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Dear Parent / Carer

****Challenging Racism****

We are delighted to present this month's 'Let's Talk About Race' newsletter that captures the significant focus on anti-racism at Rosshall Academy, in partnership with Intercultural Youth Scotland. You can access the newsletter via [this link](#).



**** Senior Phase Transition: S3 Options ****

Our S3 Options Process and the important transition to S4 and the Senior Phase is beginning soon. Parents / carers of S3 young people are invited to attend an online Information Evening on Wednesday 8th December at 6pm. This meeting will take place on Teams, and links will be sent in advance to S3 pupils' Glow mail. At the meeting we will share the updated process for this session, which includes an opportunity for parents / carers to attend a meeting in school with their child's Pastoral Care teacher and one of our careers service colleagues to discuss and agree their child's best possible set of options for moving into S4.

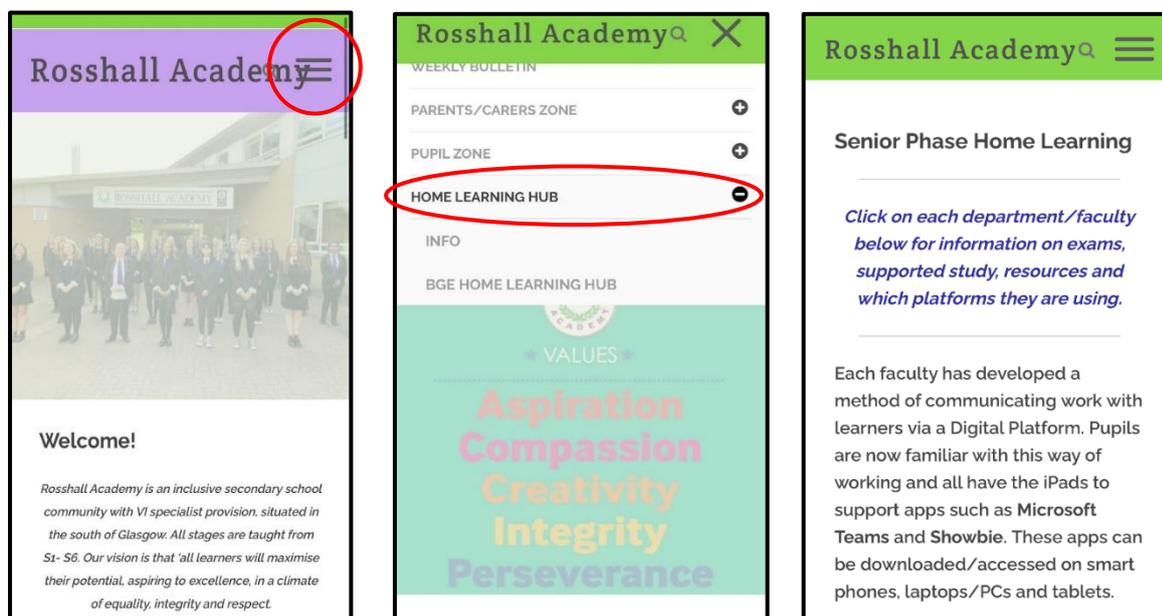
**** S4 – S6 December Assessments ****

Senior Phase (S4, S5 and S6) assessments will take place from Monday 29th November – Friday 10th December. These will cover National 3/4/5, Higher and Advanced Higher. We aim to provide young people with as real an 'exam experience' as possible while adhering to Covid mitigations currently in place. All pupils have been issued with their assessment timetable. If you have any queries or concerns please [contact Mr Higgins](#) at the school.

**** HOME LEARNING HUB: Senior Revision Resources ****

Our home learning hub for the senior phase has been updated. Within each faculty page you will find exam dates for each subject and level, supported study information and links to SQA past papers and other resources for National courses.

Faculty pages can be accessed through the 'Home Learning Hub' in the main menu. Scroll down to find senior phase. On this page, you will find each faculty listed. Click on the blue square to take you to that faculties page. The information found on these pages is checked and updated regularly.



