



School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Please find below a summary of this week's key news items.

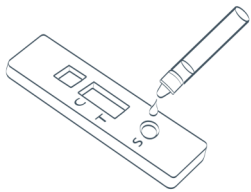
Yours faithfully,
Paul McWatt

S4 PROGRESS ASSESSMENTS

Our S4 students have been doing well this week as they engage in their first experience of formal Progress Assessments. The assessments will continue next week until Tuesday afternoon and all assessments will take place in the large Games Hall.

Lateral Flow Device Kits for COVID-19

I hope all families received the email reminder about our twice-weekly testing and reporting of LFD results. All relevant information and links are available on our website here [Lateral Flow Testing | Taylor High School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.glowscotland.org.uk/taylor/lateral-flow-testing) and replacement kits are readily available for all pupils who have consent to participate in the programme.



PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Mrs Connell has been working with all our associated primary schools to support our P7s' transition to Taylor High School.

We have been able to welcome pupils from St Mary's, Christ the King and St Patrick's primary schools. Pupils have had the chance to walk around the school, meet staff and experience learning in either social subjects, home economics or maths. We were delighted to be able to join with all our P7s at the Catholic Education Week Cluster Mass in St Teresa's Parish with Fr Kevin. We will continue to support our young people and their families to prepare for their move to the High School in August.



New DHT

We look forward to welcoming Mr John McLaughlin to our school to take his role as Depute Head Teacher. Mr McLaughlin has experience of working with many schools across the Local Authority which he is excited to bring to Taylor when he starts his role in the near future.



PARENTS' BOOKING PILOT

We have completed our third online parents' evening and have received numerous emails with feedback on the experience. Mrs McCranor is collating feedback from surveys to identify the key features of what worked well, and what needs to be improved.

Face-to-face meetings will always be best, but it is good to develop the use of this platform to support vital discussions about progress and next steps between home and the school.



ADVENT BOXES REMINDER

In RE, pupils will be supported to make a contribution to the school's traditional Advent Boxes. These are boxes of groceries which are put together to be distributed to the needy within our the local community. We work with SVDP in our parishes to get names of those in need. These efforts are very much appreciated by those who receive the boxes. We will also be making a donation to local foodbanks which helped out many of our families during lockdown.

Suggested contributions would be:

- Tinned goods (e.g. meat, fish, etc)
- Dried goods (e.g. tea, coffee, sugar, pasta)
- Cakes with a long shelf life (at least into January next year)
- Sweets, biscuits, chocolate or other treats. Jam, marmalade

One of our S6 students, Lucy Rankin, will also be collecting items of winter clothing for the homeless. So if any pupils were able to bring these in to their RE class, that would also be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY

Tuesday 21st December will be our Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils can wear their festive jumpers and engage in some Christmas Activities throughout the day. A donation of £1 from pupils and £2 from staff will go towards school funds on this day. We would hope to take our traditional Christmas Talent Show online in the afternoon to allow everyone to participate in their classrooms across the school.

S1-6 Pupil Councils have been planning and preparing festive hampers to be raffled during this day for School Funds. Tickets will go on sale from Wednesday 8th December priced 50p each or 3 for £1. Pupil Councils chose their own themes for the hampers:

- S1 - Cosy Night In
- S2 - Coming Home for Christmas
- S3 - Percy Pig at Christmas
- S4 - Movie Madness
- S5 - Movie Night
- S6 - Christmas Extravaganza

Please encourage your child to support this initiative by buying a raffle ticket.

End of term arrangements:

**School will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd December and
reopen at 8.55 on Monday 10th January 2022.**