
NEWSLETTER

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2018

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Summer 2018

Newsletter June 2018

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our last newsletter of session 2017/18 which is packed with articles and photos to give you an update of the life and work of our school. It's been a great year and we have much to tell you about!

The summer term is a favourite in school as pupils take part in a range of activities and trips, we 'bump up' into new year groups as we move timetable and we welcome P7s for their three day visit. In terms of our seniors, we support them through their SQA exams, say goodbye to our S6 and do it all over again with a brand new S6 team who went through their induction in early June. In this newsletter you will read in more depth about all of these, and much more.

As 1pm on the 27th of June approaches I'd like to thank every member of our school community – pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school – for your support, commitment and hard work. I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday, and we will welcome pupils back on Wednesday 15th August 2018 at 8.50am.

Happy holidays!



Staffing Update

May and June are always busy times in any high school for staffing and recruitment, and there has certainly been a significant amount of interviewing taking place in Johnstone High School to get the very best people joining our team. Promoted posts are appointed through very competitive assessment centres, involving a range of tasks including a pupil focus group. My thanks to all the young people S1-6 who have had an input into these appointments (hopefully it will serve them well when they are at the other side of the interview table!).

At the end of this session we say goodbye to a number of staff who are moving on in their career to pastures new – we wish them well and thank them for their hard work and commitment to JHS:

Mrs Chambers, acting DHT, is moving to a substantive DHT role at Inverclyde Academy

Miss Dornan, acting PT Pastoral, is moving to a substantive PT role at Drumchapel High

Mrs Condy, acting PT Maths, is moving to Gryffe High

Miss Pellegrom, Music, is moving to Paisley Grammar

This has resulted in the following appointments:

Mr Palombo is taking up the role of acting DHT, Arran, from August 2018. At time of writing we are actively recruiting for a temporary Faculty Head of Languages for August

Ms Butler-Robson is joining us from Clydebank High as our new substantive PT Pastoral (Iona)

Mr Merriman is joining us from Woodfarm High as our new Faculty Head of Health and Wellbeing (PE/HE)

Mrs Colford will be moving back to her substantive role as PT Maths from August

Moreover, we welcomed Mr Docherty to English at Easter and Miss Cole

joined in May as the new Faculty Head of Science.

We are also welcoming the following staff to our team in August:

Miss McLauchlan, Maths (currently at Dumbarton Academy)

Miss Hamilton, English (currently at Linwood High)

Mr Dock, Technical Technician

Mr Stevenson, PE, is now permanent to Johnstone High School

Miss McIntosh, PE (currently at Auchenharvie)

Miss Clark, PE (currently at St Andrew's Academy)

Miss Cameron, P7/S1 transition teacher

Good luck to our newly qualified staff who are about to embark on the rest of their teaching careers:

Mr Brooks, Computing (is staying in JHS)

Miss McSkimming, Social Subjects

Miss Semple, Social Subjects

Miss Walker, PE

Miss McGarry, Psychology

Next term we welcome four new NQT staff:

Mr McCrossan, Social Subjects

Ms Grose, Maths

Mr Smith, Psychology and Social Subjects

Ms McPherson, Music

And finally, a huge thanks to the following staff who are retiring at the end of this school session. We thank each of them for their contribution to our school and wish them well for the next chapter of their lives:

Mr Arbuckle, PT RE

Mr McGahan, English

Mrs MacDonald, English

Mrs Pearson, English

I will, of course, give you more details about the complete staff team in the first newsletter of session 18/19.

Improvement planning

On an annual basis, every school in Scotland draws up an improvement plan for the forthcoming school session to set out its targets and priorities. Johnstone High is no different, and our improvement plan for 2018/19 will be put on our school website once it has been approved by the local authority.

As a result of our successful Education Scotland continuing engagement visit in February/March 2018, next session our improvement plan will see us continue to embed our two key priorities of 'health and wellbeing' and 'learning and teaching'. The inspectors liked what we were doing and agreed that as we were at a relatively early stage in our improvement journey, we should keep going in these areas in order to see significant impact on outcomes for our young people. Therefore, alongside nurture, a key focus for us next session will be supporting young people with mental health issues and further developing our ability to support youngsters who have 'adverse childhood experiences' (ACES) such as a bereavement.

To draw up the 2018/19 improvement plan we consulted with the full range of stakeholders in our school – parent and pupil council representatives via focus groups, a drop-in evening open to all parents (in the letter I sent home on 5th June), staff drop-in sessions, meetings with promoted members of staff, and discussions with friends of the school (e.g. Skills Development Scotland, Community Learning and Development, Home Link etc). My thanks to everyone who contributed to ensure our plan is genuinely 'owned' by the wider JHS school community.

