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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope that you have had an enjoyable and productive week.

Thank you for your continuing support with uniform which most pupils are now wearing. We want to encourage further improvement and so request that you continue to work with us on this.



Good luck to our S3 football team who are playing in the semi-final of the Glasgow Cup later today - an update will follow on Twitter!

Covid Update

You may already be aware from the Scottish Government's Tuesday update that, while there had been plans to remove the need for face coverings from 21 March, there are to be no changes to current requirements. This means that young people and staff are **still required to wear face coverings when moving around the school and when in communal areas.**

Over the past few weeks we have seen an increase in the number of masks we are having to issue each day and an increase in pupils not wearing them between classes and in the social space, so I would very much appreciate your support in:

- ensuring that your child comes to school with a face covering every day
- encouraging your child to take responsibility for wearing a face covering at all times when not in class

Thank you 😊

We have been advised this week that the schools' asymptomatic testing programme will cease at the end of this term. This means that in the new term (from 19 April) staff and pupils will no longer be advised to test twice weekly. LFD testing kits are still available for collection from the school office for use this term and we will distribute kits to pupils prior to the end of term.

S4 – S6 Study Information

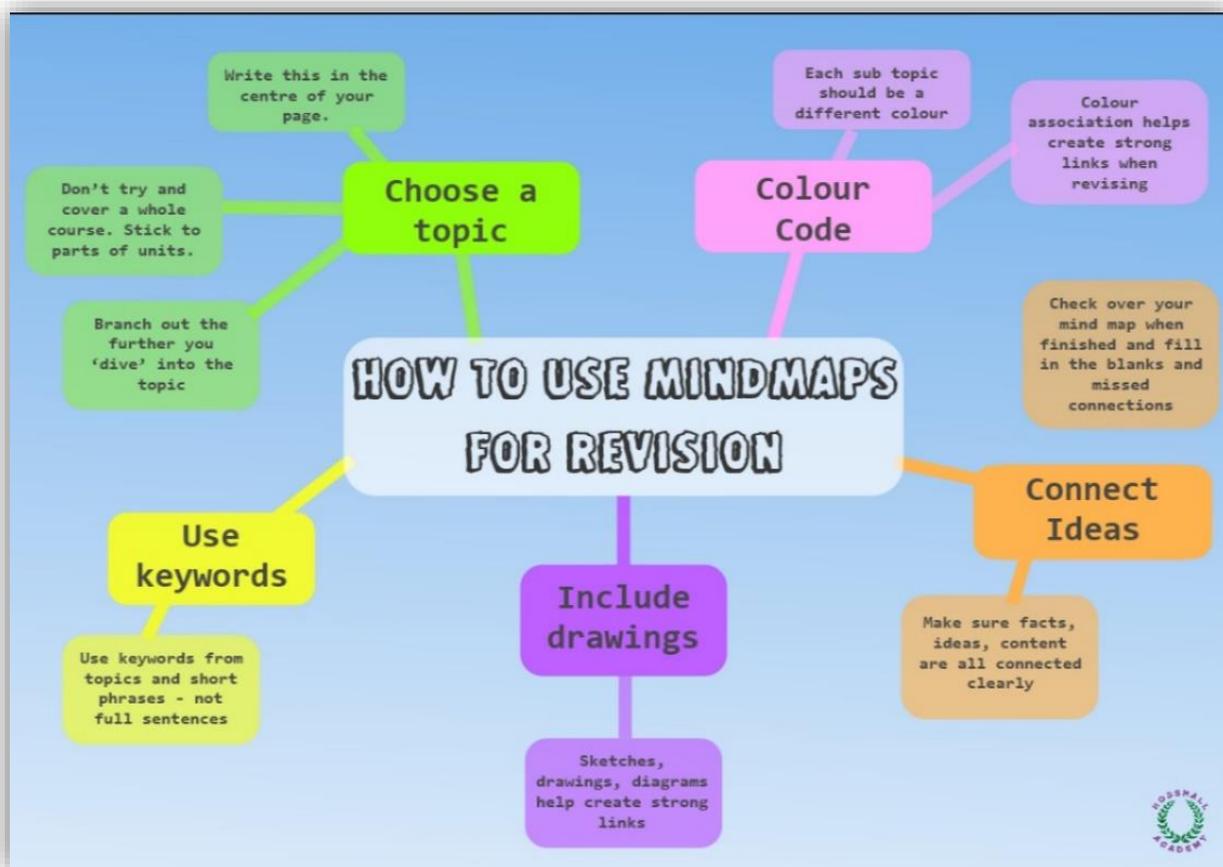
We have an extensive supported study schedule running for all pupils in S4 – S6 as they progress towards their final exams. Sessions are running before school, at lunchtime, after school and on Saturday mornings. We would expect all pupils to take up the offering we have in place to help in their exam preparations. Further information will be provided soon on our Easter school offering. You can view the full supported study timetable and the numerous other study supports available to our young people both in and out of school [here](#).

The SQA's 'Scenario 2' information and study guides can be accessed on the [Ushare](#) website which also contains links to a variety of open learning resources that support SQA's qualifications.



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Study Tip of the Week- Mind Maps



Arran Room News

In Arran Room we have created a Reading Wise Leaderboard! We have found though that rather than competing with each other it has spurred pupils on to get the next 1000 Star for themselves. Each 1000 Star comes with a certificate and for those who manage to reach the 10,000 Star there is an extra reward!

We are also working on a rewards system (including a reward period!) for pupils both in Arran and in classes with some of our fabulous Support for Learning Workers – more details to follow soon.

Keli and Mr Wason have been working with our S1-3 Wellbeing Groups and building confidence and team working skills.

Our S1 Arran Group have been working with Mr Watt and Ms Reynolds on a Tuesday and Wednesday Period 1 since Christmas and we have noticed how well they have adapted to life in secondary school! They will be ready to graduate in time for the Easter holidays and we will have a wee party for them to celebrate on 29 March.

For our S4-6 pupils, Miss Drummond is busy working on the final exam timetables for those with Alternative Assessment Arrangements. The majority of S4 pupils have their timetables already and all other timetables will be given out by the end of next week (25 March). This will give pupils the week before and after Easter to check that they have all arrangements in place. Good Luck!



Young Carers Action Day 2022

Wednesday was Young Carers Action Day 2022. A Young Carer is a person who looks after, or helps look after, someone who has a disability, an illness, a mental health problem and/or an addiction. More information is available [here](#).

Many young people are young carers but some may not be aware of this. There is support available to all young carers, including 1-1 support, group support, and also the Young Carer Grant which pays £308 to 16-, 17- and 18-year olds caring for an average of 16 hours per week.

We want to know who all our young carers are so that we can ensure they are fully supported both in and out of school. If your child is a young carer, please ask them to speak to their Pastoral Care teacher if they have not yet done so. A direct referral via Glasgow City Council's website can be made [here](#).

Please note that families are being asked to identify young people who are young carers when they complete Scotland's Census 2022.



Today I had to help my brother
get ready for school.

Mum's MS has been bad this week
and I haven't finished my homework.

Every day I help mum.

Every day I am a young carer.

If you're looking after someone, it's okay to ask for help. Call Carers Information Line: 0141 353 6504 or visit www.yoursupportglasgow.org/carers

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Please contact me or your child's Pastoral Care teacher should you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or learning. We want to work alongside families to ensure a happy, safe environment and a great learning experience for every young person. I hope that you have a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing your child in school on Monday.

Yours sincerely



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