



# JOHNSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

## PUPIL BULLETIN

11 March 2016

### **1. A Note from Mrs Hollywood**

With only three weeks left of the spring term, deadlines are getting very near for our seniors who now have less than 25 school days until the SQA exam diet begins! For many this will be the final 25 days of school life, after nursery, seven years at primary and six years at Johnstone High School. Make the most of this time and if you need help or support please ask your teachers, your Guidance teacher or your head of year.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March we had a visit from the Renfrewshire HMIE area inspector, Ms Taylor. She met with a number of senior pupils and was very impressed with their positive attitude and the opportunities they have had in school – both classroom learning and extra-curricular. It was clear that Johnstone High pupils are proud of their school and I was delighted by the positive feedback the school and pupils received from Ms Taylor.

As you will see the front foyer is taking shape, and a big thanks to Mr Johnston in Technical whose previous industry experience was invaluable. The new signs are in place and the big conifer trees have been cut down to let visitors more easily see where the school main entrance is. We are waiting on furniture arriving; the new reception desk, some display cabinets and glass covered notice boards. I hope you feel these cosmetic improvements have made a difference and I ask for your support and cooperation in keeping the refreshed areas of the school looking good.

Finally, pupil council minutes with comments from the SMT will be posted this week on the pupil notice board across from the assembly hall.

## 2. Mr Rankin

S5 and S6 pupils

Could anyone who is considering a career in Civil Engineering see Mr Rankin asap.

**KEEP CHECKING OUR TWITTER FEED FOR JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME INTO SCHOOL**

## 3. Music Department



Our first Annie weekend rehearsal is Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March; 10am till 4pm. Wear comfy clothes and either bring your lunch/money to buy lunch.

Remember new chorus members are still welcome!!

## 4. Mr Peters

iSave deposits can be made this Friday (11<sup>th</sup>) in the library at morning interval. Questions? See Ms Brown, Mr Fulton, or Mr Peters.

## **5. P.E. Department**

### **S1/2 Badminton Championships**

We had 7 pupils from S1/2 competing in badminton tournament at the ON-X sports centre on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February. For the boys we had Dan Auld, Sam London and Josh Gray and for the girls Emma Kinnear, Morgan Morton, Ellie Spence and Amber Dickie.

All of them played and exceptionally well and represented the school with distinction. Dan Auld, Josh Gray, Amber Dickie and Emma Kinnear all qualified for the end of year finals - the Renfrewshire Secondary Games. Well done to them and we wish them all the best in the finals!

### **Johnstone V Garnock Rugby Match**

Johnstone HS played Garnock Academy at both S3/4 girls and S5/6 boys teams at Garnock Rugby Club in Beith. The standard was exceptionally high and all pupils represented the school with distinction. In both games pupils were undergoing National Assessments for their PE course and they all achieved very high marks indeed which has put them in a great position to achieve well in their final award for the subject.

Johnstone HS ran out comfortable winners in both games and the effort and commitment shown by both the girls and the boys was exceptional. Well done!

### **Johnstone HS Volleyball Club**

The PE department are growing the sport of volleyball and we are looking for pupils to come along to our club on a Friday lunchtime to develop their skills. We have entered teams in the Renfrewshire leagues for S4-6 in the past few months and we are now looking to extend this down to S1-3. Anyone interested can come along and join in or see Mr Connelly for more details.

### **Johnstone HS S3 Grils Netball**

The S3 girl's netball team played their second round of games at St Andrew's Academy in Paisley last week. Despite arriving late because Mr Connelly went to Glennifer HS by mistake, the team performed extremely well for only their second outing as a team and narrowly missed out on

victory in all of their games against some very strong teams. The girls are building for the future and anyone interested in coming along should see Miss Still in the PE department.