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Dear Parent / Carer

We have reached the end of a busy term and I would like to say a massive thank you to all staff and school partners for their fantastic work with our young people in ensuring that they are fully supported and that high-quality learning and teaching takes place every day. I would also like to thank them for the amazing range of wider achievement activities that are available to our young people.

Thank you also to our young people who have continued to engage and work hard, and to you, their parents and carers, for supporting them and working in partnership with us.

As you are aware, our new Head Teacher Mrs Swan will start at the beginning of the new term on Tuesday 19 April. At that point I will revert to my DHT role as Harris House Head and Mr McGarvie will revert to his post as FH Maths. Thank you very much to Mr McGarvie who has done an amazing job over the past half term!

Covid Update

It now looks likely that face coverings will no longer be required in schools in the new term. Young people are however still very welcome to wear them should they choose to do so.

Should the advice change over the holiday period you will be informed by text / email.

Possible Industrial Action 20/21 April

While this week's planned industrial action was cancelled, we have been notified of potential action on 20 and 21 April. In the event that it takes place, 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

Any news of the action being cancelled over the next two weeks will be shared on the council's social media channels.



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Fuel Zone / ParentPay

Please note that the additional provision for a mid-morning snack provided to young people with free meal entitlement ceases as of today. Young people will only be able to use their meal entitlement at lunchtimes. ParentPay cards can be topped up to enable the purchase of additional items at interval.



ParentPay launched in the school three weeks ago. It has largely been a smooth process but some issues that we have noticed are outlined below. If you have any issues with ParentPay please call the school office at the start of the new term.

- The ParentPay system allows pupils to spend £5 per day, **even if they do not have money in their account**. This is something we have raised with Glasgow City Council, but in the meantime please be aware of this as this will be recorded in the ParentPay system and will eventually need to be paid for.
- We have been informed of a **delay of up to several days** from putting money into Parent Pay accounts, to it showing in pupils' accounts. If you have put money into your account please consider this when assessing whether your child has overspent.
- **Activating accounts** - if you have not activated your ParentPay account (this must be done to manage the money) please do so as soon as possible. Your child was given an activation letter to take home and they have also been sent via email. Pupils can pick these up from the school office if they need a replacement.

Uniform

Please support your child to come to school in uniform every day. We have been really pleased with the improvements this term; however, there are still a number of pupils who are choosing not to wear it. A reminder that everyone should be wearing:

- White school shirt and Rosshall tie
- Black trousers / skirt (no joggers please)
- Plain black jumper / hoodie or the purple Rosshall hoodie

Please note that even on days when your child has PE, they should still arrive at school wearing their uniform. If you need support with uniform for your child, please contact your child's Pastoral Care teacher.



S4 - S6 Information

SQA Exam Leave

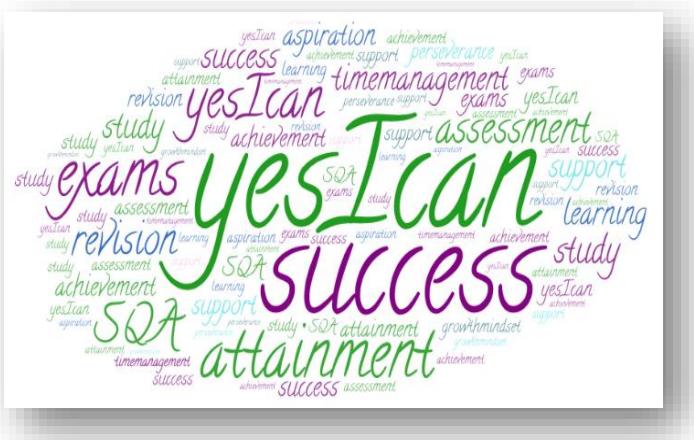
This year's exam leave will run from Monday 25 April – Wednesday 1 June. S4 and S5 pupils will return to school on Monday 6 June, following The Queen's Jubilee weekend. There will be a number of 'hot housing' activities planned during exam leave and pupils will receive further information on this after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



iPads

As you know Glasgow City Council has invested heavily in providing iPads for every pupil. They proved to be invaluable to us during lockdown and they have also been a hugely effective tool for enhancing learning in school.

While the majority of our pupils bring their iPad to school each day there is a significant number who don't. This can cause disruption to their learning and the learning of others. Our expectation is that iPads are brought to school, fully charged, each day.

Can we please ask that you ensure your child has their iPad fully charged and ready for their return to school after the spring break and that they bring it every day thereafter. Thanks for your support.



Ukraine Fundraising

We have raised the fantastic sum of £677.13 from our non-uniform day and raffle in aid of the DEC's Ukraine appeal! The raffle will be drawn on the first day back at school after the holiday.

Thank you to Miss Henssge for her great work in planning and organising this, to her team of pupil volunteers for supporting her, and to everyone who donated prizes or bought tickets for the raffle and who donated on the door today!



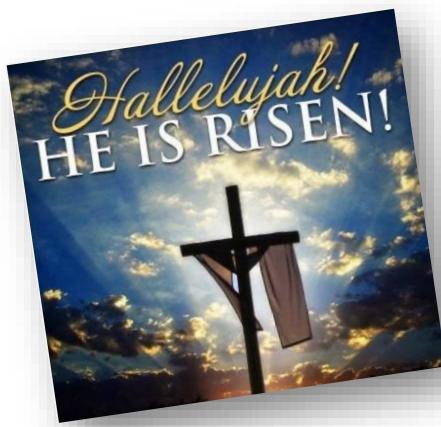
Ramadan

With Ramadan 2022 due to start on Saturday 2 April, we hope that the holidays allow an enjoyable start to this special month for families in our community. We understand that the return to school may present some challenges to pupils taking part in fasting (sawm) and other religious observances. To ensure that pupils feel that they can take part in Ramadan while at school there will be wash spaces and space to pray and be away from food at lunch times. Prayer mats can be kept in room SF21. If there are any concerns with taking part in subjects, pupils should let their teacher know so that staff can ensure pupils can participate in a way that doesn't interfere with the Holy Month.

If you have any questions, Gary McCrossan, Acting PT of Linguistic and Cultural Inclusion, will be happy to assist. He can be contacted by phoning the school or by emailing gw19mccrossangary@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk.

I would like to wish everybody a lovely relaxing spring break. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 19 April at 8.45am.

Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak!



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy J Stillie".

Wendy J Stillie
Acting Head Teacher