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NEWSLETTER

WELCOME FROM MRS HOLLYWOOD



I am delighted to take this opportunity to share school news with Johnstone High School parents, pupils, staff and friends through our new look school newsletter. Should you have any comments to make on the contents of the newsletter or any issues you wish to raise concerning your child please do not hesitate to contact the school either directly via the School Office / Guidance teacher or by e-mail to:

johnstonehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

As we approach the October school holiday we are nine weeks into the new school session and everyone seems well settled after the summer break. We have welcomed a number

of new staff to the school (who will be introduced to you in this newsletter) along with our new S1 students and I am particularly pleased to welcome back large numbers of seniors who made the choice to return to Johnstone High School for another year. Whether it is a first or a sixth year pupil, please be assured that everything possible is done to ensure all children not only enjoy the school and achieve as much as possible in their time at Johnstone High School, but also are safe, well and happy.

The start of the school session 2016/17 went very smoothly. Staff began with a two-day in-service programme that focused on our whole school priority areas, SQA results and our new approach to self-evaluation. The theme of the second day was around relationships and inclusion, with inserts on our new behaviour management policy, our mentors in violence prevention initiative, and nurturing approaches.

The new pupil session began with assemblies for all year groups setting out head teacher expectations (attendance, timekeeping, effort, conduct, uniform, effort etc) and information on school performance in the SQA exams, which will also feature in this newsletter.

I was also delighted to unveil our

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Welcome from Mrs Hollywood

new school values to the pupils and staff at the start of the session and you may have noticed them on your new calendar poster that went home in the data packet in August. As voted on by all members of our school community, the values of Johnstone High School are determination, friendship, honesty, respect, responsibility and trust. Our aims and vision will come after pupil and staff focus groups (there was a parent focus group in June) and together, along with our new values, these will form the core foundations of Johnstone High School's ethos, work and practice.

The beginning of term also saw a very successful programme of S6 befriending of the new S1, Tempest Photographs have been taken for all pupils in S1 and S3, after a competitive round of interviews we appointed our new pupil leadership team from S5/6, and a range of staff have volunteered to take on responsibilities, clubs and trips that all enhance and enrich school life – more of that later in this newsletter.

In other school news, the pupil toilets were completely refurbished during the summer holidays. This was a significant expenditure and involved teams of tradesmen for 6 weeks, often working evenings and weekends to get the toilets ready for the pupils return in August. The pupils were consulted on the colour schemes for each facility with magenta and navy proving to be the winners. In the front foyer furniture for a parent waiting has been created and our trophies are now polished and residing in two new display cabinets. Mr Johnstone in Technical has also created three new bespoke

notice boards for pupil information. A dux board will be the next purchase for this area.

The management suite is also undergoing a makeover. After the October break the Guidance team will move into a new shared base in the area previously used by the office (opposite the DHT offices, creating a 'one stop shop' for pupils and their families) and the waiting area has been decorated with new carpet and furniture ordered. Similarly, the meeting/conference room for guests has also been refreshed

Finally, you may have seen a positive article in the Paisley Gazette around school examination results. Moreover, there has also been coverage on two of our talented youngsters in the Evening Times and Glasgow Herald around sporting and media based success. We also have our regular monthly article published in the Gryffe Advertiser. Please check our website for regular updates on school life on www.johnstonehigh.co.uk or our twitter page @JohnstoneHighSc.

A plea for parental assistance

As you know, partnership with parents and carers is a top priority for Johnstone High School. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to request for health and safety reasons that parents who collect their children from school by car pick them up from the waiting area at the bottom of the hill. The only pick-ups allowed at the top of the hill are Renfrewshire Council contract taxis for pupils who require them. At the moment there is a lot of car traffic right outside the school gate, and with 939 young people exiting the building over a 5 minute period there is a lot of congestion. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Similarly, I would request that parents discuss with their child the problems associated with bringing expensive clothes, trainers, bags, devices etc to school. The school is not in a position to reimburse parents for loss or damage – therefore pupils should not be bringing expensive items to school.

Thank you again for your understanding and support.



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Extra Curricular Activities

Johnstone High School staff certainly go the extra mile for our pupils, as reflected in the range of extra curricular activities that take place in the school. There are a number of clubs, activities, trips, residential and events throughout the entire course of the year.

In August I asked staff to give me an overview of the activities they were planning to run; this is outlined below:

One of our school values is friendship and I would encourage students to get involved in the extra-curricular club programme.

In addition to this we have trips and residential. Already this session we have seen around 40 S2 pupils go to Ardentiny, I have approved a request for two senior pupils to represent our school on a trip to Auschwitz, approved another football trip (this time to Man City for their game against Chelsea later in the year), and Mr Munro hopes to run a senior school team building residential trip to Aberfoyle before Christmas. We also have the Berlin trip in June, World Challenge trip to Tanzania in June, and we plan to review our activities days programme in the last week of term. This is of course alongside a whole host of smaller scale educational excursions and field trips.

We are very aware that there is a great deal of social activity planned for the S5/6 year groups as they are able to, in the main, run their own events. Again this session there will be a range

of dances and events and the prom is already booked for 7th June 2017 in the Grand Central Station. However, we are keen to offer more opportunities to younger year groups and we will work with staff, senior pupils and the parent and pupil councils on extending what we offer pupils in S1-4.

Pupils were informed about informed this year's new S3 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh programme via assembly and the pupil bulletin. This means we have 2 Bronze and 2 Silver groups running; sadly no Gold at this time. This year's DofE programme will be run by Sharon McMillan, DofE Development Officer and will be supported by community volunteers and volunteer teaching staff including Mr McKenzie.

Finally, many S6 pupils are undertaking a Saltire Award this session to acknowledge the amount of volunteering and citizenship activity that takes place both in and out of school in sixth year. The Saltire Award is a national programme designed to recognise the achievements of young people aged between 12 and 25 years who take part in volunteering.

Mr Munro works with the seniors on activity towards Saltire and reminds them to record their hours.

