



# Taylor High School

*Que tout soit pour Dieu*

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## School Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **PHASED RETURN OF PUPILS TO SCHOOL**

Staff across the school have been making preparations for the phased return of our pupils next week. Every pupil should return to school next week at the time outlined in the [letter sent to all Parents/Carers](#). A summary of the timetable is included below.

At this time, it is crucial that all pupils understand their responsibility for keeping everyone safe: masks must be worn by ALL pupils not just Senior Phase; (**except those who are exempt**); 2m distancing must be upheld; and, we all must make sure we are washing our hands and sanitising regularly.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
S3	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5 & 3.6
S2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5 & 2.6
S1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4 & 1.5	1.6

**S5/6: ALL DAY**  
**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
**S4: ALL DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING**

### **S2 Options Information Evening**

Over 100 families joined our first Webex Parent Information Evening. Unfortunately, it appears that the link didn't work for everyone. Please accept our apologies if you have been affected by this. To address this, a second S2 session will run on Monday evening at 7pm. The link will be sent out separately.

Yours faithfully,

### **RETURNING TO SCHOOL**

**What time should my child start on the day they are in school?**

*The school day starts and ends as usual: 8.55 every morning until 3.45 (Mon/Tue/Thu) and 2.55 (Wed/Fri). The only exception to this is for S6 pupils who have Private Study periods 1/2—this can be done at home.*

**How can my child join the LFT Covid Testing programme?**

*SP pupils can start testing immediately, as long as they have read the privacy notice and returned the consent form ([click here](#) to see all the necessary documents).*

*For all pupils in S1-3, they will be able to start testing **AFTER THE EASTER BREAK**. To ensure readiness, every S1-3 pupil will receive a paper copy of the privacy and consent form when they are in next week which they can return the following week*

**Must pupils come to school? Can they not just continue online?**

*Unless shielding or unwell, all pupils should attend school at their allotted time next week. This will allow pupils to reconnect socially and with learning. The remote learning experiences that will continue on Teams will be planned around the in-school learning experiences.*

## SQA UPDDATE FROM MR McQUAID



Following the Scottish Government's decision to cancel all National Qualification external examinations, all awards this year are now based on teacher judgement of evidence of learner attainment. This approach hopes to ensure fairness for pupils as it better recognises the reality of the disruption so many of our pupils have already had to their learning.

To support this for all levels of awards, the [Alternative Certification Model \(ACM\)](#) has been developed by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA). SQA have identified a number of stage timelines for all centres to follow. A very robust quality assurance process will be followed before provisional results are submitted to SQA in late June 2021. Click on the link above to view a summary of these timelines and what they entail for our pupils when they (hopefully) return to the classroom from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. At this stage, it is important that pupils continue to work closely with their teachers and submit the best possible work they are capable of.

S4-6 parents/carers will receive an additional attachment with further details directly from the SQA.



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#### QUICK REMINDERS:

<b>WEEK 2 LIVE SUPPORT TT</b>	The Live Support (Week 2) 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>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>

#### OPTIONS UPDATE:

Our Options Programme is now well underway. As promised in last week's letter, our new [Pathways Blog](#) is live. This is a new approach to providing pupils and families with all the information, links and tools that they need to consider their future pathway and what subjects they should be picking to successfully progress along this journey. Click the link above or the picture to visit the blog. A copy of the powerpoints from our Information Sessions for parents will be posted on this blog. Click [here](#) to view the powerpoints.



Welcome to Taylor High School's Pathways Programme information blog

## WE HAVE TRAVELLED 4000km AND RAISED £1330

*(That's the equivalent from Taylor High School, through Lisieux to just outside Morocco)*

#### 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:

<http://bit.ly/ths-sudan-pupil>

**FAMILY MEMBERS & PARISHIONERS** should use this one: <http://bit.ly/ths-sudan-friends>

**STAFF** should use this one: <http://bit.ly/ths-sudan-staff>.

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.



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