

ST. LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL

Wider Achievement

Summer newsletter 2019



Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome to our final Wider Achievement Newsletter of this term. It has been another action-packed and exciting year in St Luke's and I hope that you will enjoy reading about the many achievements of our talented young people this session. As we reach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent events.

SQA Examinations

This year's diet of SQA examinations went very smoothly with results expected to be delivered to pupils on Tuesday 6th August. Many thanks to Mrs Hunter our SQA Coordinator and our SQA Invigilators.

School Uniform

Once again, I would like to thank our parents and young people for their support of our school's Dressing for Excellence Policy. Following discussions with the Parent Council, Stevenson's (our main uniform supplier) will now provide a sports top for PE to offer an alternative sports fabric for those who would prefer this to our traditional cotton PE tops. Both tops will be available for purchase this summer and either can be worn to PE classes.

New Timetable

Our new timetable is up and running for all pupils. Senior pupils will be given the opportunity to change courses in August, if necessary, as a result of SQA Exam performance.

School Calendar

All reporting dates, parents' evenings, liturgical events, school events and holidays are included in the school calendar which is now posted on our school website. Our website also features our school Twitter feed. If you don't already follow us on Twitter, you may wish to keep up to date with all that is going on in St Luke's through our website.



Staffing

This year we say goodbye to many much-loved and highly valued members of staff who have devoted many years of outstanding service to our school community, Rosslyn Taylor (Office Manager), Joe Herd (Social Justice Manager) and Janice Thomson (Senior Technician). I wish all three retirees a very happy and well-deserved retirement. Their commitment to our school has been second to none. Our best wishes also go to Mrs Sharkey who leaves us to take up a new post in West Dunbartonshire. Congratulations are due to all of our NQT Teachers who have all secured posts after the summer. I am delighted that Ms Matthews, Mr Gallagher and Ms Smith will be returning to St Luke's next session.

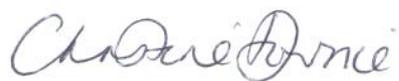
End of Term

School will close for the summer holidays at 1.00pm on Thursday 27th June. I hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer – and that the sun shines on us all!

Thank You

I would like to thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school. It is very much appreciated and welcomed by all of us here at St Luke's.

Kind regards,



Christine Downie
Head Teacher

Activities Day S1-S3

The rain and wind couldn't dampen our spirits on Activities Day. Pupils selected a number of activities to get involved in from Badminton to Dance and finished with a 5K fun run around the local community.



STEAM S1 Escape Room Challenge

S1 pupils competed in their house groups in St Luke's first Escape Room Challenge. Pupils worked together using their creative and numeracy skills to problem solve and unlock the padlock. Pupils had a fantastic time undertaking a variety of tasks. We hope this will become a permanent feature in our school calendar! Well done S1!



S2 Marble Run Game

In Technologies S2 have experienced the 'Marble Run Engineering Project'. Pupils need to run the marble from the top to bottom of the board in as close to 60 seconds as they can. This will continue over the next academic session.



S2 Go4set Team

Congratulations to the S2 Go4set group who presented their final concept at the University of the West of Scotland this month. The group have been working with their industry partner ACCOM to create a concept for an eco-home for the community of Barrhead and Neilston. Unfortunately the group did not take home a prize, however the group were highly commended for their team work and communication skills.



National Digital Learning Week

National Digital Learning Week (13th-17th May) is led by Education Scotland to give learners and educators the opportunity to share best practice and enhance their skills in digital learning and teaching. St. Luke's pupils took part in a number of digital opportunities such as using the VR headsets, using QR codes to enhance learning and teaching, and stop motion animation.



Mission Discovery

Congratulations to S3 pupils Ruaridh, Rachael, Elise and Jude who will represent St. Luke's at the Mission Discovery programme hosted by the University of the West of Scotland in partnership with the International Space School Education Trust. Our pupils will embark on a jam-packed week of hands-on STEM experiments in the hope that their project will be chosen to be sent to space.



Baby Box Delivery

As a school we took delivery of a Scottish Government Baby Box designed by our very own Emily S4. Emily's design beat hundreds of entries and will now appear on every baby box across Scotland! What an achievement Emily! A huge well done.



St Mark's Gala Day



Erin, Dani, Rebecca, Alanna and Megan along with Joe Herd and PC Danny volunteered their time to help at St Mark's Gala Day. The pupils helped out at stalls to raise money for the school community. Well done girls!

Downs Syndrome Scotland coffee morning

Congratulations to Olivia S2 who organised a coffee morning in St Johns Parish to raise funds for Downs Syndrome Scotland. Olivia raised a huge £5000 for the charity.



National Digital Learning Week

To celebrate Digital Learning Week pupils enjoyed using ICT in a variety of curricular areas to enhance their learning. For example in Drama pupils used ICT to film their performances and offer feedback to one another to develop their skills. In French pupils used their mobile devices to scan QR codes in order to solve a French problem solving challenge. During our primary 7 visit the new S1 pupils used Linguascope to deepen their understanding of French vocabulary. Ellie and Caitlin S1 filmed primary 7 which will be played back to them when they graduate in 2025!

The Science faculty enjoyed the use of Virtual Reality headsets to visit the moon and report back on their findings.



'All About Barrhead' Winner



Well done to our very own Lauren who is the proud winner of the 'All about Barrhead Young Person of the Year Award 2019!' Lauren was acknowledged for her energy, courage and drive in her efforts to improve her local area of Barrhead. An amazing achievement Lauren. We are all very proud of you.

