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NEWSLETTER

Autumn
2021



Autumn 2021

Mrs Hollywood tells us
what's new in the
Autumn session

Welcome to the Autumn Winter newsletter for 2021. This is the first newsletter we have published since the pandemic, however I hope that parents and carers have been keeping up to date through my weekly updates. These are sent by text to the main parent contact, put on the website and also uploaded onto twitter.

As things slowly get nearer to a 'normal' that we all recognise, it gives me great pleasure to share with parents and carers the great work going on in the school, as showcased in this newsletter. We are hoping it won't be long until we get parents and carers back into our school building, but in the meantime, I hope these good news stories and photos of our young people illustrate the breadth of learning and wide range of opportunities we offer our pupils.

We have much to be proud of. Thank you for your ongoing support - it means a lot to myself and the entire staff team.



Diary Dates

08/11/2021

S4 – S6 Reports Issued
(week beginning)

11/11/2021

S4 Parents' Evening (virtual)

15/11/2021

Parent Council Meeting

15-19/11/2021

Anti-bullying week

17/11/2021

Senior School Info Evening
(virtual)

22-26/11/2021

Music Practicals

23/11/2021

S5/6 Parents' Evening (virtual)

29/11/2021

S2 reports Issued
(week beginning)

30/11/2021

School Closed - St Andrew's Day
Holiday

1-20/12/2021

SQA Prelims Exams

10/12/2021

Christmas jumper day

14/12/2021

S3 Reports Issued
(week beginning)

14/12/2021

S2 -S5 Options Launch Evening
(virtual)

21/12/2021

Christmas concert (provisional)

22/12/2021

Non-Uniform Day

22/12/2021

Interhouse games (provisional)

22/12/2021

School Closes at 2:30 for
Xmas Break

06/01/2022

School Re-Opens

17/01-21/01/22

Options week (dummy run)

18/01/2022

Careers Fair

26/01/2022

UCAS Deadline

****Provisional* – subject to
easing of
current Covid restrictions***

Pupil Attendance

Attendance at school is essential to ensure that all our pupils reach their full potential and maximise their attainment. If your child is absent from school for any reason then you must phone the school before 9.30am to inform us of the reason for their absence and they should also bring in a note to the school office on the first day of their return to school. If your child's attendance falls below an acceptable level you will receive attendance letters, phone calls from their pastoral care teacher and you may be invited into the school for a meeting to discuss your child's attendance and how we can work together to improve it.

Timekeeping is an important life skill which prepares our young people for the world of work. To improve timekeeping and keep you informed of your child's timekeeping there is a late book every morning where the reason for lateness and time of arrival are recorded. If your child is repeatedly late then you will be contacted by your child's pastoral care teacher who may put them on a timekeeping card and if this does not improve the timekeeping you will be invited to school for a meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve their timekeeping. If a pupil is 10 minutes late each day this is the equivalent of missing a full lesson each week.

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The school phone
number is

0300 300 1331

If you need to contact the school you should always get in touch with your child's Pastoral Care teacher. You can do this by telephone or email:

The Pastoral Care teachers are:

Arran House
Mr Rainey
email:
daniel.rainey@renfrewshire.school

Iona House
Ms Kaitlyn Docherty
email:
kaitlyn.docherty@renfrewshire.school

Mull House
Mrs Wilson
email:
claire.wilson@renfrewshire.school

Skye House
Mr Kennedy
email:
liam.kennedy@renfrewshire.school



CHILDREN IN NEED

2021

Children in Need 2021 is on track to be a week of fun and enjoyment for all pupils and staff members across Johnstone High School. A jam-packed schedule of events for the week beginning the 15th November has been created by this year's Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) with the support of Mrs Davidson, Mr McKenzie, Mr Munro and Mrs Hollywood, for all to participate in.

