

25 March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope that you have felt the benefit of the sunshine and warmth over the past week – we have certainly enjoyed it!

I am delighted to confirm that our new Head Teacher Mrs Swan will start at the beginning of the new term on Tuesday 19 April. She has visited the school twice this week and has had the opportunity to meet some staff and young people. We are looking forward to having her join us.

Industrial Action Next Week

A number of our non-teaching staff will be involved in industrial action next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please read our Director of Education's letter [here](#). While Rosshall will remain open as normal, please note the following:

- There will be limited capacity to take phone calls throughout the day – if you need to contact Pastoral Care or another member of staff, please email in the first instance
- There will be no breakfast or mid-morning snack provision
- School meals will take the form of a packed lunch available only to pupils with free meal entitlement – all others should bring their own lunch
- Escort provision for pupils entitled to transport cannot be guaranteed and parents / carers are asked to make alternative arrangements

End of Term Non-Uniform Day

Friday 1 April will be a non-uniform day to celebrate the end of term and to raise funds for DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The suggested donation is £1. We are also holding a raffle in aid of the appeal, organised by Miss Henssge and her team of pupil volunteers.



Charity Bake Sale



A group of S6 Skye students organised a bake sale yesterday. All proceeds are being donated to the Red Cross to support victims of conflict around the world.

Community Learning & Development

We are currently reviewing the excellent progress we have made with our Community Learning & Development (CLD) Partnership. Keli Auld, our CLD officer, continues to be an integral part of our school community – supporting young people and families with an emphasis on wellbeing and equity.

Keli has planned the delivery of various successful school programmes such as Reading the Game, Emotional Literacy and Community Gardening. We have been sharing our areas of good practice this week as part of a West Partnership Collaborative Enquiry – working with our neighbouring local authorities, highlighting our strengths and our next steps.

As we continue to develop our Community Hub into next session, we plan to provide support to a wider range of learners and their families, and embed youth work partnership across the curriculum.

Thank you to Keli and to Glasgow Life for a great partnership so far!



S4 – S6 Update

SQA Exam Leave

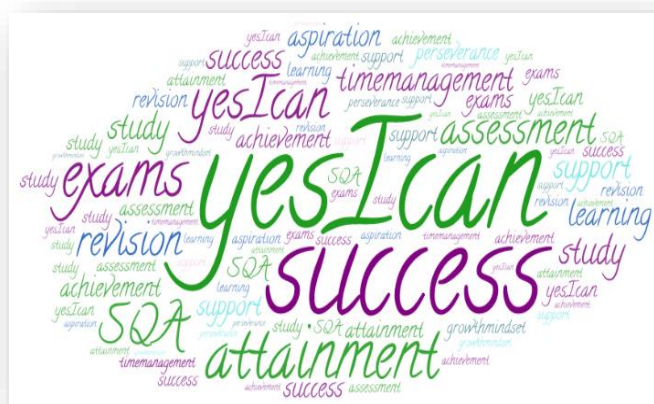
Please note that this year's exam leave will run from Monday 25 April – Wednesday 1 June. S4 and S5 pupils will return to school on Monday 6 June, following The Queen's Jubilee weekend. There will be a number of 'hot housing' activities planned during exam leave and pupils will receive further information on this after the holiday.

SQA Estimates

The SQA has announced that this year there will be an appeals process in place from August. If a candidate achieves a grade in their exams which is lower than the grade estimated by their school, they will have the right to appeal. In order to provide candidates and their parents/ carers with the required information, we plan to issue all National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher candidates with their estimates on Thursday 21 April in the form of a tracking report. Further information will be provided at that time and all parents/ carers will be notified that the young people have been issued with their estimates. Details on the SQA appeals system for 2022 can be found [here](#).

Spring Break Revision Programme

We are delighted to be offering a full schedule of supported study sessions in school for N5, Higher and Advanced Higher students in a wide range of subjects during the holiday period – the schedule can be viewed [here](#). Please encourage your child to take up this offer of support as part of their exam preparation. Thank you to all staff who are preparing and delivering sessions.



Farewell to Mr Guerrier

We will be very sorry to see our fabulous brass instructor John Guerrier leave us when he retires at the end of this term. Mr Guerrier has been part of the Rosshall community for many years, having been at Penilee Secondary before Rosshall opened, and he has done amazing work in developing the skills and confidence of so many young musicians throughout his time here. From weekly lessons to wind band and orchestra rehearsals, Band Camp weekends to performances in school and at external events including Glasgow Music Festival, we very much appreciate everything he has done for the school and our young people and wish him a very long, happy and healthy retirement.



Football News

S1 Football Team

The S1 football team finished the season with getting to the quarter final of the league cup. The boys faced some tough opposition throughout the season but always worked hard, which resulted in some great wins.

Moving forward, we are looking to enter two teams in a 7-a-side tournament which will take place in May. This will be a great opportunity for the pupils to represent the school again and showcase their talent.



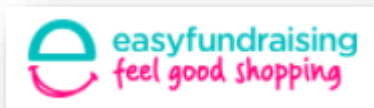
S3/2 Football Team

The S3/2 Boys football team had an amazing season. Building on from winning the S1 league championship two years ago, they reached the quarter finals in the league whilst topping the group undefeated. They also got to the semi-final of the Glasgow Cup beating Lourdes and St Mungo's in the earlier rounds. Additionally, two of the squad got called up to the Glasgow select team.

Well done to all of our footballers and massive thanks to Mr Moore, Mr Watt and Mr Brough for their fantastic work with the teams this year!

School Show Fundraising – It's Easy to Help!

Thank you to all families who have signed up to *easyfundraising* to help us raise funds for our school show. At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Rosshall Academy School Show for FREE every time you use *easyfundraising* to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so [here](#) - it's easy and completely FREE to use.



Covid Update

Please note that a further update from the government this week has confirmed that after the holiday young people and staff will ***still be required to wear face coverings when moving around the school and when in communal areas.***

We are continuing to see an increase in both the number of disposable masks we are having to issue each day, and the number of 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

We have a small supply of washable Rosshall face masks still available from the office at £2.50 each

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

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'Wendy J Stillie'.

Wendy J Stillie
Acting Head Teacher