In addition to the school improvement plan, this year we have drawn up a 'standards and qualities' leaflet for parents. This provides a snapshot of our school – successes, achievements and next steps. This too will be placed on the school website, and if any parent would like a 'hard copy' of this or the school improvement plan, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

Every July and August the shops are full of young people and parents embarking on the dreaded 'school uniform' shopping expedition. I thought it might be helpful to parents to give you a summary of what the expected school uniform is:

Acceptable, encouraged school uniform

- School shirt and tie
- Black jumper / cardigan
- Black trousers/ skirt
- Black shoes
- Many pupils wear a blazer
- PE kit – black/navy bottoms

Not acceptable

- branded PE top or white t-shirt
- No tie
- Hoodies / branded tops
- Jeans / leggings / grey trousers
- Coloured trainers
- Denim jackets
- Items deemed inappropriate (e.g. football colours)

I would really appreciate parental support with this.

Finally, please note that uniform does not need to be branded or from specialist providers; more affordable versions from high street shops or supermarkets are absolutely fine for school. Thank you!

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

To apply for free school meals and / or a footwear and clothing grant please access Renfrewshire Council's website and type in 'free school meals' and 'clothing grants' in the search bar. The application forms and guidance can be found there. Alternatively, you can get a paper copy from all Renfrewshire schools and from council customer service centres. The paper forms should be available from mid-June 2018.

When you download the form, you will need to print out a blank copy, fill it in and sign it, and return it to the address below:

Free School Meals/Clothing Grant Application

*Renfrewshire Council
Customer Service Centre
Renfrewshire House
Cotton Street
Paisley
PA1 1AN*

The level of clothing grant is £100 per eligible pupil.

If you received free school meals or a clothing grant last session (2017-2018), you should receive a letter to your home address. If there are no changes to your circumstances, complete the declaration form with the letter, and return it to the council. If you have had a change of circumstances, or if you are applying for the first time, please complete the application form. You must include the supporting evidence asked for on the form. If you have not received your clothing grant cheque three weeks after submitting your application, phone the council on: 0300 300 0300.

School Transport

To apply for school transport please access Renfrewshire Council's website and type 'school transport' in the search bar. The application form and guidance can be found there.

Home to school transport will be provided if your child:

- lives more than two miles away from his or her local secondary school by the shortest safe walking route
- has been recommended on health grounds by a designated medical officer
- has been assessed to attend a school to meet the requirements of his or her additional support needs. (These assessments involve psychological services, who also recommend appropriate transport arrangements.)
- has to walk a route which, after seeking advice, is considered by Children's Services to be unsafe for children when accompanied by a responsible adult.

If your child is going to secondary school you should apply in the February of the last year at primary school. You can apply at a later time but there could be a delay while arrangements are being made. If you move house at any time during the year, you can apply or reapply for home to school transport

Privilege passes

Privilege passes may be available if there are vacant places on dedicated school transport vehicles. The availability of privilege passes will be assessed after places for entitled pupils have been allocated. Privilege pass applications, for the start of the new school year, should be submitted by the first day of term and allocations will take place in September / October. Where there are insufficient spaces available for all privilege pass applications a ballot procedure will be followed. Your application will remain on a waiting list for consideration should subsequent spaces become available at a later date.

Diary Dates

27 JUNE 2018

LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL
CLOSES AT 1:00 P.M.

13 & 14 AUGUST 2018

IN-SERVICE DAYS FOR STAFF

15 AUGUST 2018

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS

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Back in August, Mrs Hollywood set the S4 Ambassadors a challenge to create a school strapline.

Over the course of the year, the Ambassadors have led a whole school competition to find the best strapline, created by pupils for Johnstone High School.

Every pupil in S1-S3 was given an opportunity to create a strapline. Following this, the staff and Ambassadors selected 8 to go through to the public vote. These

8 straplines were voted for by pupils and staff and the winning strapline was announced at the recent Junior awards night.

Congratulations go to Taylor Tennant in 3M1 for his winning entry:

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Befrienders

In June we held our Befriender's Training. 59 sixth year students signed up and began their duties last week when they were involved in taking the P7s to classes on the Transition days. They also participated in the P7 Health and Wellbeing day.

Each Befriender has also been matched up with a few P7s in their House Group

so that the pupils will have someone to help them throughout their first year in high school.

