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Head Teacher
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Dear Parent / Carer

**Aiming for Success Evening **

On Wednesday night we held our Aiming for Success Evening for all S4 – S6 pupils, parents and carers. The event was well attended and we have uploaded the presentation delivered on the evening by Mr Higgins (Depute Head teacher) and Mrs Hamilton (Principal Teacher of Raising Attainment) to our website that can be accessed via [this link](#). A huge thank you to all who attended and to the fantastic senior pupils (Rayna Coia, Elle McCullough, Abby Goodall, Emily Urquhart) who shared their experiences and top tips! This was the absolute highlight of the evening!

Rosshall Academy
Aiming for Success



Wednesday, September 15 2021

Gerry Higgins - DHT

Aspiration Compassion Creativity Integrity Perseverance Respect

School captains and prefects

Congratulations to our new school captain, Rayna Coia and Vice-Captain, Preet Kaur. We are absolutely delighted to welcome the students into their new roles and working as partners throughout the year!



*Our School
Our Future*

****Scottish Government Guidance: Face Coverings****

The Scottish Government has updated their guidance on reducing the risks in schools. Please see [this link to the latest guidance](#) and note that **the wearing of face coverings will now continue until at least the October break**. We are looking for your support to ensure every young person arrives at school with a face mask and a spare. To date, we have given out over 2000 masks since the start of term. While we appreciate that we can all forget on occasion, we find ourselves repeatedly giving masks to many young people every day. Thank you very much for your cooperation. On a positive note, once pupils are in the school building, they have been exceptionally good at following the guidelines to keep each other safe.



Please see [this link](#) to an important letter for parents and carers from the National Clinical Director, Professor Jason Leitch.



****School Uniform: PE Kit****

Advance notice of change to arrangements for PE. From Tuesday 28 September all pupils should wear full school uniform even on the days when they have PE when full changing facilities will be back in operation. This means, no pupil should arrive in PE kit. If pupils have PE last period in the day, they may leave school in their PE kit if they wish. Thank you for your patience during this settling period.

****Home Learning****

We are continuing to provide learning for our pupils to complete at home. This has been especially useful as we are continuing to have a number of pupils requiring to self-isolate. This will usually be communicated via email from the class teacher however can we remind you of the Rosshall Learning Hub which can be accessed at: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/> Here you can find a variety of resources to support learning at home.

A recent addition is a bank of excellent resources from the West Partnership. This has to be accessed via GLOW accounts. Below is a link to the video which shows how to do this:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/homelearning/bgehomelearning/>

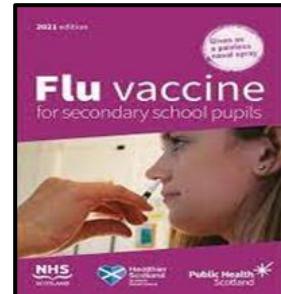
****Flu Vaccine****

NHS Scotland recommends that you get your flu vaccine this year. This is for three reasons:

1. Flu can be serious, even for healthy people.
2. To reduce the risk of spreading flu to friends and family.
3. To help prevent the flu virus putting extra strain on our NHS services this winter.

Our Flu Vaccine programme will take place in school for all young people and staff on Wednesday 2nd December and Thursday 3rd December. Consent forms have been given to everyone this week. Completed forms should be returned and handed in to our school office.

Further information about the vaccine can be found [here](#).



****Rosshall Breakfast Club****

All pupils (S1-S6) are welcome to join us at Breakfast Club. There will be a range of hot and cold food as well as the opportunity to listen to music, chat with friends and prepare for the day ahead. The club will take place every day from 8am in the Conference Room starting Tuesday 28th September.

For more information, please contact [Mrs Hamilton](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

****Free School Meals – October Holiday Payment Eligibility****

Please see a letter from the director of education regarding Free School Meals (October Holiday Payment Eligibility) at the end of this update letter.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to phone the school on 0141 582 0200, email your child's Pastoral Care teacher, or contact me on: Headteacher@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

I wish you and your family a lovely weekend and remind you that next weekend is a holiday weekend. School will stop on Thursday 23 September at 3.05pm and return on Tuesday 28 September at 8.45am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'A. Mitchell'.

Alison Mitchell
Head Teacher



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Date 13 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals – October Holiday Payment Eligibility

It is not long until the schools break for the October holiday and I wanted to inform parents and carers with P1 – S6 children and young people, who currently meet the eligibility criteria for free school meals, that they will receive an additional one-off October holiday payment of £172.50 per child from Friday 8 October 2021.

This is part of the Scottish Government's on-going pandemic financial support.

You **do not need** to contact us or make a new application if your family is already in receipt of free school meals and if you have received previous free school meal holiday payments in the last 18 months.

The money will automatically be paid directly into your bank account by 8 October.

All P1 to P4 pupils receive the universal meal at school however only the families eligible on financial grounds will receive this additional payment.

New applicants who apply before 24 September 2021 and meet the eligibility criteria will be paid the £172.50 additional October holiday payment and will receive this from 8 October.

New applications received between 25 September – 10 October and meet the eligibility criteria will be paid by 12 November.

Unfortunately, applications received after 10 October and meet the criteria will only receive free school meals payment and not the additional October holiday payment.

If you think that your family might qualify for free school meals please visit our website to find out more details on the eligibility criteria and fill out an application at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning> - there's also a list of frequently asked questions which may help with any enquiry you have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maureen McKenna'.

MAUREEN MCKENNA
Executive Director of Education Services