There are 4 sections to the Saltire Awards:

- 1. Challenge**
a one-off event
- 2. Approach**
award for 10 and 25 hours of volunteering
- 3. Ascent**
award for 50, 100, 200 and 500 hours of volunteering
- 4. Summit**
award for outstanding contribution to volunteering and is signed by the First Minister. Pupils must have completed 200 hours Ascent and have exceeded expectations.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Gardening Club – Mrs Barry
Thursday Lunchtime, Home
Economics Room 4 Vegetable
Garden, [S1-S3](#)

Sewing Club – Mrs Carlin
Wednesday and/or Friday
Lunchtime, Textile Room, [S1-S6](#)

Senior Choir – Mrs Leslie
Monday Lunchtime,
Classroom, [S4-S6](#)

Science Club – Mr Fulton &
Miss Leggat
Monday Lunchtime,
Classroom, [S1](#)

Robot Club – Mr Fulton & Mr
McGurk
Wednesday After School,
Classroom, [S1-S6](#)

Stem Club – Mr Fulton
Wednesday After School,
Classroom, [S2-S3](#)

Football – Mr McGivern
After School, Astro Pitch [S5-S6](#)

Green Power – Mr Fulton & Mr
Marshall
Monday After School,
Classroom, [S2-S5](#)

S2 Football – Mr Palombo & Mr
Miller
Days Dependent on Games,
Football Pitch [S2](#)

Basketball – Mr Peters
Wednesday After School,
Games Hall [S3-S6](#)

Football – Mr Brown
Any Day after School, PE
changing rooms and Astro Grass,
[Any year group](#)

Volleyball - Mr Stevenson
Monday Lunchtime, Games hall
[Any year group](#)

Football (7aside)
Mr Stevenson
Wednesday After School Astro
Grass [S1-S3](#)

**Trampolining &
Gymnastics** – Miss Dornan
Monday After school,
Small Gym [S1- S3](#)

Netball – Miss Dornan
Miss Wilson
Thursday Lunch &
After School – Schedule not set
yet. Games Hall [S1-S6](#)

Duke of Edinburgh
Mr McKenzie and other
volunteers (including CLD)
Tuesday after school, Thursday
Lunchtime. Science Lab 1 [S3-S6](#)

Science Club – Miss Leggat &
Miss Wilson
Monday Lunchtime,
Science Classroom [S1](#)

Junior Choir – Miss Keenan
Wednesday Lunchtime, Miss
Keenan's Classroom, [S1-S3](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 October 2016
Staff In service

17 – 21 October 2016
Holiday – Mid Term

25 October 2016
Primary 7 Open
Evening

24 November 2016
S4 Parents' Evening

30 November 2016
Holiday – St Andrews
Day

6 December 2016
S5/S6 Parents' Evening

12 December 2016
S2 Reports Issued
this week

19 December 2016
Christmas Concert

21 December 2016
Holiday – Christmas

4 January 2017 (incl)
*(Pupils and staff return
5 January 2017)*



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SQA Results August 2016

In terms of results, August 2016 saw some significant successes and achievements at individual pupil, subject and whole school level. We are incredibly proud of ALL of our senior students who worked hard throughout the year and achieved their potential at whatever SQA level they were working at.

Of particular note are the 4 students in S5 who achieved 5 A Highers, the additional 7 students with 4 A Highers and the 22 who obtained 5 Higher awards. In S4 we were delighted that 7 pupils achieved 7 A passes at National 5 level, another 8 had 6 A passes at Nat5 and another 9 obtained 7 Nat5 awards. We had 9 S4 pupils who undertook their Higher Music a year early – 8 obtained an

A pass; an outstanding achievement.

In departments there were noteworthy performances at Advanced Higher level especially in Chemistry, Biology and History. 81 pupils passed higher English this year and 19 obtained an A pass. At National 5 level 139 pupils passed in S4 with a 92% pass rate and 58 S4 pupils got an A at Nat 5 English; this represents an excellent overall performance. The languages department did very well especially in French (15 A Higher passes) and Spanish where no pupil obtained less than a B at Higher. Modern Studies also had a very good year where 8 out of 9 pupils in S5 gained an A pass. Finally, at Nat 5 PE had 23 A passes and Admin had a 92% pass rate.

In terms of whole school performance it was the best year on our records for pupils gaining

1+ Higher or 3+ Higher awards and the second best year on record for 5+ Higher awards. Our Advanced Higher performance was outstanding with a 9% increase in pupils gaining 1+ AdvH from the previous year (and was our best performance on record). Similarly, best performance in three years for pupils in S4 obtaining 5+ Nat5 awards. However analysis shows us that we still have a job to do. Our performance amongst our highest achieving pupils is improving, however for less academically able pupils we must do better to ensure that all of our youngsters leave us with 5 or more level 3 (Nat 3) awards and a qualification in literacy in numeracy. All departments have been asked to complete a SQA action plan to address lessons learned from session 15/16 and we will also be doing this at a whole school level.

Adult and Youth Literacies Team

Information from our partners

The literacies sessions are for anyone aged 16+ years who wants to improve their reading, writing, spelling and numbers for everyday life, work or learning. A wide range of support is available at various sessions throughout Renfrewshire, and delivered at the learner's pace within a group setting. Examples of learning include, helping your child with homework, calculating change/ interest rates on purchases, measuring for home improvements, or any other daily literacy activities. Specific literacies support is also available to gain employment/progression

within existing job, or if you are considering going into Further Education. Examples of learning include Intravenous Medicine (I.V.) Administration Calculations test for nurses, Driving Theory, Construction Skills Certificate Scheme (CSCS), Door Supervision (SIA), and entrance exams into careers such as Armed Forces and Police. A free creche may also be available.

Please contact
als.els@renfrewshire.gov.uk
or phone 01505 335 873.





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Johnstone High Staff. Session 2016/17

The end of last session saw a number of staffing changes as colleagues moved into new roles or achieved promotion.

Mr Gilbert – was promoted to Education Officer at East Dunbartonshire Council

Mr Connelly – was promoted to PT PE at Dumbarton Academy

Mrs Coyle – was promoted to PT Modern Languages at Clydebank High

Mr Smith – moved to St Andrew's Academy

Miss Delussy – moved from her NQT year to a post at St Andrew's Academy

Miss Still – moved from her NQT year to a post at Gleniffer High School

Mr Maitland – moved sector into Kersland School for pupils with support needs

Mrs Allan – was promoted to Acting PT Learning Support at Gleniffer High School

Mrs O'Malley – moved from PT Guidance to Acting DHT within Johnstone High

Ms Wilson – moved from English to Acting PT Guidance within Johnstone High

Miss Dornan – moved from PE to Acting PT Guidance within Johnstone High

Miss Chalmers – Faculty Head of Science (joined us in May 2016 from Mearns Castle)

We also welcomed back Mrs Chambers and Mrs Smith from Maternity Leave.

This term we are wishing a wonderful retirement to:

Miss Milligan – PT Guidance and Maths

Mrs McGlynn - English

Special thanks go to both Miss Milligan and Mrs McGlynn for their long serving contributions to the school. My thanks also go to all staff who have moved on to new positions and whose various contributions to the school in 2015—2016 (and in previous years) were much appreciated.