Summer Concert 2019

Well done to all pupils who performed remarkably at the annual summer concert this year. Families, friends and the wider community were thrilled at the outstanding quality of performing that was displayed, and the concert made a fantastic finish to the academic year. The concert featured a mixture of soloists and instrumental groups including guitar ensemble, woodwind ensemble, percussion ensemble, string group, soul band and the school choir. The staff band was also featured, as usual finishing the concert on a high! Well done to all those senior pupils who performed at their last ever concert for St Luke's, you have all performed exceptionally!



Generation Tech Event

Four S4 girls were invited to take part in a women into STEM careers event called Generation Tech hosted by the prestigious American bank JP Morgan Chase on Saturday 8th June in Glasgow city centre. The pupils had to create an app that could help solve global warming, homelessness or famine in the 21st century. The girls had a fantastic time and also learned about careers in coding, finance and STEM. Well done Sydney, Lucy, Vedashree and Cara!



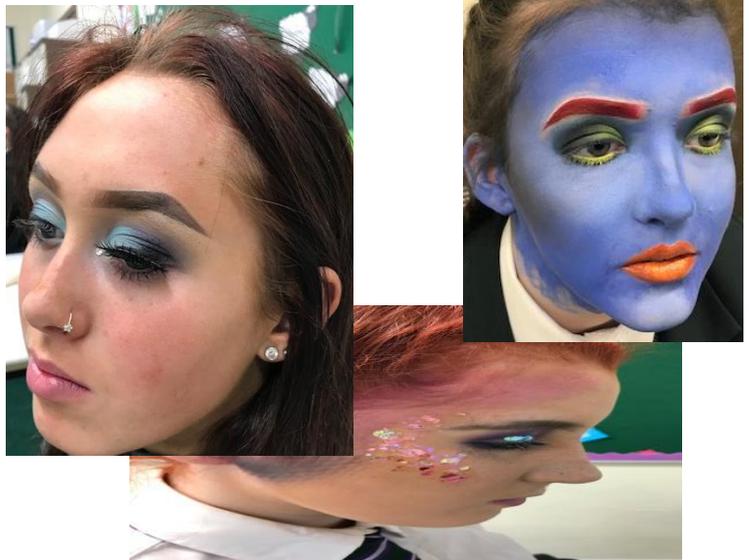
Social Bite

S4 Business Management pupils enjoyed a visit to Glasgow's Social Bite cafe. Pupils heard from Social Bite employee Euan about the exciting work the social enterprise does for the homeless around the city.



West College Salon

A number of our S2 and S3 girls have taken part in this year's Beauty School programme run in collaboration with our partners at Clyde College. The girls have worked closely with Alison Curthers from the college on a Monday afternoon learning skills in fantasy make up application to nail care.



Health & Wellbeing Night for S1-S3 and their families

Mrs Mitchell recently organised a Health & Wellbeing night for our S1-S3 and their families. The focus of this evening was to promote the importance of health & wellbeing through a series of interactive workshops (exercise, resilience, sleep, cookery, social media and study). The evening was a huge success and it was great to see pupils and their families working together. We hope this will be the first of many events such as this and as always we will keep you posted of any future events planned.



Girls Football



Our girls football team have had a busy year. The girls ended the season on a high after beating Mearns Castle 4-1 in a friendly. Mirren Walker S4 who plays in the girls team said 'she has enjoyed developing her skills this year'. The girls are always looking to develop their team with new recruits. The girls meet on a Tuesday at lunch time and would love to see new faces!

Class of 2019 Graduation



Our class of 2019 celebrated their graduation with a ceremony in school followed by a meal and party in the Glynhill Hotel Paisley. Pupils looked amazing as they celebrated an end to six years at St Luke's with friends, family and their teachers. We wish each and every one of you all the best in your SQA exams and beyond. Remember to stay in touch!

BUSINESS EDUCATION TRIP

S4 Business Management and Admin & IT pupils attended INTU to find out about the safety measures the centre takes to ensure the high safety standards of staff and the general public. The pupils then engaged in some mystery shopping reporting.



S6 Leadership Conference

All S6 pupils were invited to attend our S6 Leadership Conference on June 7th to prepare them for the demands & expectations of being an S6 pupil here at St Luke's. Our four house groups enjoyed developing their skills in some fiercely contested team building activities.



Health week at St John's



Food Ambassador's Mirren, Kira, Anya and Keavy helped out at St John's primary school. Primary 1 pupils enjoyed making roasted vegetable wraps and learning safety tips when using knives in the kitchen environment.

S3 YPI

S3 pupils have worked in groups in Religious Education over the past few weeks to research and campaign on behalf of a local charity. Annie, Rachael, Elise, Cara, Lucy and Sydney were the winners and scoped a massive £3000 for their chosen charity 'Include me 2 Club'! Amazing cause and brilliant presentation by the girls! Well done to all S3 involved.



Hospitality Takeover

A number of our pupils enjoyed a fun filled day at West College Scotland where they took part in the programme 'Hospitality Takeover'. Pupils worked in teams to develop their knowledge of world foods, businesses and language skills. Pupils created a new recipe for Gingerbread Men, designed a marketing campaign to promote their new product and worked out their costings. A great day had by all!



S3 Mental Health Day

Our S3 pupils enjoyed a number of sessions focused on improving their mental and physical health from healthy eating cookery workshops to Gladiator style fitness sessions. Workshops were delivered by staff as well as a number of external partners. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the workshops they took part in and we look forward to next year events.



S2 Garden Group

Our young gardeners have been busy working with Mrs Shepard this year on keeping our garden house well stocked with fresh plants and herbs. What a fantastic job!

