



# Taylor High School

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## School Newsletter



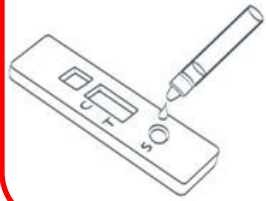
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Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Please find below a number of important news items for the coming week.

### LFD TESTING EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY



All pupils and staff are asked to continue the practice of LFD testing every Monday and Thursday before school. Replacement testing kits are readily available from the school office.

**Test twice a week.  
Every week.**

Stay COVID-safe. Keep protecting the community.

### SQA REVISION MATERIALS AND EXAM PREPARATION

It is still the clear intention for the 2022 exams to take place during April to June.



You can view the full exam timetable at [www.sqa.org.uk/timetable](http://www.sqa.org.uk/timetable).

SQA has published revision support to help our young people prepare for this year's exams, given the significant disruption to learning and teaching they have experienced due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Our young people can access the revision support from Ushare — the free online platform where users can share open-source revision materials and teaching resources that support SQA qualifications.

[Visit Ushare](#)

### S5/6 Tracking

The third tracking period for all S5/6 pupils will be completed this week with reports to follow.

### Easter School

All S4-6 will be encouraged to attend Easter school which will run from Monday 4<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. There will be an opportunity to sign up to classes in the coming week. We are delighted to see so many curricular areas included in the schedule.

Education Scotland, in partnership with e-Sgoil, is also running a series of study support webinars for learners working towards National Qualifications in 2022. Details are available from the e-Sgoil website at <https://www.e-sgoil.com/study-support>

All S4-6 pupils continue to be invited to attend supported study as outlined in this [programme](#).



<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/taylor/>

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## **S2 OPTIONS TIMELINE AND KEY DATES:**

Timeline S2 Options Preparations for S2 into S3 options have commenced with pupils giving a snapshot of what subjects they wish to choose. Preparations will continue in PSHE where young people will be supported by covering important lessons which help them to reflect the following topics:

- Skills and qualities
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Post school options and careers
- Advice on who to speak to when doing options

In addition to this, departments and teachers will discuss with pupils what skills they will develop in S3, course details and what career paths each subject can make. Skills Development Scotland (Careers) staff are meeting with S2 student to discuss careers with them; pupils also have access to My World of Work sections on GLOW. Mr McPake (S2 Pupil Support) will be available to support any questions that you may have.

### **Important dates:**

**Week beginning 14.3.22—Reports to parents**

**17.3.22—Information Evening 7pm**

You can join the Information Evening [HERE](#), and a WEBEX Link will be sent separately to all S2 parents via email.

**29.3.22 Parents Evening**

**Week Beginning 28.3.22 Options Interviews begin**

Below are some useful websites that will help support young people make choices:

[S3 Options – Taylor High School Pathways \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

[Curricular Areas – Taylor High School Pathways \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

[Career Support – Taylor High School Pathways \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

[www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)

[Option Choices tool | My World of Work](#)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)



### **LENTEN CAMPAIGN**

Our activities to support prayer, fasting and almsgiving are well underway. All parents, carers and family members are invited to participate in our virtual pilgrimage to Malawi to support our SCIAF appeal this year. We have logged over 200KM and £50 so far. Further details are on the back page.

**PUPIL DISTANCE LOG— <https://bit.ly/3pW4yui>**

**STAFF DISTANCE LOG— <https://bit.ly/3hVfh3H>**

**COMMUNITY DISTANCE LOG— <https://bit.ly/3vZK9bo>**

**JUST GIVING PAGE— <https://bit.ly/thslent22>**

## **AUTHOR VISIT TO S1—DANNY WESTON**



Author Danny Weston is visiting Taylor High School on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March as part of North Lanarkshire Council's 'Read to Succeed' initiative. Recently, all pupils in S1 were given a free book as part of this initiative. Danny Weston is the pen name of author Philip Caveney. He is a Scottish author who has written several books under this pen name including A Hunter's Moon, Mr Sparks, Inchtinn: Island of Shadows, Scarecrow and The Haunting of Jessop Rise.

If you would like to buy any of his books, please bring money with you on the day. His books will be £7 each.

This is sure to be a spooktacular event.

## **TAYLOR PUPILS QUALIFY FOR EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SWIM MEET**

Well done to Lucy Nimmo and Cameron Doran who have qualified to swim at the Edinburgh competition over the weekend. We wish you both the very best of luck.

## **PARENTAL CONSULTATION EVENTS**



### **LEARNING, TEACHING & ASSESSMENT :**

Our Second 'Have Your Say' fortnight started last week and continues for 1 further week. We are currently asking parents/carers on their views of the school's approaches to Learning Teaching and Assessment. It is important for young people to be aware of the reason for learning, (skills development) and what is expected of them, (success criteria) pupils should be aware of where they are in their learning (assessment) and how to improve (feedback).

**Please provide your feedback about learning and teaching by [clicking here](#) for our online survey**

### **SUPPORTING PUPILS' LEARNING AND WELLBEING:**

Our Third 'Have Your Say' fortnight will start from 21<sup>st</sup> March and will focus on asking parents/carers on their views of the school's approaches to supporting young people. We aim to find out if young people know how to seek support from a key adult in the school, feel they are respected and listened to and have developed positive relationships with staff and their peers. In the same way as the other focus fortnights, we will have an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss their views about Pupil Support online on

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. To sign up to the focus group please [click here](#)**

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, or if you have a general enquiry you can use our general enquiry mailbox: [enquiries-at-taylor@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-taylor@northlan.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,  
Paul McWatt

# #PRAYINGFORPEACE

Fr Kevin will lead our service and will support our prayer and liturgical activities throughout the Season of Lent. We have planned a variety of activities involving our Departments.  
This year our programme includes:

## Mass three times a week

Tuesday/Thursday @ 8.30 and Wednesday @12.50 (lunch) in theatre



Learning about and fundraising for SCIAF

Refresh of our school prayer schedule and display

Fun fundraising activities with Active Sports

Learning about Malawi in social subjects and science

A virtual pilgrimage to Malawi challenge

Designing a website for SCIAF

Stations of the Cross

Tree of reflection





## Virtual Pilgrimage

This year, SCIAF are working with the Catholic Development Commission in **Malawi**, helping to provide local solutions to the devastating effects of climate change.

As a school community we will embark upon a virtual pilgrimage to support SCIAF by walking or running our way from Taylor High School to Malawi, 12,200km, making stops at **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth (A)**, **Good Shepherd of San Sebastian Cathedral (B)**, **Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral, Nigeria (C)** and before reaching Malawi, **Kabgayi Cathedral of Our Lady, Rwanda (D)**.

Scan the appropriate QR code and enter the number of kilometres you have travelled each week (Saturday - Friday).

To support our pilgrimage, you can donate at:

<http://bit.ly/thslent22>



Pupil Form



Staff Form



Community Form

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