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Dear Parent / Carer

As December approaches, the young people and staff at Rosshall Academy are busy, as ever. We are delighted that we can resume some of the December live events, with strict risk assessment and mitigations in place, including controlled entry, mask wearing and limited numbers. Our thanks to the Performing Arts Faculty, and all staff and young people involved in making this happen.

**** Christmas Concert ****

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place this year on Thursday 2nd December at 6:30pm. All tickets are now sold out and we are looking forward to seeing some of you as we begin to celebrate the festive season. All performers should be in school for 5:30pm and we expect to be finished at 8pm. Please note that masks must be worn upon entry to the school building and throughout the concert.

**** "Elf Jnr: The Musical" ****



S1-3 pupils will perform "Elf Jnr: The Musical" on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December at 7pm. Tickets go on sale from the Performing Arts base on Monday 6th December priced at £4. There are strictly only 100 tickets per night so please don't delay in buying yours - based on how well rehearsals are going we think we're going to have a sell out on our hands!

To stay up to date with all the events in Performing Arts please follow us on Twitter & Instagram [@rosshallperform](https://twitter.com/rosshallperform)

**** Positive Destinations ****

We are delighted at our destination statistics for 2021. Please see link to a short video presentation from Mr Clelland that explains our destinations and the arrangements we have in place to ensure each pupil is supported through and beyond school to secure a positive, sustained destination. Thank you, Mr Clelland, for your significant work to coordinate this and thank you to all staff, parents / carers and partners who work together to support our young people. A huge congratulations to every young person.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/rosshall/uploads/sites/7772/2021/11/26133129/My-Movie.mp4>

**** Primary 7 / S1 Transitions update ****

Thank you to all of our Primary 7 families and colleagues who attended last night's Information Evening – we had a great turn out. We are also very proud of our young people who spoke of their experiences at Rosshall Academy; Rayna S6, Lucy S1 and Jack S1.

If you didn't manage to make the meeting or missed any speakers, the full presentation can be found on our school [website](#). If you still have any questions regarding your child's transition to Rosshall Academy at this stage, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us:

Mrs King: gw09cookekathryn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Ms Drummond: gw16drummondfiona1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Please also keep up to date with all things transitions on our [@P7RosshallAcad](#) twitter page.

**** Change to Depute Head Teacher Roles from Monday 29th November ****

I am delighted that Kathryn King will return full time on Monday as a permanent Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for Iona house. Thank you to the Parent Council for your support with the interview process. Olivia Drennan will be moving to Harris House on Monday and will have responsibility for S1 and S2 Harris pupils. I wish both Kathryn and Olivia every success in their new roles.

Here are the contact details of all of the Depute Head Teachers (House Heads).

House	House Head	Email address
Barra	Mr Higgins	GHiggins@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk
Harris S3 – S6	Mrs Stillie	WStillie@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk
Harris S1 – S2	Ms Drennan	ODrennan@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk
Iona	Mrs King	KKing@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk
Lewis	Mrs Guile	RGuile@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk
Skye	Mr Murphy	SMurphy@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Please also see a reminder of contact details for Pastoral Care teachers.

House	Pastoral Care Teacher	Email address
Barra	Mrs Cawley	gw10broganevelyn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Harris	Miss Rankine	gw19rankineheather@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Iona	Mr Sherry	gw17sherrybrian@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Lewis	Mr Simpson	gw15simpsonneil@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Skye	Mrs Hanley	gw10hanleyfrances@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

**** 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 ****

Our S4 – S6 assessment diet and support sessions begin this Monday for two weeks. During this point, all pupils will be invited to undertake assessments for National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher. In addition, there is a large number of coursework support sessions scheduled for National 3 and National 4 candidates. You can view the timetable for all levels at the following link: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/> Please note that timetabled classes will be paused over this two week period to be replaced by the attached schedule. Pupils have permission to work from home when they are not scheduled for an assessment or support session. If your son or daughter cannot work from home then please be aware that space can be provided for them to study in school. All classes will resume as normal from Monday 13th December.

If you have any queries or concerns please [contact Mr Higgins](#) at the school.

**** Flu Immunisation Programme ****

Our **NHS team** will be administering **flu vaccinations** on Thursday and Friday **next week**. All **consent forms** should be **returned** to the **school office** by **Monday 29th November**.

Young people will receive their vaccination on the following days:

Thurs 2nd Dec	S1, S2, S5, S6
Fri 3rd Dec	S3, S4 and mop up

You can read more about the flu vaccine here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

**** 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Mitchell".

Alison Mitchell
Head Teacher