



JOHNSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

PUPIL BULLETIN

16 September 2016

1. Note from Mrs Hollywood

It was another busy week in the school which started with my first meeting with the new S6 pupil leadership group. They have lots of good ideas about events, fundraising and support for younger year groups and I am looking forward to working with them throughout the course of the session.

Other highlights in the week included a pupil trip to meet a local MP and a mass exodus of S6 to the science centre. Read all about this below!

The school football season started in earnest last week and the Johnstone High teams have had a great start – check out our twitter feed for match reports and photos.

Finally, it is a short week for us all as a result of the September weekend. Whatever you are doing over the break I hope you have a safe and restful time. See you back in school, in full uniform, on Tuesday 27th September.

2. S4 Achievements – Mr Menzies

Congratulations to Nicole McCarthy and Cara Brown in S4 who last week went the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce and presented to Mhairi Black MP and Delegates from Westminster about a group that they volunteer with at the YMCA in Paisley. The girls were a real credit to the school.

3. S5 & S6 Updates – Mr Munro

UCAS.

The school has 70 registered for UCAS this session. This is the biggest number of pupils in recent years. Anyone who is planning to go to university in 2017 and still hasn't registered should see Mr Munro as soon as possible.

HE Convention

63 pupils travelled to the Higher Education convention this week. All the major universities, colleges and training organisations were present to give valuable advice to the S6 pupils who accompanied Mrs Hollywood and Mr Munro. Photos are on twitter!

S6 Weekend

Currently 27 pupils have signed up for the annual S6 weekend. For the weekend to be a success we need at least 40 to go, so make sure you hand your forms in.

Clinical Research Day

5 pupils wishing to study medicine at university will attend the clinical research day at Glasgow Royal Infirmary on Fri 16 Sept. This will give a valuable insight into the various aspects of drug testing and trials.

4. PE Dept.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are looking for more S1/2 pupils to come and join the after school and lunchtime clubs running in the PE department. Come along and try a new club!

School Sports Tournaments

If you have signed up for a sports team in the PE department then thank you!! Keep an eye on the pupil bulletin for the dates of the competitions!

Scottish Schools Swimming

Any swimmers who would like to be entered for the Scottish schools

swimming championships please see the PE department for more details.

Sports Leaders

Any senior pupil who completed the sports leader award, who would be willing to take on a lunchtime or after school club please come to the PE department and let us know!

Senior Volunteering

Any seniors who are looking to use some of their leadership time in the PE department please come and see Mrs Chambers by the end of next week with your preferred times.

5. Literacy Update – Mrs Haggerty

Paired/Shared Reading

Reading is an essential skill which learners use every day in school and for life outside school. I am delighted to inform you that a number of S6 learners have committed their time to support the continuous development of reading skills. They have become reading partners and will read and discuss texts with S1 and S2 readers throughout the session.

After the October week, I would love to extend the paired/shared reading experience to more S1/2 readers during a lunch time session. If you are interested in sharing a story with a reading partner after the October holiday, let me know. I will ask your English teachers to take a note of your names before the October holiday.

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

The project is very exciting. What does it about?

S6 will become mentors and will work with S1 pupils to help them identify behaviours which result in emotional or physical harm, discuss how abusive behaviour makes a person feel, and how safe action can be taken to stop the negative behaviours escalating. The focus is on the power of the bystander, the person who witnesses harmful behaviours.

The exciting news is that once our senior pupil volunteers are trained, they will visit S1 PSE classes and encourage the first years to engage in supportive conversations. After these classroom visits the mentors will continue to support pupils by offering advice and support if and when they need it.

Younger pupils should look out for S6 pupils wearing an 'MVP badge' if you need to discuss an issue which is causing you concern.

Our list of volunteers is growing, but there is still time for senior pupils to sign up to become an MVP mentor (Mentors in Violence Protection).