For the first two weeks of the new term the Befrienders will be very busy ensuring that the new S1 intake have a smooth transition into high school by meeting up with them every day and taking them to their classes. The Be-

frienders will maintain this link throughout the year by helping out in classes, assisting with the Paired Reading programme and running clubs. The aim is to build a link between the S1 pupils and the staff and hopefully the first years feel they have someone they can go to in the first instance if they are worried about anything.

Music Department News

STV Live at Five

We've had another busy term in the Music Department with lots of exciting performance and wider achievement opportunities on offer for pupils.

Although we have been spending time preparing for our Belgium tour, we've still had time to fit in some filming for television, Young Musician of the Year and a visit from the Young Trad. Musician Tour.

At the end of May, the team from STV's Live at Five show came to Johnstone High to interview our pipe band as they prepared to compete at the British Pipe Band Championships. The presenters even got a piping lesson from our instructor, Mr Bowes. The Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band then went on to come 3rd in their grade at the championships. Well done!

This year, we launched our Young Musician of the Year competition. Prior to the Advanced Higher practical exams in May, our pupils performed for their peers, staff, parents and two visiting adjudicators. Emma Russell was chosen as the winner after an excellent performance of "Burn", from

the Musical "Hamilton". Emma will be the first pupil to be awarded the Johnstone High School Young Musician of the Year trophy.

With interest in traditional music growing in the department, we were delighted to welcome the finalists from the BBC's Young Trad. Musician of the Year competition to the school to work with our instrumental pupils. Pupils took part in a performance workshop with the performers before enjoying a concert in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, as we approach the summer holidays we are moving towards having to say "bye for now" to one of our class teachers, Miss Pellegrum. Miss Pellegrum joined us in August and has been an excellent addition to the department this year. Her positive relationships with pupils, exciting teaching strategies and infectious enthusiasm for trad. music will be sorely missed but we wish her all the best as she takes up her new post at Paisley Grammar.



Belgium 2018

Mrs Davidson
Music Department



The Music Department have just returned from an enjoyable and successful performance tour to Belgium. On the 18th June, 40 young people from our choirs, pipe band, orchestra and folk group set off for Ypres. During our trip, we performed in two concerts; one at the Wapenplein Band Stand and one in the coastal town of De Panne. Both these concerts were well attended and featured a variety of musical genres. The crowds enjoyed a number of pieces with Scottish influences including Wild Mountain Thyme and Candy, by Paulo Nutini, but were also treated to music from the Greatest Showman and pop hits such as One Day Like This

by Elbow. Our pipe band was a big hit with tourists and locals alike. Pipers and drummers drew in the crowds with their performances and, of course, their kilts!

However, it wasn't all hard work. During the day we explored the centre of Bruges, enjoyed a canal boat trip and visited Bellewaerde Theme Park. In the evenings pupils enjoyed a ceilidh and an opportunity to relax with their friends.

We are so proud of how the pupils behaved and performed during our tour. With so much equipment to move around and set up, it was vital that worked as a team and they definitely

rose to the challenge.

Thank you so much for a wonderful trip, where to next?



Art & Design Success

2017-18 has been another successful year within the department. Many students have had the pleasure of having their work selected for the 'Inspired' Exhibition 2018, held in the Paisley Museum. Lauren Anderson, Mackenzie Spence, Alasdair Stephen all S5 at the time along with Finlay Ross, Jenna Fraser and Rachael Craig of S6. Paisley Arts Institute Competition 2018 is set up to encourage 'Budding Artists' (PAI) Lauren Anderson was the winner for the S4-6 category and overall winner of all the schools work exhibited. She won £100. Kirsty MacArthur was the runner up in the S4-6 category winning £30 prize money. Louise White received a commended in the S1-3 category. Their work and that of many more of our students is currently on display at the Paisley Museum. The exhibition will run until the 18th August. This is not the first time we have as a school won the PAI. Last year Shona Cairns won in her category and was the overall winner. The year before saw Lauren Anderson, win her category and was the overall winner of the competition. This 'Hat Trick' is an excellent achievement and we are ex-

tremely proud of all our pupils and entries. The friends of The Royal Scottish Society (RSA) selected Cate Bone's work to feature in their annual exhibition. This is a prestigious award and again reflects the strong work of our students within Art and Design. We now look to our ex pupils. The class of 2014 have come of age and are now graduating from their various courses. Here is what we know of their achievements:

Sarah Alexander, left Fashion and Textiles at Galashiels in 2017 with her Degree and is now working in the fashion industry in Glasgow.

