



# Taylor High School

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## School Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

It has been a busy week with a number of events and activities across the school. It was particularly good to see our pupils enjoy a variety of learning experiences this week including a workshop from a visiting Author as well as a range of activities for Science Week. We also welcomed Michael Rainey to our school this week to talk about the work of SCIAF in support of our ongoing Lenten Activities; Michael will be back with us next week to speak to more RE classes about the Big Change project to support developments in Malawi.

Please find below a number of news items for your review from this week and for activities coming up.

### **S2 OPTIONS**

Thanks you to all parents who attended the S2 Options information evening. We hope you found the information useful and information. Below is a list of websites that can be used to support all pupils with their options choices:

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

[Parent Information Presentation 2022](#)

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

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

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

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

<https://www.ucas.com/>

### **S3 SCOTTISH NATIONAL STANDARDISED ASSESSMENTS (SNSA)**

We would like to inform parents and carers that we are planning to carry out the SNSA assessments for S3 pupils during the month of April and early May. These assessments will take place across Scotland for all pupils in P1, P4, P7 and S3. Further information will be sent to parents in S3 to give you more detailed information. Please note that children do not have to revise for these assessments.

### **ST ANDREW'S HOSPICE – TINTO HILL CLIMB**

This week we welcomed Andrew Flynn from St Andrew's Hospice into the school. We have signed up to take a group of S1 pupils to climb Tinto Hill in Aid of St Andrews hospice. S1 will be asked to register their interest before the Easter break and pay deposits thereafter. The trip will take place on Tuesday 24th May and more information will follow.

### **S5/6 TRACKING REPORTS**

The emailing of S5/6 Tracking Reports should be completed by the end of the day on Monday.



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

[@TaylorHS1982](#)



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## EASTER SCHOOL

The Easter School revision programme for S4 to S6 pupils will run from Monday 4th of April to Thursday the 8th of April 2022. All young people were issued with a timetable and sign up sheet this week. If young people have not yet returned these forms they should do so as soon as possible.

Easter School is an excellent opportunity for students to gain some additional supported revision time with a subject specialist teacher prior to the final SQA exams. Please encourage your young person to sign up for as many classes as possible. All S4-6 pupils continue to be invited to attend supported study as outlined in this [programme](#).

Details of all Easter School classes are listed below:

### Monday 4 April BLOCK 1 (AM)

### BLOCK 2 (PM)

9.15 – 10.30	Interval	11.00 – 12.15		1.00 – 3.30
History –(N5) Geography – (H) Modern Studies – (H) Business Management – (N5) Computing Science – (N5/H)			Lunch 12.15 – 1.00	History – (AH/H) Geography – (N5) Modern Studies – (N5) Business Management – (H)

### Tuesday 5th April BLOCK 1 (AM)

### BLOCK 2 (PM)

9.15 – 10.30	Interval	11.00 – 12.15		1.00 – 3.30
Chemistry – (H) Physics – (AH/N5) Biology – (N5) Cake Craft – (N5)			Lunch 12.15 – 1.00	Chemistry – (N5) Physics – (AH/H) Human Biology – (H) Practical Cookery – (N5)

### Wednesday 6th April BLOCK 1 (AM)

### BLOCK 2 (PM)

9.15 – 10.30	Interval	11.00 – 12.15		1.00 – 3.30
Maths – (H/ N5) – (S5/6 ONLY) Maths – (AH) English – (N5) S4 ONLY English – (N5 S5/6)			Lunch 12.15 – 1.00	Maths – (AH) English – (H) Maths – (N5) S4 ONLY RMPS – (H)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April BLOCK 1 (AM)

### BLOCK 2 (PM)

9.15 – 10.30	Interval	11.00 – 12.15		1.00 – 3.30
Health & Food (N5) Art & Design – (N5/H) P.E. – (H) Spanish (N5)			Lunch 12.15 – 1.00	Health & Food – (H) Art & Design – (N5/H) Spanish (H) Music (Higher NPA only)

## **TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MESSAGE:**

Taylor High School Parent Council is made up of parent volunteers who wish to support the whole of the school & represents the wider parent forum. We meet every two months to offer support to the school and to make an active contribution to the wider experience of the pupils at Taylor High by organising fund-raising events, discussing school activities & plans and by ensuring parents voices have a valuable place in school improvement.

