



Summer 2017 Newsletter

New School Ties

On Thursday 17th August (first day of the new session) we will be introducing the new Chryston High School ties – please see the picture below. Whilst we take great pride in our strong culture, traditions and heritage, our community felt that it is an appropriate time to invest in and consider something that represents our future. This is in the context of our revised school aims (**improving learning and building capacity**) and our refreshed school values (**integrity, compassion, ambition, respect and equity**). To choose our new school ties, each tutor class created a design for what they felt the new school tie should look like. This was then reduced to 21 finalists as considered and selected by pupils, staff and the Parent Council. There were 3 distinct winners, and we will now embed all of these ties into our school uniform. The S1-S3 designed by Leah Nelson in C12 and the S4-5 tie was designed by Dillon Coulson.

Our third tie, the new S6 Prefect tie has allowed us to design our very own Chryston High tartan which is now formally registered as an official Scottish tartan. To help celebrate the launch of our new ties in August, as Head Teacher, I will purchase and present every pupil with their new tie on Thursday 17th August. Pupils should report to school on the first day back wearing full school uniform including their current tie.



School Prom

Almost two hundred S5 and S6 pupils made their way from the school to Hamilton Race Course on Thursday 8th June. In their finest suits, kilts and dresses they were joined by a number of teachers who celebrated a fantastic night with them. Everyone represented our school in the best possible way to ensure a memorable evening for all involved. Huge thanks to Mrs Miller (Science) organising the event.





Tanzania Trip – World Challenge

Fifteen pupils flew from Glasgow Airport heading for Tanzania at 3am on Sunday morning. Between now and the 18th July, Miss Renicks and Miss Shields will accompany the young people and a World Challenge expert instructor as they engage in a number of potentially life changing experiences and expeditions. Good luck to everyone involved – I'm sure we'll be able to share more news about the trip in the next newsletter.



NLC County Sports

A large number of talented athletes represented our school at the recent NLC County Sports this month. Chryston High finished very high up the medal table and we are incredibly proud of all of our pupils. Special mention to Mrs Pegrum (PE) who expertly organises these whole authority events. A big congratulations also to Jack Guthrie (new S5) who has been selected to represent Scottish Schools on July 15th in Dublin at the SIAB International Track and Field match.

Language Success

Emma Green (new S4) has successfully gained a place on the UK-German Connection Pupil Course. This is a distinguished and notable programme for pupils who have shown good achievements in German so it is a real accomplishment for Emma to have been selected – the programme is partly funded by the German Foreign Ministry. Well done Emma!

CHS Sports Day

The glorious sun shine contributed to the success of our recent annual sports day which took place on 25th May. A large number of events took place on the day and every single S1 pupil contributed to their team. Thanks to all of the staff involved, particularly PE who organised the event.



Munich Trip

Mr Kirk (Modern Languages) led a bus full of pupils, supported by a number of staff to Munich earlier on this month. Pupils enjoyed an action packed few days visiting many sites and embracing the culture of the city and surrounding areas.





Scotland Senior Football Squad

Mr Flannigan (PE) was selected to play football for the Scotland Senior squad recently in Thailand. The team got to the semi-finals and Mr Flannigan even managed a goal against England. Apart from playing, Mr Flannigan visited schools in Thailand and even supported some lessons that were going on - a humbling experience that will stay with him for years to come. Congratulations Mr Flannigan!



Staff v Senior Pupils Football

Hot off the press – the annual staff v senior pupils' football match ended in a 2-2 draw. Senior pupils' goals scored by Sean Slaven and Jason Stevenson and staff goals from Adam Bell and Lewis McKay. The match was played in excellent spirits by over 30 pupils and a large number of staff.

SQA

Huge congratulations to all of our pupils who have recently completed SQA exams. We are more than aware just how emotional the month of May can be for many young people and their families (and teachers too). The exam diet ran incredibly smoothly this session – well-arranged and organised by Mr Kane (DHT).



Summer Concert

Our Assembly Hall was again full last Tuesday evening (20th June) as parents, grandparents, staff and pupils came along to be entertained by the incredibly talented pupils of CHS at our annual Summer Concert. From bagpipes to drums and solos to bands we celebrated so many incredibly talented and confident young people once again. These events really do showcase how amazing the young people of our school are – there were many proud family members in the audience and also some very proud members of staff



Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, 28th June – school session ends at 1pm
- School session 2017-18 begins (school re-opens) for all pupils on Thursday 17th August, 8.55am





Staffing Updates

We would like to take this opportunity as a school to wish the following members of staff all the very best as they leave us for pastures new. We thank them for the profound impact they have had on our school and for all of their hard work and dedication:

Probationer Teachers – Miss Forbes (English), Miss Glen (Art), Miss Murphy (HE), Mrs Bell (Tech) and Ms Straub (Maths)

Temporary Teachers – Mr Quiros (Mod Lang), Dr Richardson (Geog), Mrs Curley (Geog), Miss Hawson (Art) and Mr Walker (Maths/ICT). We also say a huge thanks to **Mrs L Oliphant** for her excellent work in the school admin team over the past few months.

We would like to say a special thanks to **Miss Cooke (English)** who has contributed in so many ways to our school over recent years. She will be sorely missed by staff, pupils and parents and we wish her all the best in her new post.

A huge congratulations and good luck to a long standing member of our school community, **Mrs Bickerton (HE)** who will begin her very well deserved retirement after Wednesday 28th June. Whilst we will all be sad to see Mrs Bickerton leave our team, we wish her good luck in this exciting new chapter of her life.

We are also looking forward to welcoming a number of new colleagues into our team in August including 6 probationer teachers and teachers in the following subjects – English, Mod Languages, HE, Maths, Art and Music. Names of new staff will be confirmed for your information in the new session.



Other Information

A letter was distributed to all pupils at the beginning of the final week of term with information about end of session, beginning of new session and new school ties – please check school bags. On the reverse side of the letter was a copy of next session’s Parent Calendar. The calendar can also be accessed from the school website.

In line with recent Scottish Government funding allocation (Pupil Equity Fund) the school will be looking to appoint some internal members of staff to temporary, acting promoted posts early in the new session. Posts likely to be made available to assist with the drive towards ‘closing the attainment and achievement gap’ include Acting Principal Teacher and Acting Depute Head Teacher. More information to follow in the new session

The school improvement plan for 2017-18 will be saved on the school website before the end of term as will the 2016-17 school improvement report.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Chryston High School, we wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break.