**** Primary 7 Transitions update ****

We can't wait to welcome our current P7 / new S1 to Rosshall Academy. Mrs King and Ms Drummond met with our primary colleagues to begin preparations for this year's transitions programme. We will be introducing our primary 7 families to our school community on Wednesday 24th November at 7pm on Microsoft Teams. Our families will be finding out about what learning and support at Rosshall Academy and hearing from some of our young people on their experiences. We look forward to a great turn out. The meeting link has been sent to the P7 pupils' glow account.

If you have any direct questions about your child's transition please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0141 582 0200 and ask for Mrs King (Depute Head Teacher), for questions about the transition process, or Ms Drummond (Faculty head of Support for Learning) for questions about additional support for your child. You can also email [Mrs King](#) or [Ms Drummond](#). Please also keep up to date with all things transition on our [@P7RosshallAcad](#) twitter page.

**** Learning at Rosshall ****

A whole school assembly took place this week to reinforce expectations around learning at Rosshall. A few areas were highlighted in particular and we would be grateful if you would continually reinforce these expectations with your child.

- Arrive at class promptly
- Be ready to think and learn
- Do not use mobile phones in class (please see reminder of policy later in this newsletter)
- Leave every lesson having learned

**** Mobile Phones****

Please a reminder of our mobile phone policy, below.

- Pupils can use their mobile phones during interval and lunch breaks in the social space or the playground. They can access the internet, listen to music through headphones and play games.
- Pupils should not use their phones in any other area of the school or any other time of the school day.
- Pupils must never take photos or video from their mobile phone in any classroom, corridor or any other area of the school.
- **Phones must be switched off and put away during lessons, as they are not allowed to be used in the classroom.** If online research is required, iPads should be used for this purpose.
- Pupils cannot use a mobile phone in an exam – even as a calculator (as per SQA regulations). If a teacher or invigilator sees a pupil with a mobile phone during an exam or in an exam space they have the right to confiscate the phone and to recommend that the pupil is disqualified from the exam.
- If a pupil is ill, the school office will contact the parent / carer. Pupils should not phone home from their mobile to make a direct arrangement with a family member to go home. Further, parents should not contact pupils directly to arrange to pick them up.
- Parents / carers should not contact their children during school time by texting or phoning unless it is before / after school, at interval or at lunchtime. In an emergency, please telephone the school office on 0141 5820200.

If a pupil misuses their phone, the member of staff will warn the pupil and request that they follow the agreed school policy. Continued misuse will lead to confiscation of the phone where it may be given to the SLT to be picked up by the pupil at the end of the school day. In certain circumstances the phone will be confiscated until the parent / carer arrives to discuss the matter with the House Head.

Disclaimer

Pupils are not required to have a mobile phone in school and we support parents who make the decision that this is not necessary by ensuring that pupils are able to use the school landline to contact parents in an emergency. Parents can, of course, contact school via the landline on 0141 5820200. This policy does, however, recognise that the majority of our pupils do own a mobile phone. Any pupil who brings a mobile phone into school does so at their own risk and the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

**** Covid-19 safety mitigations ****

Lateral Flow Testing

We would like to remind all families about Scottish Government advice to test twice weekly and reporting the result at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Lateral flow test kits are available at the school office and can be collected at the start / end of the school day, at intervals and at lunchtimes. If your child is not yet testing on a regular basis we would encourage them to do so. Children under 16 are required to have their [consent form](#) signed by a parent or carer.

If a lateral flow test is positive, your child should book a PCR immediately and should self-isolate until the test result comes through. Please keep us informed regarding any absences related to Covid or self-isolation so that we can record your child's attendance accurately.

Face Coverings

We are still issuing a large number of face masks every day. We would be grateful if you can ensure that your child has a mask to wear and also a spare in their bag every day. This continues to be Scottish Government guidance and we will inform you of any changes.



Hand Sanitising

We are continuing to encourage all young people to sanitise hands on entry to the school each day and on entry to each classroom throughout the day. Please reinforce the importance of hand hygiene at all times.

Thank you once again for your support. Please contact me at the school office or by email on Headteacher@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk with any concerns about your child's wellbeing or learning. I wish you and your families a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Alison Mitchell.

Alison Mitchell
Head Teacher