

**Last Blog Before October Holiday**

This will be the last edition of the blog this term. I will write to parents and carers next week to provide a full update from the first term as well as information for upcoming event.

**First Year Information Evening**

Our annual First Year Information Evening will take place on **Tuesday 8th October at 7pm** in the school. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to see, first-hand, the excellent work being done so far in first year. We will provide information on upcoming academic progress reports and parent / carers progress evenings.

The main part of the evening will be a chance for parents and carers to meet with Heads of House and Pastoral Support Teachers for each house.

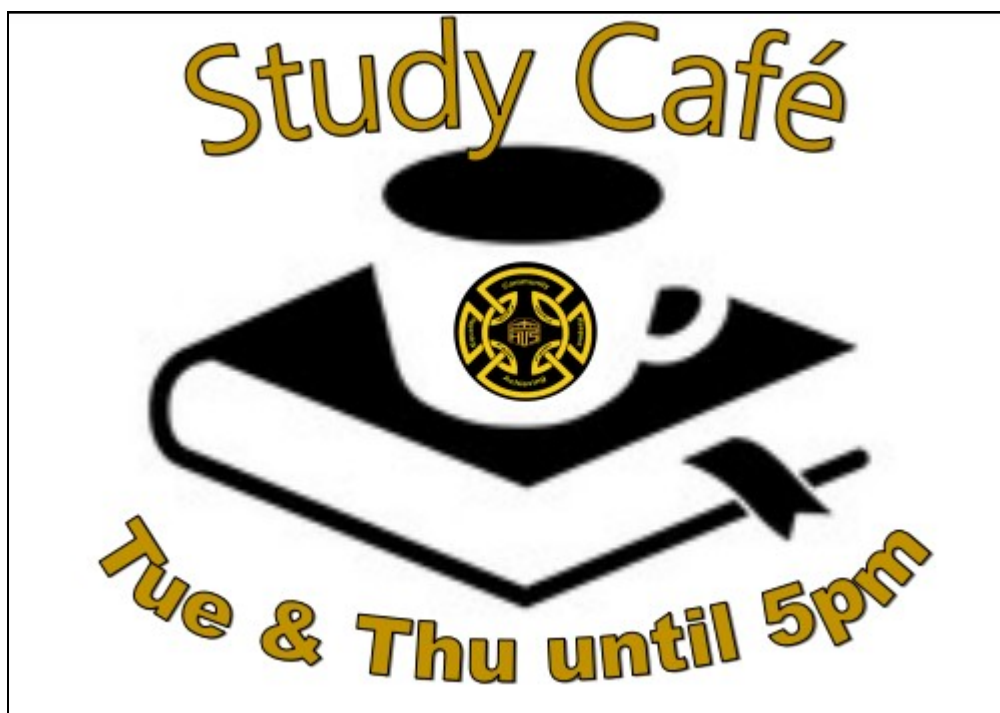
**School Planner**

The school planner is on our school website and can be accessed here. There are some upcoming dates that I would like to draw your attention to (below):

Upcoming Dates	
Tuesday 8th October	First Year Information Evening, 7pm
Thursday 10th October	Show Racism the Red Card Awareness Day. Pupils and staff encouraged to accessorise uniform with something red. Cash donations for the Charity will be accepted during the school day.
Thursday 10th October	Issue S3 Tracking Reports
Friday 11th October	Inservice Day. <b><u>School closed for pupils</u></b>
Mon 14th—Fri 18th Oct (Inclusive)	October Holiday—School Closed
Thursday 24th October	First Year Parent & Carer Evening (Progress to date)
Friday 1st November	Issue S4 Tracking Reports

**Study Café**

On Tuesday 8th October staff from the University of West of Scotland will be hosting study skills workshops as part of our study café. I would encourage as many senior pupils as possible to come along to these valuable workshops



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**Tuesday 8th October**

## Applying for Young Scot Card

The Young Scot National Entitlement Card gives you access to a wide range of benefits and entitlements. The information below explains how to get a card, how you can use it, and also request replacements.

The card is free for 11-25 year-olds in Scotland and offers:

- Free bus travel for under-22s (under-16s need parental consent).

[Discounts](#) across the UK and Europe.

- Proof of age (accepted for ID in certain situations, like opening a bank account).

[Discounted rail travel for 16-18 year-olds.](#)

- Voter ID for Scottish elections.
- Voting opportunities on the Young Scot Voting Platform, including how money is spent on young people locally, and the Scottish Youth Parliament elections.

[Young Scot Membership](#), which provides access to opportunities, information, and rewards for positive actions in your community and online.

### How do I get a card?

Many pupils apply for the card in Primary 7 when we run an annual exercise. Other ways to apply include:

[Getyournec.scot](#): If you're under 16, your parent/guardian must apply online for you.

**Local Renfrewshire library:** You'll need a passport-style photo or something similar printed and cut to size. If you're under 16, your parent/guardian must be with you. If you attend a Renfrewshire Council school, we can verify your details against your school record if you like so you don't need to bring any proof documents. If you aren't in school in Renfrewshire or have left, you should check the [list of proof documents needed to apply](#).

- **Social Work or other Council support services:** Staff can assist if you're already directly supported by Social Work, Home Link, Family Wellbeing, Housing, Throughcare, or live in a Council-supported residential unit for young people. You can also speak with your contact worker if you use INVEST's employability services.

**Youth Services:** Ask your Youth Services youth worker to help you apply.



### THE CARD

Free for 11-26-year-olds, your card can help you access lots of benefits. Youth Services has been helping Renfrewshire's young people access their cards for over 20 years! Do you have yours yet?

### YOUTH INFORMATION

Information is your superpower helping you understand the world, make smarter choices and get to know about the opportunities and services you might need. We help make sure the information you need is available!

### **Art Trip**

Congratulations to pupils who were selected as winners, and their artworks displayed as part of the Inspired Art Exhibition 2024 in Paisley.

The winners visited the Art Exhibition this week.



### **Higher Modern Studies Trip**

This week a group of Higher Modern Studies students visited the Parliament in Edinburgh to observe a debate and hear about the role of a Member of the Scottish Parliament.



### **Mysterious Tuesday Visits**

As part of our transition programme Mysterious Tuesday pupils are visiting our associated primaries to share information about the Faith life of the school. This week they visited St. John Bosco Primary



### **Show Racism the Red Card**

On Thursday 10th October we will continue to show our support for Show Racism the Red Card. We will host a number of events to raise awareness and funds for the organisation. This will include:

- Accessorise your uniform with something red
- Bake Sale (Lunchtime)
- Thursday Fringe
- Staff v Pupils Charity Football

World Mental Health Day

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