



Taylor High School

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School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

We have just completed the first week of S1-4 pupils attending their full 'normal' timetable. I fully appreciate that this is an adjustment for the pupils, both in terms of the physical movement around the school, and also for their learning. To support the best and safest flow of people between periods, we have started a new approach to 'traffic management'. Pupils are starting to get used to certain stairwells being 'UP ONLY' and other being for downward travel; staff are out in the corridors to support pupils to find the right way to their classes.

S4 parents should have received a letter which details which subjects their son/daughter may need to focus on in their personal study as they move towards their Progress Assessments at the end of November. A full range of supports is available for all S4-6 pupils to help their learning and studying. This is available [here](#). By mid-November, families of pupils in all year-groups should have received their progress tracking update. If you need to update your main email address to ensure that you receive these reports, please complete and the Data Check Form or call the Main Office to update our records.

Yours faithfully,
Paul McWatt

ALL SAINTS DAY AND THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE The current restrictions limit our ability to what whole-school masses, but we will continue to take our creative approach to supporting the spiritual development of our young people. As Monday is All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, our Chaplain will celebrate Mass during period 5 which will be streamed for all pupils in their classes.

During this month of remembrance, pupils will be invited to complete their own November Lists and all those who have died will be remembered in our masses at 8.35 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All pupils are warmly invited to attend the Mass in the theatre.



As COP26 gets underway next week, I thought it would be useful to highlight the opportunity for us to view this work through the lens of our faith. In light of Pope Francis' letter, Laudat Si', we are all charged with considering our commitment to protecting our planet through good stewardship. Pupils have been learning about COP26 and the challenge of climate change in a variety of subjects; some pupils have also been attending climate change conferences to understand the work we are all invited to engage in for our planet.

I would ask for your support at the beginning of COP26 to consider how you, as a family, can support the challenge of stewardship of the earth. You can pledge your commitment here:

[Pledge Your Commitment - Laudato Si' Action Platform \(laudatosiactionplatform.org\)](https://laudatosiactionplatform.org)

REPORTING ABSENCE, LATENESS OR APPOINTMENTS

If your son/daughter is going to be absent or late, please let us know by calling the school, sending in a note, or emailing through the enquiries mailbox. **If you or your child need to communicate throughout the day, this can be done by contacting the school office or our Pupil Support Team. We are trying to support pupils to really focus on their learning and are asking that they keep their mobile phones switched off during lessons.**



DATA CHECK FORMS

If you have yet to complete the Annual Data Check Form for your son/daughter, please hand this in to the school office this week. These forms ensure that we have the correct and latest information about contact details and medical issues for each child in our care.

Duplicate copies were issued to all young people from who we are waiting on an update. If you have any queries, please contact the main school office.

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In our local derby this week, our U16's team defeated OLHS Motherwell 7-0 in an outstanding display of skill and talent. Goals came from Lennon Smith, Ryan Heffernan (S3), Harry Muir, Shay Reynolds and a late penalty sealed a Lewis Forsyth hat-trick. The boys were a great credit to the school both on and off the pitch. The Team included:

1. Sam Johnstone
2. Callum Gowrie
3. Andrew Russell
4. Harry Muir
5. Kellen White
6. Shay Reynolds
7. Lewis Forsyth
8. Lennon Smith
9. Cameron Dunne
10. Ryan Heffernan (S3)
11. Lewis O'Neill

Subs were Ryan Russell (S3), Callum Baker (S3), and Lewis Bastian



PUPIL EQUITY FUND UPDATE—NUMERACY SUPPORT

Numeracy Screening Assessment

All pupils in S1 have now completed a Numeracy Screening assessment to gauge the Numeracy Ages of each individual pupil. This has allowed pupils to be identified who shall receive specialized additional support to further develop numeracy skills that were stunted due to the COVID-19 lockdowns.

Numeracy Working Group

A numeracy working group has been established, consisting of members from each faculty, to promote numeracy outcomes throughout the Broad General Education (BGE) curriculum, as a responsibility for all. A "Numeracy Across the Curriculum" handbook has been developed for all departments to use to support pupils and parents in promoting numeracy.

Virtual S1 Parental Info Night

PT Numeracy, Mr. Geddes, has been working alongside the Maths department to plan a virtual information night for all S1 parents and guardians to attend on **Tuesday, 2nd November at 6:30pm** via Webex.

The event will give an insight into what has been covered in the curriculum so far, as well as exploring common methodologies taught, allowing parents and guardians to better support their child with their revision for the upcoming S1 assessment.

**INSERVICE
DAY
REMINDER**

**Monday 15th November will be an Inservice Day for staff.
Pupils should return to school as normal on Tuesday 16th
November.**



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What we are offering?

Sports Activities. We have a selection of different sports clubs on offer. These will change throughout the year.

College Courses. We are in partnership with New College Lanarkshire to provide a range of college courses to supplement learning. We currently have pupils signed up to take part in a 6 week hairdressing and make up college course. Ask Mr Dale for more information about college courses if you are interested.

Work experience. Some pupils have arranged work experience placements with parents/ carers or local businesses. Speak to Mr Dale or Mrs Brand if you are interested.

Leadership opportunities. S5/S6 pupils are involved in a sports leadership programme run by our Active Schools Co-ordinator.

Targeted support. Your teachers may speak to you about targeted support sessions running on a Friday afternoon to help with your learning.

Current Clubs

- Football Club
- Multi-Sports Club
- Dance Club
- Homework/Study Club
- Movie Club
- Film Making Club
- Comic Club
- Debating Club
- Sports Leadership
- Work Experience

Coming Soon

Short Tennis
College Courses
Targeted Support
More to follow!

How to sign up for a club.

You need to sign up on a weekly basis unless specified.

This can be done by following the weekly link on Twitter or on the THS Whole School Teams page.

You can scan the sign up QR code on the Future Fridays notice board or speak to Mr Dale.

Appeal to Parents/Carers

Do you have a skill our pupils could benefit from?

Can you spare 3 or 4 Friday afternoons to volunteer and run a club or learning activity?

If so, Please e-mail Mr Dale at NL DaleC@glow.sch.uk