Rebecca Allison received a 3rd class BA Honours in Painting from Edinburgh College of Art.

Fiona Burton received a 1st class BDes Honours in Digital Animation from Dundee College of Art.

Claire McLean received a 2:1 BDes Honours in Jewellery and Metalwork from Dundee College of Art.

Ryan Hughes (2012) received a 2:1 BDes Honours in Fashion and Textiles from Glasgow School of Art. Ryan is off to the Royal College of Art in London to undertake his Masters Degree.

Gillian Lochhead (2011)

Received a 2:2 BDes Honours in Communication Design from Glasgow School of Art. Harley Morning (2015) completed HND in Jewellery at City College and was accepted into 2nd year at Dundee College of Art.





Carnival

The Carnival is coming again to Johnstone High School on Monday 25th June. So far, over 220 pupils have purchased wristbands for the day, exceeding last year's number. Coming to the Carnival will be 3 main rides, the Tagada, Miami and Kangaroo alongside a range of inflatables which pupils can use

all day. Staff have also committed to providing pupils with a range of weird and wonderful stalls, which pupils can visit during the Carnival with an opportunity to win a range of prizes. Pupils and staff are very much looking forward to this opportunity to wind down and reflect on the term past.

End of Year Activities Day

On Tuesday 26th June the pupils of JHS take part in a wide variety of events both in and out of school. The 150 pupils off to Alton Towers have an eye watering 04:30 start to their day as the buses will whisk them off down south for some rollercoaster fun. While, with a more reasonable start time, other pupils will enjoy an energetic trip to tag active and another set of pupils have the company of the Music staff on a wonderful shopping trip to Braehead. Miss Brown and Miss Curie have a group of pupils out hunting for treasure in Glasgow and lastly a fitness minded

team of pupils are off for a day of cycling round the sunny (hopefully) Isle of Cumbrae.

With all these out of school events you would think that the school building would be deserted, but JHS will be alive with World Cup fever. Pupils have the chance to enjoy football and FIFA tournaments and more importantly Australia v Peru and Denmark v France. For some of our young people who aren't football daft there will also be an in school cinema experience and board game event for them to enjoy.

Activities day 2018 will of course be a huge success and a big thanks to all the staff for all of their hard work in organising and running the activities!



Community Learning & Development

We have worked in close partnership with the community learning and development team this year to offer some extra opportunities for our young people to achieve out-with the classroom. This year we had a group of S1, S2 and S3 pupils working towards a Hi5 award through two projects – ‘Arcade Academy’ and ‘Come dine with me’. The groups were very successful and culminated with an event where pupils cooked a meal with/for their

parents. Parental feedback has been very positive. This year all pupils who successfully achieve a Hi5 award will receive a letter from the first minister. We are very proud of all the young people who took part and successfully received an award.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

All of our pupils participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year have been working hard at weekly meetings preparing for their expeditions and participating in training activities. With various training days outdoors practicing camp craft and navigation, the teams are ready to take on their qualifying expeditions!

The qualifying expeditions will take place in the week running up to the summer holidays. The groups will be taking on a new route this year and we wish them luck (and sunshine) for their two days out walking!

Staff are regularly checking EDofE for the uploads of evidence on the participant's physical, skill and volunteering sections to make sure everyone is on track to complete their award.

We have been very lucky this year to have the valuable help and support from



several staff members across the school and would like to thank Mr Brooks, Miss McSkimming, Miss Semple, Miss Walker and Mr McGurk for their time and effort – it would not have been possible without them!



We will be opening the award for the new S3's after the summer holidays and look forward to welcoming our new Bronze pupils!

P7 Transition Days



In June, we welcomed almost 200 Primary 7 pupils from across the cluster to take part in their 3-day induction visit. For the first two days, the P7s followed their S1 timetable, with their final day being a fun-filled activities day based on



the Wellbeing Indicators (safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included). This allowed the pupils to experience life in Johnstone High School, while meeting their Pastoral teacher, their subject teachers, their

new class members and their Befrienders.

The children really enjoyed playing dodgeball in PE at the hub, the practical aspect of Science classes, making oatmeal cookies in Home Economics, having the chance to move around from class to class, and starting to get to know the young people they will be sharing a class with in August. New friendship are being forged as the children start the next stage in their journey through education.

World Challenge Update

The World Challengers are eagerly looking at their My World Challenge online portal to see when the itinerary for their expedition to India will be published.

There is now less than a year until departure to the sub-continent of India. A long time, but the programme launched 15 months ago so we are well over half way there in completion of the programme.

