



# Taylor High School

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## School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you once again for your continued support with engaging our young people in their online and in-school learning. As you will have seen from Derek Brown's letter I sent yesterday, we are making preparations for the **phased return** of our pupils from Monday 15th March. Further details will be shared with you next week to ensure that you and our young people have all the information needed to return to school.

### REDUCING RISKS— COVID-19 LFD TESTING:

All Senior Phase pupils will be invited to join the Lateral Flow Testing programme as part of our range of measures to reduce risks associated with COVID-19. I would ask you to encourage your young person to review the information about the programme, and then return the consent form in order to take part. **For all those young people already on the programme, I would ask for your assistance in ensuring that all tests are completed every Monday and Thursday morning with ALL results being recorded on the reporting website.**

### SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING—SURVEY FOR ALL PUPILS

As we consider the return of pupils to school, it is essential that we are mindful of the impact that COVID-19 has had on our families and young people. To enable us to understand our young people's needs, North Lanarkshire Council will be inviting all secondary school pupils to complete a short survey online about their Health and Wellbeing. Early next week, a letter will be emailed out to all parents to explain this in more detail.

### OPTIONS PROGRAMME

This year's Options Programme, where pupils select the subjects they wish to study next year to progress along their career pathway, has already begun through online learning. While we can't have an Information Evening in the school as normal, it is still important that we provide all parents and carers with the key information required to support our young people in thinking about their future, and which options to choose. Please see below an outline of the key dates and activities. **Parents/carers of S2 pupils will be sent a Webex link early next week for Thursday's online Information Evening.**



Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,  
Paul McWatt  
Head Teacher

S2 OPTIONS	S3 OPTIONS	SENIOR PHASE OPTIONS
<b>11 March—Online Parent Information Evening (7pm-Webex)</b>	<b>1 March</b> – Option Choice preparation on Registration Group Teams.	<b>1 March</b> – Pupils begin option choice preparation on Registration Team. All pupils to complete the activities on My World Of Work.
<b>12 March</b> —Virtual Assembly Period 6 ( 2.15 pm )	<b>22 March</b> – Curricular Information provided to pupils. (Blog link to be sent directly to all pupils/parents)	<b>12 March</b> – Curricular information provided to pupils via 'Pathways' blog. Link to be emailed to both pupils and parents.
<b>15 March</b> —Option Choice Process begins	<b>25 March – Online Parent Information Evening (7pm-Webex)</b> <b>26 March</b> —Virtual Assembly Period 6 ( 2.15 pm ) <b>29 March</b> —Options Process begins	<b>16 March</b> – Mock options exercise for all S5 pupils <b>18 March</b> – Mock options exercise for all S4 pupils <b>30 March – Online Parent Information Evening 7pm- Webex</b> <b>19 April</b> – Option choice process begins



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**QUICK REMINDERS:**

<b>WEEK 1 LIVE SUPPORT TT</b>	The Live Support (Week 1) Timetable has been emailed out to all families to help parents/carers engage their young person in the planned learning. This will also be available on our <a href="#">Twitter feed</a> , and on our <a href="#">Website</a> .
<b>HOME LEARNING INFO FOR PARENTS</b>	National Parent Forum of Scotland information for parents: <a href="https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2021/02/Learning-at-homeLearning-at-home.pdf">https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2021/02/Learning-at-homeLearning-at-home.pdf</a>
<b>NLC TOWN AND COMMUNITY HUB PROGRAMME</b>	Parent/carer information session on <b>Tuesday 16/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30</b> : click here to book: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-motherwell-tickets-141417875673">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-motherwell-tickets-141417875673</a>
<b>LENTEN PROGRAMME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass with Fr Frank—Tuesday at 12.00</li> <li>• Lenten Reflection— Friday at 12.15</li> <li>• Virtual Pilgrimage to South Sudan (see update below)</li> </ul>
<b>IN-SCHOOL LEARNING FOR SOME LEARNERS IN S4-6 NEXT WEEK</b>	Scottish Government guidance allows a small number of pupils in S4-6 to attend school for practical learning. All pupils who should attend next week <b>have been sent a personal timetable to their Glow email address</b> . If you think that your son/daughter should be attending but hasn't received an email, please contact pupil support to discuss. <b>Please note that all pupils are expected to be in full uniform.</b>

**WE HAVE TRAVELED 832km AND RAISED £850***(That's the equivalent from Taylor High School to just outside Calais in France)***Taylor High Lent 2021 Pilgrimage Prayer**

Dear Lord, guide us and protect us as we set out on this journey of Faith, Hope and Love. May our Lenten efforts strengthen us in our determination to live your command, "Love your neighbour as yourself." May our unity in walking together show the people of South Sudan that we walk in solidarity with them. Together, may we all know your strength and protection through the difficulties we may face. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**All pupils, family members and parishioners are welcome to join us on our pilgrimage. Simply go for a walk and log your kilometres by using one of the links below:**

**PUPILS** can log their distance [here](#).

**FAMILY MEMBERS & PARISHIONERS** should [click here](#).

**STAFF** should use [this link](#).

If you are getting sponsors, please use this link: [Taylor High SCIAF Just Giving](#)

**Taylor High SCIAF Pilgrimage and Solidarity Walk to South Sudan**

We are walking virtually to South Sudan for Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) because we are in unity with the people of South Sudan.

This year SCIAF has partnered with *Just Giving* to create a Virtual Wee Box. Use the QR code to donate from your phone now. Alternatively, you can click the link below.

**Taylor High SCIAF Just Giving**

Remember to name the pupil you are sponsoring, in the comment section, and leave them a message of support!