



School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

We look forward to seeing all our pupils in school next week as the term comes to a close on Wednesday at 2.30pm. On Tuesday, pupils will be able to participate in our Activity Day which will include a range of activities planned in departments. Pupils should follow their normal timetable for periods 1/3/5/6. Tuesday will also be an own-clothes day. While pupils can wear their own clothes to school on this day, ideally with a Christmas theme, I would ask no football colours are worn, and that appropriate clothing is chosen to allow pupils to be safe and warm. Where possible, a voluntary £1 donation can be made towards school funds during period 1.

I wish all our young people and their families a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
Paul McWatt

LFD KITS FOR OVER THE HOLIDAYS

If any pupil requires LFD kits for over the Christmas Holidays, and to ensure availability for testing on Monday 10 January, they are available for collection from the school office.

S5/6 Progress Assessments

All parents and carers should have received a letter from Mr McQuaid regarding the Progress Assessments for all S5/6 students. The Assessments will begin on Monday 31st January and continue until Friday 11th January. During this period, pupils should attend school and follow their timetable as normal. A separate timetable will be published in due course to inform pupils when and where they should undertake their Assessments.

S4-6 Online Learning and Study Support

We have received some queries about two further online resources that are available to support S4-6 pupils who are studying for their National Qualifications. These are Achieve and Scholar; please see the last 2 pages of the newsletter for further information and access details for both of these resources.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Every time a Co-op member makes a purchase, 1% of the amount spent on certain items goes to the local community fund. We were successful in our application to this fund for support for our breakfast club

Our Breakfast club started in the 2019/2020 Academic year to provide a breakfast for anyone who requires it. We open at 8.15 am every morning, every day, and our numbers are growing, as we approach colder days. Pupils can choose from cereal, bananas, apples, fruit juices and a selection of cereal bars.

We have also been gifted a COOP Hamper which we hope to raffle in the new year to raise further funds to support good causes within the school.





ADVENT BOXES

Pupils and staff have donated very generously to the annual collection of groceries for Christmas parcels. As well as 30 boxes being distributed to people through local conferences of the Saint Vincent de Paul, a further 12 large boxes of groceries have been donated to a local foodbank.



In addition, items of winter clothing were collected for a local homelessness charity. Thanks to all who contributed so generously, as always.



CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Tickets are still on sale for our year group hampers 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

If possible, please encourage your child to support this initiative by buying a 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.**

Joe's Devotional

10th Anniversary

The inspirational Joe Wilson touched the lives of many through his kindness and caring nature. He lived his life for God and very naturally showed
It's cool to be a Catholic.

We invite you to join us in this devotion service to
Our Joe with prayers and reflection.



Monday 20th December 2021
7pm

St Francis Xavier Church, Carfin
Tea & Coffee Afterwards



Achieve is online digital courses which have been broken down into key topics and concepts, each clearly explained and illustrated. There are hundreds of links to free resources and SQA exam questions and solutions. Online assessments are available to test understanding and help identify strengths and areas for improvement.

Benefits

- Study and revise course materials which cover a wide range of National 5 and Higher courses.
- Test subject knowledge with interactive assessments that give instant feedback.
- Identify strengths and weaknesses using the self-evaluation toolkit.
- Develop your exam technique by trying SQA past paper questions and solutions which are linked to each key area.

SUBJECT	NAT 5	HIGHER
Administration and IT	✓	✗
Applications of Maths	✓	✗
Art & Design	✓	✗
Biology	✓	✓
Human Biology	✗	✓
Business Management	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓
Computing Science	✓	✓
English	✓	✓
Geography	✓	✓
History	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓
Numeracy	✓	✗
Modern Studies	✓	✓
Music	✓	✓
PE	✓	✗
Physics	✓	✓

How to Access

- Navigate to the achieve website [Achieve \(hashtag-learning.co.uk\)](https://www.achievelearning.co.uk)
- Click sign up and add your details (you can use your glow e-mail address and password so that you don't need to remember a new one)
- Type in the school or class code which you can get from your class teacher and this will then give you free access to all of the resources available.

Scholar offer 39 online courses aligned to the SQA curriculum at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level. The materials contain a variety of activities, tests and quizzes to support learning.

Benefits

- Independent learning - students can use the materials to study anytime, anywhere, in school, college or home.
- Instant feedback provided - The materials contain a variety of activities, tests and quizzes that offer instant feedback. This allows students to practice and build confidence as they work their way through the learning materials.
- Progress reports - scores achieved in our online tests are recorded and students can use these to review their performance.
- Revision planner - An online revision planner is provided for students which can help them prepare for their exams. Students can add links to relevant sections of the SCHOLAR learning materials. They can also add their own personalised reminders.

Science and Mathematics				Languages				Business			
	N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH
Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	**	English	✓	✓	✓	Accounting		✓	✓
Biology	✓	✓	✓	ESOL	✓	✓	**	Art and Design		✓	
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	French	*	✓	✓	Business Management		✓	✓
Computing Science	✓	✓	✓	Gaelic	*	✓		Economics		✓	✓
Human Biology	**	✓	**	German	*	✓	✓	Psychology		✓	**
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	Mandarin	✓						
Physics	✓	✓	✓	Spanish	*	✓	✓				

How to access

Pupils can gain access to Scholar straight from their glow launchpad. Once logged into glow, pupils should click on the Taylor High School Launchpad (See diagram below) where they will see a tile to click to gain access to Scholar.. There is no need for any other usernames or passwords.

