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Tuesday, 23rd May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and yours are well. I am writing to update you on some information about what's happening in our school, the pending change of timetable, some updates around our Senior Leadership Team staffing, and to remind you of the pending long weekend.

Vision, Values and Purpose

As we've reached our 50th anniversary, it is time to refresh the things that define us as a learning community. Our previous Vision, Values and Purpose were created in 2018 and were designed to take us through 'Towards 50'. Having reached that milestone, we now take stock and think again about what defines us as a school, where we want to go and how we might get there. This coincides with Glasgow City Council Education Services' revisioning too: All Learners, All Achieving, which you can access on Glasgow Online.

It's an exciting time in Scottish education with lots of change around the corner; it's important that we are ready to embrace this as a community and continue to do all we can to get the very best for our young people: our Vision, Values and Purpose, along with our School Improvement Planning will set out how we intend to do that.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the surveys around values and purpose to date; I know that Mr Shannon (who is leading on the parents/carers part of this process) will be communicating again in the near future, so if you haven't yet contributed – please do so. Your voice really matters.

Wellbeing Day

On **Tuesday, 30th May**, all pupils in S1-S3 will participate in a day of wellbeing and fun across our school. There are tonnes of activities planned throughout the day – including active and outdoor events – so young people should report to school in appropriate clothing. They do not need to wear school uniform.

Timetable Change

Pupils in current S1-S3 will change to their new timetables on **Wednesday, 31st May**. Each year group will be instructed to report to a specific department at the beginning of period 1 on Wednesday where they will be issued with their new timetables. They will start their new timetables period 2. This information will also be issued via year group Teams pages.

Mr Shannon has already communicated the plans around the current S4 and S5 (new S5/S6) induction days on **Thursday, 1st June** and **Friday, 2nd June**. If you have any queries about this, please get in touch with Mr Shannon who can advise.

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Staffing

We are still awaiting confirmation of our staffing compliment for session 2023-2024; this is normal and we will know before the end of term where we have additional or new members of staff. I will write to you before the end of term to confirm. This applies also to staff who may be leaving us to move to other posts and/or into retirement.

I am delighted to advise that Mrs Bell (currently Acting Depute Head Teacher) was successfully appointed last week as permanent Depute Head Teacher in our school; this followed a national recruitment process, assessment centre and interview.

I am sure you'll join me in congratulation Mrs Bell and welcoming her into the community on a permanent basis.

As you may know, Mr Houston (Depute Head and Head of current S1/S6) is due to retire at the end of term. As such, we will also be recruiting two new Acting Depute Head Teachers in the coming weeks; this will mean that the current S1 will have a new Head of Year next session.

Mrs Brady will remain the Pupil Support Teacher for the current S1 as they move in to S2.

I will update on the new year head once the recruitment process has been concluded.

All Saints' Uniform

Many thanks to you all for your continued support of our school's uniform policy. The young people look so smart and this impacts really positively on the ethos of the school.

Please remember – despite what your child may report to the contrary – that blazers *are* an expected part of our uniform; the *majority* of young people do wear these each and every day (sometimes following encouragement to remove them from their schoolbags); please remember also that all black shoes/trainers are part of the uniform and that Converse (or equivalent) are not; and branded jumpers/hoodies and leggings are not part of our school uniform.

If there are any issues or you need support with any items of uniform, please get in touch – we are happy to help.

Your support with this makes such a difference. I can't thank you enough.

May weekend and In-service Day

A reminder that school closes for pupils on Wednesday of this week at 2:45pm, as follows:

- Thursday, 25th May 2023 (In-service day)
- Friday, 26th May 2023 and Monday, 29th May 2023 (May Weekend).

Where SQA examinations are scheduled on any of these dates, those sitting these exams should attend school as instructed.

As always, please get in touch if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing. We are always happy to help.

I wish you all a lovely long weekend when it arrives.

Kind regards

Brian McDermott
Head Teacher
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