents and carers, and promoting positive relationships across the school.

- **Pastoral Care and Support**

- Helping with issues affecting school life, working with staff, families and external agencies where appropriate.

- **Promoting Positive Habits**

- Monitoring attendance, punctuality and behaviour, and supporting pupils to develop responsibility.

- **Learning and Personal Development**

- Teaching PSE and my own subject, helping pupils develop the knowledge and skills they need to thrive.

# Option Choices – Early Stages

- Chris Doyle – SDS Careers Adviser
- Individual support and help with career aspirations and subject choices
- One-to-one option choices discussions every Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> December → *your child will be issued an appointment card in school*



**My  
World of  
Work**

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/tools-and-quizzes/option-choices>

# Wellbeing Hub



**Principal Teacher:** Miss Harvey (Acting)

- Universal Support
  - Hub Social
  - Living Life to the Full
  - Be Kind to your Mind Week
- Targeted Support
  - Group and 1 to 1 sessions
  - Creative activities
  - Flexible drop-in
  - Relaxation techniques



# Useful Information

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/MearnsCastle/

Import favourites Biology - SQA Higher Biology - SQA SQA Secure - Login Other favourites

## Mearns Castle High School

School Office Hours  
Monday – Thursday:  
08:00 – 16:30  
Friday:  
08:00 – 15:15

Waterfoot Road,  
Newton Mearns,  
Glasgow,  
G77 5GU

### PUPIL SCHOOL DAY

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Period 1 | 08.45 – 09.35  |
| Period 2 | 09.35 – 10.25  |
| Interval | 10.25 – 10.40  |
| Period 3 | 10.40 – 11.30  |
| Period 4 | 11.30 – 12.18  |
| Lunch    | 12.20 – 13.05  |
| Period 5 | 13.05 – 13.55  |
| Period 6 | 13.55 – 14.45* |
| Period 7 | 14.45 – 15.35  |

\* Please note the pupil day on

### CURRICULUM, EVENING

Visit the school website for lots of useful information:

- Monthly Updates
- Weekly Monday Morning Assembly

### SCHOOL UPDATES 2025-26

- WELCOME FROM HEAD TEACHER
- MISSION, VISION AND VALUES
- CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER
- SCHOOL PLANS
- SCHOOL HANDBOOK
- STAFF AT MEARNS CASTLE
- SCHOOL YEAR
- INFORMATION

### MEARNS CASTLE SHOP



### W/C 22 SEPTEMBER

Monday Morning Assembly



MEARNS CASTLE HS  
MM@M 22nd Sept 26  
MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY  
22 SEPTEMBER 2025  
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# Evaluation

S1 & S2 Curricular Evening Event  
Evaluation 29 September 2026

