

Headteacher Update 24/2/2023

Options Evening

We had a very large turn out last night the Options Evening, thank you to everyone who came along. I realise that completing the Options Form can be a daunting and challenging task for many families. We have tried to offer a balance of subjects across the columns. This breadth and depth of subjects ensures a well rounded education. We have also tried to accommodate many different career pathways. We listened carefully to the feedback and intend to make some small adjustments to the S5/6 option form to try to accommodate as many pupils as possible. However, before sharing the changes with pupils we need to work through these changes in a systematic way so as not to close off options.

Attendance

In order to encourage good attendance, we intend to recognise pupils who attend regularly with monthly certificates, these will be mailed to their GLOW email accounts. To obtain a Gold Certificate attendance needs to be greater than 97% for the month, Silver is 95% to 97% and Bronze is better than 90%. I hope to send out the February certificates next week.

School Closure



Further industrial action over the national pay offer has been announced by teacher unions, the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (SSTA) and the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) on **Tuesday 28 February and Wednesday 1 March 2023**.

- All primary, secondary and ASN schools will be **closed** to pupils.
- All 57 term-time, school-based nursery classes will be **closed** to pupils.

The intended school closures may mean that you will need to consider additional childcare arrangements over these dates.

There will **not** be any school meal provision on site and school transport will not be running on the outlined dates of intended strike action on 28 February and 1 March.

Families in receipt of free school meals based on low income will be reimbursed through a direct payment to bank accounts or via Paypoint voucher to postal addresses which may take up to five working days.

This is a situation that may be subject to change and parents/carers will be informed at the first opportunity if there are further changes to the school day.

STEM workshop

24 S1 pupils attended a Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) at New College Lanarkshire. This was organised by Mrs Martin.



Football

Our Teams have played a few games in recent weeks. The Girls played Coltness at Home in preparation for the NLC tournament last week at St Ambrose. The S1 boys have played at home against Brannoch and away to Our Lady's. The S2 Boys have played St Aidan's at home. As we now have three teams New strips have been ordered.



My World of Work



When it comes to careers, this website helps you to explore the many possibilities. The above S4 pupils are My World of Work Ambassadors and helped pupils, parents and carers at the recent S2 Parents meeting. [My World of Work |](#)

Study websites

BBC Bitesize [Secondary Homework Help | Online subjects - BBC Bitesize](#)
S4 – S6 [SCHOLAR \(hw.ac.uk\)](#)
BrightRed <https://www.brightredbooks.net/subjects/>
Maths (All) [Home - National 5 Maths](#)
West OS [Accessing West OS Resources – The West Partnership](#)
E-Sgoil [Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](#)
SQA [SQA - NQ - Past papers and marking instructions](#)

Key Dates

- Holiday Monday 13th to Wed 15th Feb, Pupils return 16th February
- Options evening Thursday 23rd February
- Parent Council meeting at 6pm on Thursday 2nd March
- S3 Parents' & Carers' Meeting Tuesday 7th March
- Blazer and T Shirt Fitting 12th June 4pm to 6pm
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