Johnstone High has also welcomed a number of new staff and newly qualified teachers to our staff this session:



Miss Day
Geography

Mr Brown
Technical
Previously
Bishopbriggs Academy



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New Staff



Miss Munro
Maths NQT



Miss Wilson
Chemistry NQT

Mr Tollan
PE

Previously
Gleniffer High &
Kersland School

Mr Stevenson
PE NQT



**Miss
Montgomery**
History NQT



Photographer
Morgan Spence



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Mr Menzies
Acting DHT

Previously
Gleniffer High



Miss McKinney
Music
Previously
Paisley Grammar



Miss Wakefield
English NQT

Miss Leggat
Biology NQT

Finally, at time of writing we are in the process of recruiting in the following areas: one full time permanent post in Modern Languages (following unsuccessful interviews in June), two posts in Maths and one in English. We are also about to recruit a permanent PT Music





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Useful council information for parents

In order to ensure all necessary procedures are in place for the rest of this session I would urge all parents concerned to note that:-

There was a change in procedure for applications for Free School Meals and Clothing Grants. For information please phone 0300 300 0300 or go online at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk.

The Education Maintenance Allowance scheme for all S5/S6 students has been continued this session. Students who have yet to collect an Application Form from the School Office should do so as soon as possible. All applications should be returned promptly so that all necessary arrangements can be made for session 2016 - 17.

NB*: Application forms for School Transport and the Education Maintenance Allowance can be downloaded from www.renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Data Check sheets have been issued to all pupils/students and that have not yet been handed in should be returned as soon as possible to the School.

Any change of pupil/student

details eg address, telephone number, health matters and/or Emergency Contact occurring during the Session should be passed to the School Office as soon as possible so that accurate records can be maintained in the School.

**Renfrewshire Council
Children's Services contact
number at Renfrewshire House
is: 0300 300 0170.**

CHEMISTRY AT WORK EVENT 2016

On Wednesday 8th June twelve S2 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Steven and Mrs Arthur, headed to Glasgow University to attend the Chemistry at Work event. Pupils were firstly given two talks from practicing chemists from very different areas of Chemistry. The first talk was from Dr. Quye who is a lecturer in Conservation Science in History of Art. She informed pupils of how she combines her degree in Chemistry with the Arts and specialises in Textile Conservation, Dress and Textile Histories and Technical Art History. She works closely with museums and uses her knowledge of Chemistry to help preserve and reconstruct materials and dyes. This has also led her to even meet an astronaut whilst working on a project involving material that spacesuits are made from. The second of the talks was from Dr Price who lectures in the School

of Chemistry at the University. He has an interest in many areas of natural science and is a keen proponent for increased public understanding of science. He wowed the pupils with many demonstrations of Chemistry at its best including using liquid nitrogen to cool rubber tubing to such an extent that the rubber shattered into many pieces! He showed how a solution could spontaneously crystallise and release heat and how chemicals could be used to coat a glass bottle in a silver film.

The second part of the event involved pupils taking part in practical work in the laboratory which was really what they were looking forward to the most. One of the tasks had the pupils distinguishing between and identifying 4 white powders that had been mixed up in a factory! Pupils witnessed chemical reactions taking place in various forms such as gases being produced and colour changes. Pupils were also asked to take part in a Periodic Puzzle Treasure Hunt within the lab and consequently crack the code to a safe. Both teams from Johnstone High managed this successfully and thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Pupils then enjoyed a look around the lovely surroundings of Glasgow University and also had time for a quick look around the Hunterian Museum.

"Chemistry at Work at Glasgow University was great because it showed us how Chemistry can be used in so many different ways. We did the lab challenge and periodic puzzle after a lecture explaining Chemistry and all its uses." (Rhys Williams 2P3)

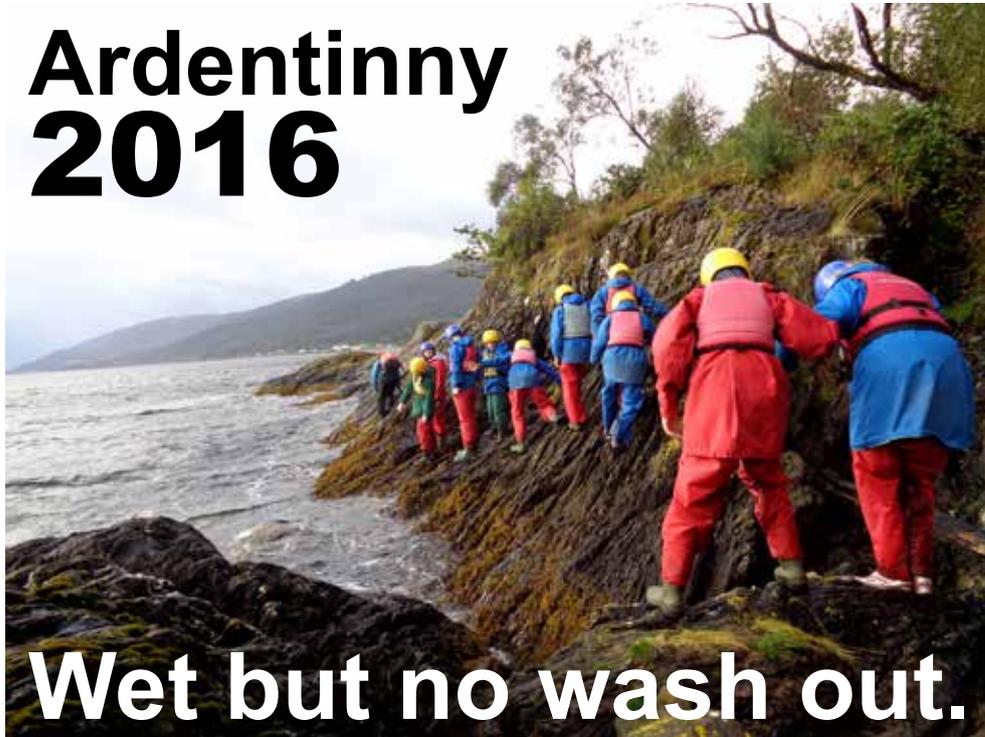


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Ardentinny 2016



Wet but no wash out.

After the September weekend 39 intrepid S2 pupils from Johnstone High School made their way to Ardentinn Outdoor Centre near Dunoon. Thanks to Western Ferries we got a free passage on the ferry over which helped keep down the overall cost of the trip. As soon as we arrived the pupils were involved straight away making their beds and preparing for activities.

The weather at times was quite wild and very wet. Luckily the rain actually helped turn the Gorge walk into a very fun activity with very high water levels! At one point it looked like some activities might have had to be cancelled due to high winds, however the worst was during the night. This did mean that those out on the loch kayaking had quite a rocky but fun time!

Many thanks to all the pupils who showed great maturity, the staff from Johnstone High (Mrs Arthur, Dr Wardrope and Mr Rainey) and

all the staff at Ardentinn

Below are some comments made by pupils on what they enjoyed during the week.

'Kayaking, none of us had done it before' Katie, Amy, Amelia and Emma.

'The instructors were helpful and friendly' Ellie, Rachael, Erin, Zoe, Arianna and Abigail.

'All activities were very fun and exciting' Leon, Ross, Andrew, Tiamo, Ewan and Ryan.

'Rock hop because we all got wet' Lucy, Shuna, Amy, Sarah, Megan and Kirsten.