Most of the team have embarked on very successful individual fund raising ventures and there have been many team events that have been undertaken too, with a very successful

raffle at the recent Senior Awards ceremony, an S1 disco and the uplift this week of the many donations of old clothes for Bag2School.

In September, the team will take part in a training expedition in Aberfoyle where they will get the chance to see whether their fitness, kit and team working skills are up to the demands of a World Challenge expedition.

This is where the reality of why it is called World Challenge kicks in for many and when the excitement level

really begins to build.

Even before the two India teams head off for their in-country experience, a 5th World Challenge expedition will launch for the current S3 and S4 pupils around Easter next year.

Nepal, Borneo, Tanzania, India. Wherever next? We shall see.....





Nuclear Power Station Trip

On a cold and windy couple of days at the start of May S3 pupils from Johnstone High School had the opportunity to visit the Hunterston B power station on the Firth of Clyde coast. Hunterston is one of only 2 Nuclear power facilities in Scotland operated and run by the French government company EDF. Pupils had the chance to see a presentation from facility staff members about the working environment at the plant as well as some safety features and precautions. Pupils then took part in a guided tour of the facility taking in the main turbine rooms and control rooms before having a

chance to try out some virtual reality in the activity hub. Hunterston B is due to be decommissioned in the next 4

years but the breakdown of the site is currently estimated to take 100 years.





Nurture News

Ms Brown
PT Nurture

Since the last newsletter our young people have been thriving in the Thrive Hive.

Our S1 Core Group took part in a 4 week programme of work at Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. They learned about the biodiversity of the area through talks, walks and activities on a variety of subjects including pond dipping, animal tracks, trees and bird studies. They also helped to conserve the area by making bird, bat and insect boxes and by carrying out practical conservation including tree maintenance, pathing and gardening. Their hard work over the weeks gained them a John Muir Award. Very well done to all of our young people involved.

To celebrate Nurture week, our young people invited teachers from all departments across the school to the Thrive Hive for 'afternoon tea'. In the organisation of these teas our young people developed their creative skills by designing and producing invitations for all departments. They went shopping for the delicious treats that were on offer and they helped to serve up the treats on the days. Well done to all of our young people for their hard work in organising this.

Wishing all pupils, parents and carers and the whole school community a wonderful summer holiday.



S4 Enrichment Programme

During exam leave, we had a small but dedicated group of S4 pupils who took part in a range of activities, designed to enhance their skills for learning, life and work. These pupils took part in a programme run by either West College Scotland, St. Mirren Football Club or here in Johnstone High. Some of the sessions delivered by staff as part of the in-school programme included; team building,

IT, keep fit, car maintenance, cookery and environmental awareness. The pupils also visited West College Scotland to participate in a Skills Development Scotland workshop and careers fair. During this event, they participated in an electronic engineering task, played some games using a virtual reality headset and explored the range of career stalls that were available.

These pupils were a credit to Johnstone High School and I wish you all the best for S5!

Contacting the School

From August 2018, if you have any queries/concerns regarding your child then you should contact their Pastoral Support Teacher. Below are details of our house teams:

Arran House

Mr D Rainey
Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support

Mr P Palombo
Depute Head Teacher (Acting)

Iona House

Mrs L Butler-Robson
Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support

Mr R Miller
Depute Head Teacher

Mull House

Mrs C Wilson
Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support

Mr Menzies
Depute Head Teacher

Skye House

Mr J Brown
Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support (Acting)

Mrs T O'Malley
Depute Head Teacher

Seniors

Mrs E Wilkie
Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support

Mr G Munro
Depute Head Teacher

Mull House Update

Ms Wilson
Mull Pastoral Support

Since the last update, Mull house have been careering towards the Summer holidays in fine fettle.

The beginning of this term began with our S4 pupils sitting their first set of 'Big' exams. We keep our fingers crossed for a positive result for all our pupils come August.

Our S4 pupils ventured out on work experience at the beginning of June, with many coming back having a positive experience. In particular, Louie Motherwell received a commendation for his excellent work with the RSPB. Well done Louie and all our Mull S3 pupils.

Change of timetable came and went without any real hitches and with Mull pupils moving up a year, they begin the next part of their journey at Johnstone High School.

Miss Wilson and Mr Menzies welcomed the new Mull P7 pupils during their transition days and in particular, they spent some time getting to know them during the Health and Wellbeing final transition event.