The members of the Parent Council ask that you play an active part in the life of the school and make your voice heard through the completion of school surveys & questionnaires etc.. Your participation, thoughts and opinions are crucial in driving school improvement and ensuring support of the work of the school which in turn supports your child.

We can be contacted at [pctaylorhighschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk](mailto:pctaylorhighschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk) or leave your details with the receptionist at the school and we will get back to you using your preferred platform. If you would like further information or clarification, please contact me using the details above.

Thanks.

Michael Toolan (Chair)

## **SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES**

This week THS Science department took part in the annual British Science Week programme. It is a 10-day celebration of Science and Technology.

Our S1&2 students had great fun taking part in a variety of activities, some of which included:

- Building spaghetti towers
- Investigating the phenomena of optical illusions and making their own
- Investigating the topical theme of pathogen transmission
- THS S1 Science Quiz

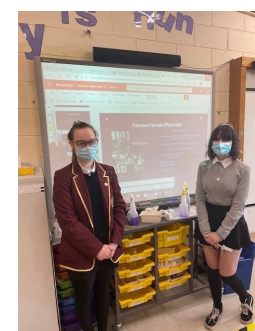
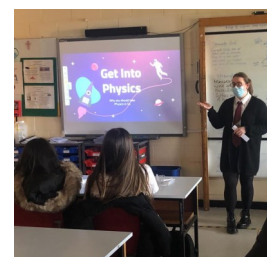
3 of our fabulous S6 YSL, Lia Heffernan, Nicole Robertson and Lucia Montablo, delivered 'Women into STEM' presentations to S2 classes as part of their preparation for S3 option choices.

Our annual THS S1 Science quiz now have 3 teams going through to the semi-finals next week. Well done to:

A2, A5 and A7

The finals will take place on Thursday 31 March

- Good Luck to all teams!





### Supporting Pupils in Taylor High Focus Group

We would like to invite all parents to join in our 'Have your Say' event focusing on Pupil Support in Taylor High school

Our Third 'Have Your Say' fortnight starts week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March with a 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.

We capture this information through an online survey and through an online video discussion group. The information gained from the survey, together with focus group discussions, will shape the pupil support policies and procedures in Taylor High.

**Online discussion forum takes place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm**

To sign up to the focus group please [click here](#)

**Online survey opens on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

To complete the online survey please [click here](#)

## VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MALAWI

We are now at 507km as of this morning. Hopefully more pupils, teachers and family members will be able to submit their steps for our Virtual Pilgrimage to Malawi. We are nearly at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Well done to Malayka Arshad in S4 who walked the furthest this week at 25km. We are still at £50 on our SCIAF Just Giving page for the pilgrimage.

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>

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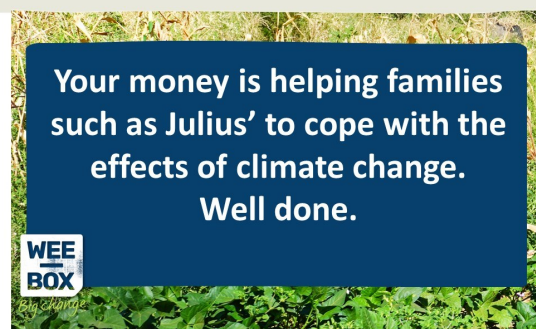
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If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, or if you have a general enquiry you can use our general enquiry mailbox: [enquiries-at-taylor@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-taylor@northlan.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,  
Paul McWatt