'It was good because it was fun and challenging and our instructors helped us so much if we were stuck' Caitlin, Leoni and Olivia.

Mr D Fenwick





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PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Diane Spence

The Parent Council held their first meeting of the new session on the 5th September which was very well attended, with many school issues discussed and plans made for the focus and direction of the Parent Council for this year.

Two new sub groups within the Parent Council have now been established. Mr Miller (Depute Head Teacher) will be leading an “Engaging with Parents” sub group and Mr Fulton (Physics Teacher) will be leading a “Funding /Sponsorship” one. These two Parent Council sub groups will endeavour to maximise engagement between school and parents in terms of tracking, reporting and communication and secondly to boost school funds via

sponsorship and local funding grant applications. We are hoping to initially fund new football strips for each year group team.

Remember, be sure to check out the minutes of the Parent Council meetings in the Parent Council section of the school website. The Head Teacher’s Report is now also posted on the school website, which is a great source of school life information covering topics such as staffing, new school initiatives, pupil and parent’s events. Not to be missed!

Thank you

Diane Spence

Chairperson

Johnstone High School
Parent Council

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in touch with the Parent
Council, please email**

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There is a great new opportunity for 1st and 2nd years to get involved with an extracurricular activity! BBC School News Report will be run by Miss Wakefield, and will provide young people with the chance to function as a part of a real, living, breathing news team!

We will be finding leads on news stories, being investigative journalists by conducting interviews and researching different scoops! After we've investigated, we will be recording this news – in a variety of media formats from film to print to audio – and eventually broadcasting it alongside hundreds of other schools in the country on BBC School News Report day in March! This news report will also be uploaded to the school's webpage, to

showcase our young talent.

Getting involved in BBC School News Report will help young people build up a wide range of skills for learning, life, and work. We'll get to prove our critical thinking, communication skills, video editing skills, and ability to work to a deadline, just to name a few

The Newsroom will be in Miss Wakefield's room (E3) but no day has been set yet for the first session. This will be published when we have more details.

If you want to be involved in the News Team, or have any suggestions of people who might visit Miss Wakefield, or email on gw16wakefieldelizabe@glow.sch.uk



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Mr Gordon Menzies
Acting Depute Head

Mrs Tracy O'Malley
Acting Depute Head



Spotlight

My first few weeks in Johnstone High School have been everything I'd hoped for. Getting to know the pupils, staff and parents and carers has been a real joy and building these relationships are key to the attainment and achievement of our young learners. I have been extremely thankful at the kind reception that I have received since I started.

I have been teaching for fifteen years and during this time I have worked in Renfrewshire schools, and have also spent time teaching in Sydney and Brisbane in Australia. My previous post as Principal Teacher of Physical Education gave me the opportunity to drive forward the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence, new National Qualifications, extensive vocational opportunities and a detailed Extra Curricular programme. One of my key

duties is working as a Senior Team Leader and Exam Writer for the SQA at Higher Physical Education and I feel I have a depth of experience that will add to the great teaching and learning that already goes on at Johnstone High School.

One of my key focus areas this session will be to guide my 4th year pupils though probably the most demanding year in their school lives. I have already had the opportunity to speak with the year group on a number of occasions and my focus for them is to ensure that they put in the work required in order that they can be satisfied that they left nothing to chance come the exam results in August next year.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you all in the near future. If you see me around the school or local community, I'll be delighted if you stop and have a chat.

I am delighted to have been appointed as Acting Depute Head Teacher at Johnstone High School. I have been here for 2 years as Principal Teacher of Guidance with responsibility for Mull house which I have really enjoyed and I am looking forward to getting to know all the pupils and their parents/carers in S1 and S2. I have been teaching for 18 years, beginning my career as a classroom Maths Teacher working in Edinburgh and St Andrews. Before coming to Johnstone High school I worked in Glasgow as a Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care and in West Dumbarton as a Maths teacher with responsibility for Raising Attainment. I am very excited about working with our S1 and S2 pupils and celebrating their successes.



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There have already been excellent shows of effort and academic achievements in History this term! First year have made a strong start on the first of their social subjects this year and having completed their units are now making a move on to their second social subject.

Our second year history pupils are beginning work on their individual research projects on one aspect of the Home Front during World War 2. With some very interesting research done so far and pupils showing great effort we have high expectations for some fantastic essays at the end!

Third year pupils are working through their Renfrewshire Witch Hunt topic producing some extremely impressive mind maps

and book covers as part of their tasks – head to the school twitter feed where you can see some of Miss Mitchell's class showing off their creative talents with their book covers!

Senior school are working very hard in History at both National and Higher level making good progress through their courses. Their assignments for these will be completed through November-December this year.

Advanced Higher History are working well through their course and will have their dissertation questions finalised by the end of the month to begin working on their first drafts.

To further recognise the effort and achievements made by pupils in the department, the

Social Subjects Faculty have set up a 'Pupil of the Month' award for each of the social subjects to reward those deserving pupils! Each month teachers will nominate a pupil and one will be chosen from History, Geography and Modern Studies to be awarded 'pupil of the month' and have their certificate displayed on our pupil success board. Keep an eye on the school twitter feed to see updates on our monthly winners!



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JOINT EMPLOYABILITY PROJECT UPDATES

S3 pupil, Sam Lamb, recently received a certificate of recognition from Meg Dunne of the University of the West of Scotland and Wilma Leburn from Renfrewshire Council for completing an outstanding media project. Sam had been chosen by Mr Miller to attend the university due to his hard work and positive attitude. There he completed an impressive photography project finding letters of the alphabet in unusual places. Well done, Sam.

S2 College Taster Course

As of Monday 3rd October, 9 S2 pupils will be taking part in a 6 week college taster course at West College Scotland. There they will get to sample a variety of practical subjects such as, hospitality, joinery, mechanics, woodwork and beauty. This is a unique opportunity for pupils to get experience of college life

at early stage and we hope that they enjoy every second of it.





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EDNE Future Textiles Dress in a Day Challenge Dumfries House June 2016

Johnstone High's Fashion and Textile Technology pupils were invited to take part in a design challenge as part of an exciting fashion project, at stately home Dumfries House in Ayrshire, in collaboration with Glasgow City College (Cardonald Campus) and Ayr College.

The pupils were given the brief "Engineered Geometry" from which they had to design a dress from Irish Linen and black cotton. After many brainstorming sessions the girls, Lisa Thomson (S6), Beth McColl (S5) and Megan Cook (S4) designed a fitted dress which reflected the sharp edges and stylised silhouettes found in geometric architecture, nature and current trends.

The pupils were allowed to practise constructing their garment and produced a calico toile (sample garment) as a visual aid which they took along to the challenge day in Dumfries House, Cumnock. The advertised brief was to make their dress in five hours, but as an added twist on the day, the girls were asked to incorporate Scottish lace into their design. Lisa, Beth and Megan enthusiastically applied all of their design, construction and team working skills to this enhanced challenge. They decided to use the lace as an

embellishment on the angular back panelling of their dress as this served to emphasise the intricacy of the lace and enhance the garment without detracting from the original design.