We say a fond farewell to one of our talented Mull pupils at the end of term. Aidan O'Hagan has gained a golf scholarship and will be moving to the sunny sights of the Bahamas after the summer. Aidan's commitment to his sport is exemplary and we wish

him every success in the future. Good luck Aidan.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, a large part of our school is to promote and celebrate the achievements of our young people. Many of them are heavily involved in the extra-curricular provision, but there are a large number who are involved out with school. I would ask that if any pupil has been successful on the sporting field, on the stage or any other activity that they let Mr Menzies or Miss Wilson know in order that these successes can get the recognition they deserve.

Iona House Update

Mr Miller

Mull Pastoral Support

As always, it has been an extremely busy term for everyone at JHS, and none more so than our S3 pupils that just made the transition to S4. In addition to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and the Youth Philanthropy Initiative final – which you will see elsewhere in the newsletter – the pupils have also been getting to grips with their new timetable and National Qualification subjects, celebrating their success at the promoting positive behaviour reward events and have even been involved in recruitment processes for a new Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support, a faculty head of Health and Wellbeing and an acting Depute Head Teacher.

As usual, they have demonstrated outstanding leadership and have

been a real credit to our school and their families. It's been a pleasure to see them grow as leaders and active participants in their school and I am excited about these roles being formalised through the Pupil Council, Rights Respecting School activities and Columba 1400.

Sadly, we have waved goodbye and good luck to Mrs Dornan, Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support for Iona House for the last 16 months, as she prepares to take on her new role at Drumchapel High School after the summer break. Iona House pupils have done a fantastic job of letting Mrs Dornan know just how valued she is over the last couple of weeks and I would like to take this chance personally to thank her for all her hard work and humour over the last

couple of years.

With one door closing, another opens, and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Robson as the new Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support for Iona House from August. Mrs Robson joins us from Vale of Leven, via an acting spell at Clydebank High School and has already been out to visit and get to know some of the pupils on her caseload. I am looking forward to working with her to support our young people and to win back the House trophy after Mull House's questionable tactics last this! Finally, I would like to take this chance to wish all our young people, parents, carers and staff a very happy and healthy break. I look forward to welcoming you back in August, relaxed and ready to go.



Skye Update

That's us now at the end of a very busy term. Our S4 pupils have finished their SQA exams and have returned to school as S5 pupils. We hope that they all get the results they are hoping for. Our S3 pupils have been very busy this term with work experience and YPI and I am very pleased to say that the winning house in our first year of running YPI was Skye house. Our

team secured a cheque for £3000 for their chosen charity which was Renfrewshire's Womens Aid. We are very proud of their achievement.

Most of our S1 and S2 pupils have completed gold personal achievement awards which is fantastic. We welcomed the primary 7 pupils up for their 3 day transition visit and look forward to welcoming them in August.



Sporting Success

It has been another successful sporting year here at Johnstone High School and our pupils have represented the school brilliantly at various different events.

The first main event of the year was the Renfrewshire Schools Road Race where a number of our pupils received medals. Matthew New came 1st in the S1 boys race and Struan Campbell came 2nd in the S3 boys

race. Our S1 girls team; points added up to put them in 1st place overall. Well done to; Emily Gorman, Isla Skelton, Katie Beverland, Hannah Ramsay, Ada Robertson, Shannon Milligan, Robyn Thompson



Cross country results

Matthew New- 1st S1 boys race

Colin Arthur- 2nd S2 boys race

Emily Gorman- 4th in S1 girls race

Colin Arthur, Millie Spence, Glory Izedome and Aaron Hewitson qualified for the Renfrewshire County Athletics. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due the weather.



Athletics results

Grace Harron- 3rd 300ms

Colin Arthur- 4th in 400ms

Emily Gorman- 4th in 800m and
1500ms

Millie spence- 1st 1500ms

Iris Dickie- 3rd 300ms

Glory Izedome- 2nd long jump

S3 girls relay- Millie Spence, Iris
Dickie, Megan Thompson, Gloria
Izedome- 3rd



Triathlon results

Euan Walker- 1st S1-S2 race

Colin Arthur- 2nd S1-S2 race

Football

Our S1-S2 Girls S1-S2 football team came 3rd in league. Congratulations to; Sarah Dean, Hannah Ramsay, Mikayla McDonald, Nicola Martin, Gemma Macelwee, Taylor Fox, Brianna Barrett, Mekkia Khali, Sophie Macpherson, Alex Hernandez, Kacey Johnston



Netball

Our S1-S2 Netball team made it through to the Renfrewshire Schools Plate Final. Well done to Eleanor Ellerker, Eva Miller, Millie MacLellan, Lucy Fox, Grace Harron, Leah Brown, Emily Duff and Amy McGreish



Dance

JDDT (Johnstone Dance Dream Team) created their own choreography and came 1st in the S1-S6 mixed category in the Renfrewshire Schools Dance Competition. Well done to; Kirsten Jenkins, Amy Crawford, Lucy Tustian, Chantelle Hamilton, Emily Duff, Lucy Dingwall, Emily Aitken, Amy Kelly, Stephanie Tavendale, Amy Dingwall and Katie Beverland.



