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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 over the coming weeks, as we approach the end of the school year.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council has always been prominent and active in the life of the school with many members having been involved for a number of years until their children leave school. We are currently actively recruiting for new members to join the Parent Council with a few members ready to move on now their children are leaving school. This includes the Chair position.

These meetings are informal and offer parents an opportunity to discuss the life of the school and to contribute to school improvement; meetings normally last around an hour. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 11th June at 4pm** in All Saints'.

If you want any more information and/or you are giving the Parent Council some thought, please get in touch via the details above. All parents/carers are most welcome.

Mobile Phones

We continue to ban mobile phones in our classrooms as they are detrimental to learning. As communicated earlier this year, we employ a 'phone box' in all classrooms which young people are asked to deposit their phones into where it has become a distraction. This also applies where young people ask to leave class for any reason. If phones are off and in school bags and not detracting from learning, this is not currently an issue.

The phones are returned at the end of the lesson but I'm sure you'll agree that mobile phones have no place in a learning environment. This policy has improved mis-use of mobile phones in our school, especially where they are a distraction to learning. We will continue to monitor this and welcome your views, as always.

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.

A reminder of what is and what is not permitted in our school:

✓ Expected Uniform	X Not permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Blazer✓ White shirt✓ School tie✓ Black school trousers or school skirt✓ Plain black jumper or school jumper (optional)✓ Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hoodies, coloured or branded jumpers○ Jogging/tracksuit trousers or tops○ Leggings○ Not wearing a school tie○ Converse, Samba, or any other coloured trainers or shoes

Among a small minority of young people, we have noticed some slippage around uniform, with some pupils coming to school regularly with jogging bottoms on, not wearing their school ties, wearing tracksuit tops, wearing Converse/Samba or equivalent and wearing a multitude of designer hoodies and jumpers.

This is not acceptable in All Saints'.

We have worked incredibly hard to build a fair and equitable ethos in our school where everyone feels that they are included. Our school uniform is a key part of this.

Please do not allow your child to attend school in non-uniform. Of course, if there are any issues or you need support with any items of uniform, please get in touch – we are happy to help. You can contact the Pupil Support Teacher for your child's current year, as follows:

S1 – gw10henryjacqueline@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S2 - gw10bradysharon@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S3 - gw10goldieannemarie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S4 - gw10franceschichrist@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S5 - gw10marlinmary@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

gw16mcquadestephen@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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

S3 into S4 (Broad General Education > Senior Phase)

Mr Gallagher, head of current S3, will communicate with parents of S3 who are moving to S4 next week around the acquisition of a 'Senior Tie'. We offer a discount where a young person donates their 'Junior Tie' to the school when purchasing their new senior one.

Learning Community Digital Conference

On Thursday, 30th May, all P7s from our feeder primary schools will attend All Saints' to participate in a Digital Learning Conference. This is not part of the normal P7 > S1 transitions programme and is open to all pupils in P7 across the learning community, not just those intending to come to All Saints' in August.

iPads

Increasingly, iPads are becoming an essential part of the day-to-day learning experience for all young people. We are using the digital tool Showbie across the curriculum as well as using Microsoft Teams as an organising platform. Additionally, most subjects use subject-specific Apps to support and enhance learning. As such, it is pivotal that our young people attend school each day with their iPads charged and ready to go. Please support your child to develop positive habits and take responsibility for their learning in this regard. Any issues, please get in touch.

Wellbeing Day

On **Friday, 31st 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 **Monday, 3rd June**. Each year group will be instructed to report to a specific department at the beginning of period 1 on Monday where they will be issued with their new timetables. They will start their new timetables period 2.

Induction Days

Our new S6 will enjoy their induction day on Friday, 31st May. Mr Shannon has communicated the plan for the day via the year group Teams page. All new S6 are expected to attend school in full school uniform on Friday. If you have any queries, please email Mr Shannon via gw12shannonchristoph@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Our new S5 will enjoy their induction day on Monday, 3rd June. Mrs Carruthers has communicated the plans via the year group Teams page. Again, all new S5 pupils should attend school in full school uniform on Monday. If you have any queries, please email Mrs Carruthers via gw09carruthersnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Primary Transitions – P7 Visits

Next Wednesday 5th and Thursday, 6th June sees those P7s from our learning community with confirmed places in All Saints' attending for their two-day visit. Pupils will follow parts of their new S1 timetable across the two days and will have opportunities to meet key staff. On Thursday, P7 parents are invited to attend for a short information session. Mr Shannon has communicated the arrangements with our feeder primaries.

Staffing

We are still awaiting confirmation of our staffing compliment for session 2024-2025; 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.

Miss Hewitt, who has been working on secondment for the last two years, has been appointed to the West Partnership for an extended period. This means that there is now a vacancy in All Saints' for a new Depute Head Teacher. Recruitment for this vacancy will be concluded in the first week of June. Again, I will communicate before the end of term around the outcome here and the implications for year group teams and key contacts for parents.

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.

Kind regards

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