Patrick Grant (The Great British Sewing Bee, BBC) and Victoria Stapleton of Brora Knitwear were present all day judging the final garments, the manufacturing techniques and construction methods used and the team approach. Victoria Stapleton commented on Johnstone High's design,

"These girls had developed a complex idea with lots of detail which made it interesting to the eye as well as challenging to construct. The layered triangles were neatly sewn and a nice original touch."

In an exciting and unexpected end to the day, HRH The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay (Prince Charles and Camilla) presented the award for "Best Dress". Their enthusiasm and interest in the pupils' designs was motivating and inspirational and helped to validate the importance of the experience for the pupils and also the teachers.

Although the Johnstone High team narrowly missed out on the Best Dress award, the praise

and positive feedback given to our pupils was notable. The girls finished the day proud of their achievements and exhilarated by the media attention. The experience reinforced their ambitions to follow a pathway to further study and pursue fashion industry careers.

The Johnstone High Fashion team's success continued in the following months: Lisa Thompson gained entry to Heriot Watt University (Galashiels Campus) to study Fashion & Textile Technology and Beth McColl gained entry to Glasgow City College (Cardonald Campus) to study Garment Construction and Design. Megan Cook aims to study Higher Fashion & Textile Technology in S6.





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Destiny the Johnstone High School lion cub

Mrs McHendry
Art Department

Our Lion was painted by pupils from 2P10 of Johnstone High School. The pupils named their Lion 'DESTINY'.

The pupils involved in the initial design process and painting were; Millie Spence, Lydia McReavy, Megan McCrory, Sophie Pearce, Ruairi McKiernan, Aiden McHendry, Sam London and Mrs McHendry (class teacher).

The pupils enjoyed working on the initial design process; this involved each participating student creating a design which reflected their ideas; at this point we edited and selected the strongest parts to create a powerful design outcome. We experimented with transferring colour and pattern using the school 'Heat press' onto polyester fabric for the lion's mane, tail and paws to create a more 3 dimensional look. We continued with painting Paisley pattern and adding sequins for additional detail. The pupils thought it important

to include a rough map with landmarks within the surrounding area of Johnstone High school; the design team thought it important to include the Johnstone High School tie

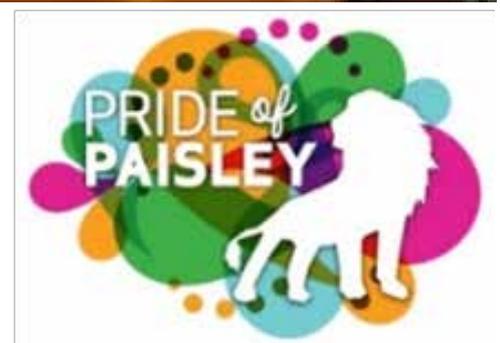
School. Destiny has pride of place guarding the main reception area of our school.



colour's to complete the theme.

This was a project that was enjoyed by all who participated.

Our Lion Destiny has had pride of place protecting Johnstone Sports Hub and has been returned to Johnstone High





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The Modern Studies department are off to a great start this term! Pupils have been working extremely hard in all their classes and impressing their teachers with their excellent effort.

The senior pupils have been working hard to improve and master their exam writing technique, both in home and at class, and even in timed conditions. Some excellent essays have been handed in from the higher class and the National 4/5 timed responses have been of a very high quality. Keep up the great work everyone!

The second year classes have been working on their first unit of the year which is on the USA. As part of this unit pupils were asked to create a fact file on a state in the USA. The factfiles that were produced were fantastic and all the teachers, including the head

of department Mr Fenwick, have been extremely impressed with the effort that was made. In the coming weeks the second years will be following the US presidential election debates closely as the election itself draws closer.

The third year pupils have been working on their first unit of the year which is on China. So far they have had an opportunity to learn about social problems in China including problems in health and education. In addition to this they have been working hard to develop their skills which will help them progress in Modern Studies throughout their school career – well done everyone! Also, well done to Amber Kissell, Scott Kelly, Rachel Wallace and Joshua McAlweenie from Miss Mullaney's class for winning

prizes from the pupil effort raffle box this month!

Miss Mullaney, Miss Brown and Mr Rainey are trying to put a number of trips in place for different year groups in order to enhance their learning in Modern Studies! Keep your eyes peeled for any information (which will hopefully be coming soon).



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department is back in full swing after the success of our whole school production of 'Annie' at the end of last session. As usual the Music Department is a hive of activity! Our programme of extra-curricular clubs is up and running with something on every day for pupils to get involved with. Follow the Music Department Twitter @music_jhs to keep up to date with rehearsal information and to find out what's going on in Music.

September 2016 marked the launch of the S1/2 Radio Club. The first few meetings have been a huge success as the S1/2 pupils begin learning the ropes. Check out the Radio Twitter @jhighradio to find out how it's all going.

SENIOR CHOIR
lunchtime on Monday

STRING GROUP
lunchtime on Tuesday

JUNIOR CHOIR
lunchtime on Wednesday

WINDBAND
2:50pm on Wednesday

HOMEWORK SUPPORT
lunchtime on Thursday

The staff in the Music Department are extremely proud of our senior pupils who performed very well in the SQA exams. We have an excellent set of results this year in both Music Performing and Music Technology. We can't name everyone however, we would like to give a special mention to the 9 S4 pupils who achieved their Higher Music Performing! Well done!!





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PAIRED READING

Mrs Haggerty
Literacy Development Coordinator



Reading for enjoyment is an activity which contributes significantly to the development of reading skills. Regular reading supports the development of literacy skills which enable our learners to achieve in school and in life after school. In order to support the continuous development of reading skills, the Johnstone High School paired reading initiative has been launched. Our key focus is enjoyment, and I am delighted to report that a healthy number of S6 volunteers, pledged their support to the initiative and are already making reading a positive, fun experience for their reading partners.

Creating partnerships between S6 and S1/2 learners is invaluable. The wonderful group of volunteers are supporting the development of a positive reading culture by sharing the reading experience with younger readers. By reading together,

and discussing the text as they go, they hope to engage our young learners and rekindle their interest in stories. Already, I can see that our group of readers are enjoying the experience. As the session progresses, I hope to see our provision develop and make a positive impact on attainment, on confidence, make our readers feel part of a positive reading community and ultimately to inspire our young people to read more!

By developing understanding of a variety of different texts, developing awareness of the effects of language and



developing positive relationships with positive role models, our readers will fly. Establishing partnerships and supporting younger learners will equip S6 volunteers with a wide range of invaluable skills essential for life and work.

Moving Forward

I am very excited about our plan to create a shared reading club. The purpose of the lunchtime club would be to extend the reading activity from curricular time into leisure time.