Volleyball

Senior Volleyball team placed 4th in the Renfrewshire Schools Volleyball tournament. Congratulations to; Logan McDonald, Harry Orr, James Orr, Tom Reid, Finn Fowler, Johnny Orr and Lewis Lightbody.

Basketball

Finally, our Senior Basketball team made it through to the Semi finals of the Scottish plate. Well done to; Lewis Harding, Kris Alexander, Darmian Kaleta, Alan Morton, Steven Buchanan, Andrew Speirs, Adrian Babzynski, Calum Sprought, Lewis Grant and Lewis McElroy.

Out of School successes

Many of our pupils compete in various activities out with school to a high level and have achieved outstanding results. Congratulations to the following pupils,

Leon Drynan has won numerous titles for Freestyle Snowboarding including; British Championships (outdoor), Scottish Championships (outdoor), English Championships, English Big air, English Slope style, Scottish slope style, Scottish big air, Swiss Big air, Swiss slop style
Robert McNulty has also won several titles for Boxing 66kgs under 2002s- bronze in the GBs, Gold- Scottish, Gold- Western Districts

Grace Harron came 2nd in the Dondonald Gymnastics competition Broodie Hood, 8th in 200m FLY IM and 6th in the 200m Fly in the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships.

Katie Russell- Team Scotland Ice hockey
Rebecca Adams Renfrewshire Youth Ambassador
Ben Andrew, Nathan Hunter, Lewis Daly- Paisley and District Champions

Columba 1400

The 15 S3, now S4, pupils who attended the Columba Leadership Academy in Skye, have been working hard to plan an event in the school. Our Columba ambassadors have planned a Values Week for our new S1 pupils in August. This event will demonstrate to the new S1 pupils what Johnstone High School is all about and

the importance of our values. The S1 will attend workshops on Honesty and Trust, Respect and Responsibility, Determination and finally they will take part in a Friendship Disco on the Friday afternoon giving the whole of S1 a chance to come together.

Our ambassadors have put in a lot of thought and effort into the workshops in

order to give the S1 pupils the best experience possible. Keep up the good work guys!

Elite Dance Crew Event

After successfully creating their own choreography and performing at the Renfrewshire Schools Dance competition in March, our S1-S3 dancers were invited to perform at Thorn and Auchenlodments Primary 7 Elite Crew Dance event.

The event allowed the P7s to showcase what they had been learning and working towards throughout their Dance block. There were also performances from professional dancers and students who were studying Dance at college. This allowed pupils to see the progressions and opportunities Dance can provide.

We hope the pupils from Thorne and Auchenlodment and all of our catchment primary schools, continue to Dance when they come up to Johnstone High in August.



Pictured above- Millie MacLellan, Eva Millar Carys Kelly, Chantelle Hamilton, Amy Kelly, Amy Dingwall, Lucy Dingwall, Lucy Tustian, Amy Crawford, Emily Duff, Emily Aitken, Katie Beverland, Stephanie Tavendale, Kirsten Jenkins

Staff Biographies

Mr Doherty - English Department

Hi, I'm David Doherty and I joined the fantastic English Department after the Easter break in April. I've really enjoyed my first term at the school and feel privileged to have joined such a hard-working staff team who are absolutely dedicated to supporting the students at Johnstone High.

Before I moved to Johnstone High, I taught in England for over 20 years predominantly on the beautiful Isle of Wight. I had previously been a Head of English, Assistant Headteacher

and Head of School at Cowes Enterprise College, though had become very homesick and wanted to return to Scotland having grown up in Clydebank, so was delighted to secure a position at Johnstone High.

My main interests out of school are reading, sports and cinema. I also have two children and a dog so will be kept very busy when the family join me from the Isle of Wight in the summer!

I'd like to thank everyone in the

Johnstone High community for their warm welcome and for their support in helping me to settle in and I look forward to playing my part in making the school even better in the future.

Ms Cole - Science Department

Hello to the JHS community, I am absolutely delighted to have joined the team here at Johnstone High School as the Faculty Head of Science. Since arriving in May I have been made to feel very welcome by all the staff and students in school and particularly enjoyed celebrating the successes of our wonderful young people at the junior awards evening earlier this term.