Establishing a Club

communicates the message that reading can be an enjoyable leisure activity, an activity which belongs on a young person's list of hobbies and interests. The club will be managed by our senior volunteers -and I am certain that their energy, commitment, creative and innovative ideas will ensure that the club will grow from strength to strength. Throughout the session author visits, events such as the Big Read, World Book Day, the Teenage Book Awards will certainly raise awareness that reading is not only an essential life skill, but is an activity which is fun. The team are very excited about the project and are certain that it will enable young people to achieve within a nurturing environment. I will conclude by leaving you with a few comments from our committed team of volunteers.



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PE DEPARTMENT

Danny Johnston
Active Schools coordinator.

Any sport or physical activity extra-curricular club that you would like to get involved in this school or in the community please do not hesitate to contact me or come and meet me. Looking to help the staff and pupils of this school get involved in as much as possible.

Also if you are looking for any coaching experience or are thinking of the sporting industry as a future career path then please get in touch, as I have excellent opportunities always arisen. Contact details – 07825528701 danny.johnston@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Office

Home Ec' corridor and I am down at the PE department regularly

Events going on – Active Girls day – Friday 28th of October (for S1-3 girls)

This event will be held at lunch time at the Johnstone Hub (PE department). Looking to get every girl involved in the school – lots of fun activity/stations, so come along and have fun.

Halloween Themed – Dress up if you like.

A letter will also be sent out to girls as a reminder also

Promotion of clubs – Variety of sports clubs that are on every day for you to come and try for free. Always looking for new members for general participation as well as competitions

throughout the year. Again please contact Danny or PE staff if you are looking to get involved. Also looking for new coaches to help take clubs within the school. It will give you excellent experience and is great for your CV.

Club Sign Up Day

Thursday 13th of October – At lunch time in the Assembly Hall the Young Ambassadors of the school will be there with fliers and information for you to sign up to clubs that you would like to get involved in. The aim of this is to give everyone the opportunity to try the sport that they want or find a club link within the community.

Clubs running that are looking for members

Volleyball Team

All members – Monday Lunch time

Boys Rugby

All members – Monday after school with professional community coach.

Girls Rugby

All members – Monday with qualified coaches

Girls Football S1-3

girls – Tuesday after school with fully qualified coach.

Hockey

All members – Tuesday after school with senior pupils of the school.

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BE PART OF IT

Sports Leaders

Our sports leader's courses are now underway and the senior pupils involved in this will be learning how to coach our younger pupils. We are hoping to start up an S3 coaching programme and will be looking for volunteers in the next few weeks!

S1 PE Kit.

Many of our S1 pupils have been wearing the new school PE kit as you can see! Looking good

Twitter.

The PE department now have their own twitter account so please start following us!

@JHighPE

Young Ambassadors.

Two of our senior pupils Cara Hendriks and Laura Rose Reid have been appointed as the school's Young Ambassadors for this year. The girls will be organising sports events around the school as well as hosting a transition event for Primary 7's. An exciting part of their job will be to accredit the school with a bronze school sport award this year!



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PRESENTATION FOR MHAIRI BLACK MP



It was a proud moment for two of our S4 pupils recently. Nicole McCarthy and Cara Brown have spent much of their summer holidays and free time working closely with the YMCA in Paisley. Both girls have been volunteering for a long period of time now and have been involved in creating, leading and supporting a programme for younger pupils at the YMCA.

Their programme caught the eye of MP Mhairi Black and both girls were invited to the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce to present to Mhairi and her delegates from Westminster.

“The girls have shown a real care for their local community and are a credit to Renfrewshire.”

Well done girls you are a real credit to Johnstone High School

Social Subjects Geography History and Modern Studies

Homework
all years and subjects.

Specific homework tasks will set for pupils. However, there is an expectation that pupils take responsibility for their own learning by constantly reviewing and revising their work. Please encourage your son/daughter to do this.

Edmodo website S4-6.

All Students S4-6 should be in an Edmodo group which allows them access to materials and power points from class. It also has reminders for deadlines.

Please encourage your son/daughter to use this facility.

STEM EVENT

A group of 20 S4 to S6 girls attended at Young Women in STEM event on Thursday 13th October at West College Scotland. They were offered the opportunity to choose from a range of workshops, including participation in short practical exercises, in areas such as renewables, electrical, carpentry / joinery and bricklaying. The pupils also had the chance to discuss with a number of local businesses the opportunities they have available and to meet female role models who have experience of working within the sector or are working towards gaining qualifications which will allow them to begin their career.

Participants were asked to consider this experience and the learning gained when making their subject choices and considering work experience opportunities going forward. The girls were also offered the opportunity to attend a more detailed follow up STEM session, which will be delivered as part of Scottish Modern Apprenticeship Week 2017.



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Promoting Positive Behaviour

The new term seen the implementation of the schools new Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy. The aim of the policy is to promote positive behaviour by recognising and rewarding it in a number of ways.

Praise Postcards – Pupils have the opportunity to receive praise postcards in all of their classes. These will be awarded for positive contributions during a lesson or series of lessons. At the end of year there will be a special award given out at the award ceremony for the pupil in each year group who has received the most praise postcards.

Letters of praise – Pupils may receive a letter of praise from their year head, or the head teacher, for an outstanding contribution to the life of the school or activities of individual departments and extracurricular activities.

Certificates of Merit – Four times a year, around the end of each term, certificates of merit will be distributed to pupils who have received, overall, no more than one demerit throughout the term. These certificates range from a Bronze certificate awarded at the end of the first term, to a Platinum certificate awarded in the final term of the year.

Reward events – At the end of each term, year group reward events will take place for pupils who have received, overall, no

more than one demerit throughout the term.

At each reward event, a draw will also take place with the opportunity to win shopping vouchers. At Christmas time, the reward event planned is a trip to the Pantomime. For a small cost, any pupil who has received no more than one demerit throughout the term can attend this trip.

S1 / S2 Update

We are delighted with how smart our S1 and S2 pupils look in their uniforms. We have already had lots of exciting things happening this term.

We had Rich Cottell at our S1 and S2 assemblies talking about bullying and entertaining us with his singing.

Our S1 pupils have just had their settling in interviews and the feedback from them is that they are settling well and thoroughly enjoying and thriving in our school community.

Our S2 pupils have just come back after a busy, but exciting week at Ardentenny. Staff at Ardentenny were very impressed with our pupils and praised their behaviour.

A small group of S2 pupils have been working with 'Live n Learn' on growth mindset. The pupils have enjoyed being part of this and are looking forward to their next session.

We have a group of S2 pupils starting a 6 week taster session at College on Monday afternoons. This is a fantastic opportunity I am sure they will all enjoy..

Young Enterprise Newsletter

This year a group of S6 pupils will be taking part in the Young Enterprise Programme in Renfrewshire. This is a chance for pupils to create their own business by coming up with a product or service and marketing it and finally selling it to the public. Pupils will compete in the area finals in March where they will present their business to a panel and the other teams taking part.

Kyle Dougall will be managing this group and the group will meet every Monday after school – they already have some very promising ideas.

In addition to this the school have been allocated a Business Advisor to help the group create their business and that will be Lyn Lyons who runs a hypnotherapy business in Houston. Lyn is very much so looking forward to working with our group of S6 pupils and they are very excited to work with Lyn and receive her guidance and expertise when it comes to running a business.

S2 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our S2 football team who have played and won 3 matches this term.



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NEW HOUSE LEADERS

At Johnstone High School, there are four Houses; each pupil is assigned to a House when they join the school and they belong to this House for all of their time here with us. The House system is a long standing tradition that creates competition, promotes good work and behaviour, encourages teamwork, provides opportunities to take on responsibilities and brings everyone in the school together. In short, the House system supports our school values of Friendship, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Trust and Determination.

The House Captains and their Deputes have already been busy this session, meeting with the newly elected Pupil Council to create a shortlist of three charities for each House. All of our pupils will have an opportunity to vote for their House Charity for this session in the coming weeks. We hope that the chosen charities will be supported through active fundraising by the pupils in each House.

Our Heads of House will also be leading the House Assemblies in October where our first year pupils who were recognised across all curricular areas as being Excellent in Effort,

Behaviour and Homework will be recognised and their successes celebrated. Those who have 100% attendance will also be rewarded. House badges will also be given out to every pupil to promote a sense of House identity in our young people.

The Heads of House will also be leading focus groups to discover what kind of House Rewards our pupils would be interested in. By offering desirable rewards to pupils, we hope that each House will pull together to try to win the prize on offer at the end of each term, and ultimately, The House Cup.

In addition to this, there will be House competitions and quizzes over the course of the session that we hope everyone will get involved in.

Our Houses are:

Mull House
House Colour: Green

PT Pastoral Support
Ms Wilson

House Captain
Louise Masson

Depute
Charlotte Miller
Andrew MacLean

Iona House
House Colour: Red

PT Pastoral Support
Mrs Dornan

House Captain
David Lowit
Depute
Fiona Lyons
Holly Dempster

Arran House
House Colour: Blue

PT Pastoral Support:
Mr Rainey

House Captain
Lauren Reid

Depute
Heather Craig
Paige Ferguson

Skye House
House Colour: Yellow

PT Pastoral Support
Ms Wilkie

House Captain
Lucy Milligan

Depute
Eilidh Alexander
Lily Fowler
Casie Finlayson
Matthew Galbraith



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S4 Year Group update

Mr Menzies

With the level of work increasing and the challenge and pace of learning on the up, 4th year have made a good start to this session. In general, classes are engaged and are working hard towards National qualifications. I have had the opportunity to visit classes across the school and be involved in lessons in most departments and have seen our learners working well in a calm and orderly fashion.

The focus should now be for our 4th year pupils to maintain the high standards in class and work towards the all-important prelims in January. Internal unit and course assessments are well under way and with this demanding period my focus will be to supporting our young learners at this time.

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 know in order that these successes can get the recognition they deserve.

The S4 STEM students

had an exciting day at British Airways Maintenance Glasgow on Monday the 10th of October.

The boys were given the opportunity to ask questions and see where they could apply their STEM skills in Aircraft Maintenance. The extremely helpful British Airways staff took the boys on a tour of the fantastic facilities as well as giving them a chance to damage a £6000 composite panel (what aircraft are made of) in the workshop area. This was a day that will hopefully spur our young people on to a positive sustained destination in the near future.

S5/6 News

Higher Education and Training News

The school took 65 S6 pupils to the Higher Education Convention at the Glasgow Science Centre on 13th September. Universities from all over the UK were represented and pupils had the opportunity to speak with admissions officers there. They are now in process of completing their UCAS forms.



S6 Weekend

Plans are afoot to organise the annual S6 weekend for mid November.

Charities Update

With the House Captains appointed the business of selecting house charities has started.

The first opportunity for a charity to benefit will be the local foodbank. The school is organising a non-uniform day on 7th October and instead of the usual £1 donation, pupils will bring in food items up to the value of the same amount.

Senior Halloween Dance

The Dance will take place on Wednesday 26th October this year. Photos will appear in the next issue.

S6 Yearbook Concert

This year's concerts will take place on Wed 16th and Thursday 17th November. This year's director/ producer is Ewan McDonald of S6 and the budding Cameron McIntosh has already recruited a host of acts from staff and pupils to entertain the audience that will inevitably pack the assembly hall. Tickets are £5 and £3 and details will be out via a letter. Check your child's bag for it shortly.

All proceeds go to the S6 yearbook production.

Senior Mentoring

Almost 80 senior pupils have signed up to the mentoring programme. It is still not too late to be included in this invaluable support.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are very excited that The Duke of Edinburgh award is running again in the school this year for third year pupils. This is a great opportunity to develop many skills and gain excellent experience through a variety of activities and work. With a high number of pupils showing interest we have now chosen our lucky 28 through a ballot who will be able to complete the award with the help and guidance of staff volunteers in the school. We will be setting up the meetings in the coming weeks and are looking forward to supporting all pupils to have the best experience possible!

For those who unfortunately were not picked to complete the award through the school, there are still opportunities to be able to complete the award through the open award groups that run in Paisley and Erskine. We already have a few pupils who have joined the Paisley open award group and are looking for any new participants to go along and join them! If you are interested in finding out more then please see Miss Montgomery in Social Subjects (room SS2) for further details.

U-14 FOOTBALL

Our Under 14 football team have enjoyed an exceptionally good start to the season. Three successive victories have included two league wins and an

excellent 4-1 win versus Mearns Castle in the Scottish Cup. The squad have produced expansive and creative attacking football that has culminated in twenty goals being scored, while skilful and disciplined defensive contributions have limited the opposition to just one goal in the three encounters. The boys have consistently exhibited a positive attitude and good sportsmanship in what has been a tremendous collective effort.

Head Girl & Head Boy Newsletter

As Head Girl, Allana Henderson and Head Boy, Gregor Armstrong, we have been given the fantastic opportunity to represent Johnstone High School throughout 2016-17. Our team of deputy heads include Morgan Spence, Ewan McDonald, Louise Ballantyne, Meghan Tyler, Cara Hendriks, Hayley Morrison and Laura-Rose Reid. We have started to plan many exciting events, including a school sports day for those in S1-S3. We are both very passionate about sport so are looking to engage the Junior school in various, extra-curricular activities within and outside the school. This year, we will be working with the S5 Heads of House as well as the S6 charity committee to raise money for local charities in order to become more involved in our community.

We are also looking forward to upcoming events such as

the Food Bank Week, the Year Book Concert and the Christmas Concert in which we hope to meet more people that the school serves.