I have been a teacher for over 14 years now and still love my job as much as when I started. I have

worked in schools in England and Scotland and have experience of being both a Head of Science and a member of the SMT.

I am also fortunate enough to have taught across all three disciplines in Science and truly believe that Science is a subject that is relevant to absolutely every young person in school and that everybody can relate to the Science curriculum. I can't wait to see the amazing Scientists we have here reaching their full potential.

Outside of school I enjoy spend-

ing time with my children, reading, watching anything Sci-Fi related and try to run as much as I can. I recently completed a 10K in Glasgow to raise money for charity which pushed my limits but did not put me off, too much! Thank you again for the warm welcome I have received and look forward to meeting more members of our school community very soon.

Have a fantastic summer.

Leigh Cole

Ms Kilgour - Modern Languages Department

Bonjour, hola, hallo! I arrived at Johnstone High at the beginning of February and I have really enjoyed my first few months in the school. I am delighted to have joined such a busy and talented team of pupils and staff in the Modern Languages Department and I am looking forward to all the projects we have in the pipeline.

Before I moved to Johnstone High, I was a French Teacher at Cumnock Academy. Before that, I was working

as an English teacher in Barcelona. I have taught in a few schools dotted around Scotland and I even had a stint as PT Health and Wellbeing in Kilmarnock. I have taught French, Spanish, Gaelic and a little bit of Sign Language.

Not surprisingly, as a MFL Teacher, I love languages, and I love sharing my passion with everyone and anyone. In my previous schools, I was also involved in running Film Clubs. And

so, the J High Film Club will start in the new term on a Wednesday after school in the library. Outside of school, I enjoy going to the cinema, cooking, and now I am learning German!

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from staff, pupils and parents/carers. I am really looking forward to being part of the Johnstone High Community.

Youth & Philanthropy

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is an active citizenship programme that raises awareness amongst young people about philanthropy and their local area. This session, our S3 pupils researched different charities which support good causes in our school community. Once they had chosen a charity, the challenge was on to create a presentation which was innovative and creative, while informing pupils about the work that they do. Our class finalists went on to compete against one another for the £3000 prize. The winners were the Skye House team who won the prize money for Renfrewshire Women's Aid. Congratulations to them and all the pupils who took part and learned more about the social issues affecting our local community.

House Charities

Across the year there are several fundraising events in the school which are so well supported by parents, carers and the wider community. This session, the funds raised have been divided between our House charities for the year:

Mull House charity was Renfrewshire Foodbank who received 3000 meals as a result of generous donations in October.

Arran House's chosen charity was RAMH, a mental health charity which supports young people with mental health issues our local community. This charity received a cheque for £400, as did St Vincent's Hospice – the Skye House charity. Finding Your Feet, a local charity which supports

families affected by amputation or limb difference was chosen by Iona House and they also received £400. Thank you very much for your continued support of our fundraising activities throughout the year.





Parent Council Update

Diane Spence
Chair, Parent Council

As we approach the summer break, the Parent Council held their last meeting of the year on Monday 4th June, which included the AGM. We were delighted to have Mr Munro (DHT) in attendance at this meeting, where a full and varied agenda was discussed.

At the AGM The selection of office bearers and parent membership took place. Jean McFarlane was selected to replace Anne Campbell as Parent Council Secretary going forward for the 2018/19 session. I would like to thank Anne for her hard work and commitment over the last year and to welcome Jean to her new role as Secretary. Myself and Gillian Williams were selected to continue in the roles of Chair and Treasurer respectively for the coming year.

The Parent Council Normally has a full parent membership however we currently have a few places available and hope to welcome some new parent members to join the Council in

August. Please complete the Parent Council form included in the school data pack, which will be issued in August, if you are interested in joining the Parent Council.

At the end of March, the Parent Council assisted in the interviews for Depute Head Teacher (DHT), whereby Mrs O'Malley was appointed to the post of substantive DHT. The Parent Council were pleased to have supported the school in the recruitment process and wish Mrs O'Malley many happy years at Johnstone High School.

It's Carnival time...

The Parent Council will be joining in the fun and providing the pupils with a tuck shop at the Carnival on Monday 25th June.

If you would like to get involved with future fundraising events or get in touch with the Parent Council, please email:

johnstonehighenquireies@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Reminder - Parent Council minutes, Head Teacher report and 2018 Chairperson's report are all posted on the school website and school app.

Have a great summer,

Diane Spence

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