Our 6 years at Johnstone High has taught us to work hard, to always respect other people and to be involved in as many activities and events as you can. With partaking in these activities it has helped us to build the confidence, values and qualities in order to become your Head Girl and Head Boy. We are eager face oncoming challenges and for you to see us progress as the Pupil Leadership Team. We hope to be working close with you with the ambition to make this a really enjoyable year.

WELL DONE KATIE RUSSELL

Rising star Katie Russell, S2 has been successfully chosen for the National Ladies Ice Hockey team. At the young age of just 13, Katie, who has been competing at club level for 3 years, was approached by national scouts at the start of September. She has been invited to attend monthly training sessions in Dundee before hopefully making her international debut. In April of next year Katie and her team will be travelling to an ice hockey camp in Prague, Czech Republic. Katie aspires to play ice hockey professionally and is well on her way to success!



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SENIOR PROFILES

Name:

Allana Henderson
Head Girl

Primary School:
Kilbarchan Primary

Throughout Johnstone High I have had the opportunity to become engaged in many extra-curricular activities including netball, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports Leaders and various school shows. These have built my confidence, team working skills and my communication, all of which helped me to gain the position of Head of House in S5 and now Head Girl. Johnstone High has taught me that it is important to become involved in as many events and activities you can as well as maintaining time outside of school to take a break from studying. I've also learned that you should always ask questions and for extra help if you need it as this definitely helps you go far and helps you to progress in each subject. I also believe that it is important to build strong relations with your teachers as it makes the subject more enjoyable and makes you more comfortable within the school. Finally, it is essential that you choose subjects and activities which will make you happy and to have fun.



Photographer
Morgan Spence



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SENIOR PROFILES

Name:

**Gregor Armstrong
Head Boy**

Primary School:
Lochwinnoch Primary

I'm Gregor Armstrong and I'm your head boy for this year, I came from Lochwinnoch primary 6 years ago and have got a lot out of the school. The school has inspired me to do a lot of various fundraisers and charity events along with being responsible for keeping me interested in sports and fitness. I intend in leaving school to join the armed forces and possibly university beforehand.



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Name: Louise Ballantyne

Depute Head Girl
Primary School: Kilbarchan
Primary



Profile: Plans for future: After leaving school, I'd like to go to university to study law and qualify as a solicitor. Johnstone High School has given me the confidence, support and communication skills to help me along my way.

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Morgan Spence

Name: Morgan Spence

Depute Head Boy
Primary School: Kilbarchan
Primary
Profile: Over the past 6 years
Johnstone High School has



taught me that working hard can deliver results and be very rewarding. The teaching staff and senior management team have continuously encouraged my fellow pupils and I to work to our fullest potential. I've had the opportunity to participate in many activities in school, both curricular and extra-curricular. For example, careers events, departmental school trips, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, World Challenge and British Airways Language Flag Award. Throughout school I've been taught how to become independent learner, whilst at the same time receiving the full support of the excellent teaching staff. I believe there is a strong bond between pupils and teach-

ers which develops confidence and maturity. I feel that Johnstone High School prepared me well for my SQA exams and have supported my ambitions for my aspirational career in journalism.

Name: Ewan McDonald

Depute Head Boy
Primary School: Howwood Primary



Profile: Through my career at Johnstone high, I have had many opportunities to help realise my desired career path, such as several work experience placements at a large engineering company as well as a number of career days. I have also had opportunities to accelerate other aspects of my school life such as taking part in the sport leader award and taking on leadership roles in my sixth year. All of this will help in allowing me to achieve my goal of going to university and then hopefully and long and prosperous career.



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Name: Hayley Morrison

Depute Head Girl

Primary School: Auchenlodment
Primary



Profile: When first coming to high school, I was very shy and quiet, however recently I feel the school has enabled me to be more confident, as well as to grow as a person because of the opportunities I have been given. Being Deputy Head Girl allowed me to take part in an interview process which will benefit me in the future. Dedication, motivation and friendship are some of the most vital things that Johnstone High has taught me, and they will stay with me throughout life. Most importantly, doing what makes you happy and a sense of fun is greatly encouraged in Johnstone high, which I think reflects the school as a whole and the environment which is created, not only academically but socially.

Hopefully this time next year, I will be studying modern languages at university, keeping in mind my dream to one day live and work abroad.

Name: Meghan Tyler

Depute Head Girl

Primary School: Kilbarchan
Primary



Profile: Throughout my 6 years in Johnstone High School I have been granted more confidence, independence and responsibilities during various activities which I have been offered, such as, the sport of netball which has allowed me to be part of a team for 2 years and represent the school in several tournaments. I believe this chance from the school has taught me; loyalty, organisation, commitment and leadership skills. I was also given the chance to travel to Poland to

visit Auschwitz where I represented my school which I think is a special occasion granted by the school. I also feel that the exam lifestyle which we are taught has prepared me for life outside of school and has shown me the importance of hard work. In my future, I aspire to go to University and study Law to then proceed and become a solicitor and in Johnstone High School we are offered several opportunities to help us on each of our journeys. Personally, I have been granted opportunities such as the Reach programme and I have attended several law days in Glasgow and Edinburgh to help me on my way to University. During this programme, I have been supported by the school and have achieved more motivation and knowledge. I think that Johnstone High School has educated me in the furthest way possible to make me feel comfortable and confident with University life and I have honed my many attributes which will aid me in my next steps

Photographer
Morgan Spence



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Name: Laura-Rose Reid
Depute Head Girl
Primary School: Lochwinnoch
Primary



Profile: Johnstone High School has provided many opportunities for me. In S5 I was head of house for Iona and in S6 I was appointed as Young Ambassador and Depute Head Girl. Throughout my six years at Johnstone High School I have played for the schools netball team, representing Johnstone High School at both local competitions and divisional level. I have also had the opportunity to be a part of Renfrewshire School of Sport (RSSE) last year. This has qualified me to coach in our PE department and within the cluster schools. Johnstone High School has also helped me to improve my confidence and

communication skills by being a part of interview panels and committees. My plans for the future are to study sports science or PE teaching at university and become a PE teacher.

Name: Cara Hendricks
Depute Head Girl

Primary School: Kilbarchan
Primary



Profile: During my years at Johnstone High School I have been offered many opportunities to partake in school life and taken on roles of responsibility within and outside of school. These roles include Head of House, Sports Young Ambassador, a member of the pupil council and my current role, deputy head girl. I have also achieved my Duke of

Edinburgh Award, RSSE coaching qualification and am a member of the school netball team. It is thanks to the school, the staff and all the opportunities they provided that I have been able to obtain these qualifications and posts whilst also working towards my higher qualifications. Through these activities I have developed skills in communication, organisation and leadership whilst building my confidence, all of which will serve me well for my future education and career. I hope that in my role of Depute Head Girl I will be able to give something back to the school that has served me so well. After school I hope to go to University to study psychology.

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