Pupils should expect to see tuck shops full of sweet treats available Mon-Fri during break times, as well as a range of exciting activities during lunch-times like Soak The Teacher, A Treasure Hunt around the

school grounds, Staff v Pupil sport Tournaments and The Great Johnstone High Cake-Decorate-Off. Friday will be a day to display the wealth of talent that exists within Johnstone High School. We will see pupils go head-to-head across the BGE and Senior Lunches in a highly anticipated talent show, with special features from our S6 pupils throughout, as well as a whole school Kahoot Quiz to put our pupils' knowledge to the test. Winners from the Kahoot will attend a Chase-Style event down in the Assembly Hall, for the whole school to see who can come out victorious. Will it be a Senior Staff Member? Or will a JHigh Pupil show the adults who holds all the knowledge? We will find out on November 19th.

Sign-up sheets for events will be made available, as well as tickets going on sale, from the week beginning 8th November 2021, with more information to follow soon. Stay tuned for

more Children in Need 2021 Updates, including the schedule of the week's events, from the NQT Team and keep your eyes peeled around the school for some sneaky promotion of our week-long extravaganza.

Please remember that although Children in Need is a time for us all as a school community to have fun and let loose, it is also a time to think of others and what we can do to support them as a school, so please give generously where you can.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

If any past, present or potentially future DofE pupils have any questions regarding their Duke of Edinburgh award please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Brooks in Computing.



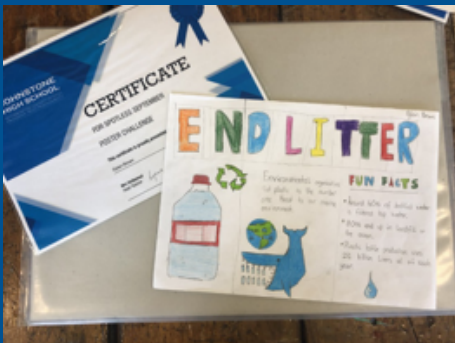
Our pupils have continued to work hard on their Duke of Edinburgh awards through the past difficult year. The remainder of the 2019 DofE group headed out on expedition before the summer holidays showing an enormous amount of determination and resilience to battle through the sore feet, midges and uncharacteristic extreme heat to complete their expedition with distinction. Well done to all involved you were a credit to the school and most importantly to yourselves. Over the upcoming months DofE staff will be working with this group to make sure that they have completed their other sections of the award, helping them to upload evidence to eDofE so they can be awarded with the bronze certificate in the near future.

Now that extra-curricular clubs are slowly allowed to resume, I'm delighted that we will be welcoming a new cohort of S3s, and also S4s who didn't get a chance to participate last year, into the award. I hope that our S3s and S4s take advantage of this brilliant opportunity.



SPOTLESS SEPTEMBER

Design & Technology



This September S1 Design and Technology learners at Johnstone High School were focusing on the topic of "Spotless September". In class they were learning about environmental issues and how they impact our local community.

They looked at the impact of littering and how recycling can have a positive effect on our community. Throughout the week all S1 Classes in Design and Technology completed a litter pick during their practical lesson. This not only cleaned up the school grounds but the surrounding areas with learners reducing the impact of litter on our local community.

Along with the litter pick activities learners were focusing on two main Design & Technology Challenges: A Recycling Poster Competition and an Upcycling Design Challenge. Both

activities had a focus of plastic bottles as these have a big impact on our school campus when people litter the area.

A Recycling Poster Competition

S1 Learners created posters to promote recycling rather than littering, with key facts about plastic bottles to education readers on the "costs" of littering. Learners were very enthusiastic about this task and although we had many strong designs it came down to the following winners for this competition:

- 1st Place - Dylan Brown
- 2nd Place – Ruth Bedford
- 3rd Place – Harry McMillan



Upcycling Design Challenge

S1 Learners were also challenged to come up with upcycling ideas for re-purposing and re-using plastic bottles. With a focus on creativity and practical use we were thrilled with the variety of different ideas they came up with. In the end it came down to our 3 winners who demonstrated the creativity we were looking for. All our winners received a Spotless September Badge, Goodie bag and Certificate from our Headteacher Mrs Hollywood. To see all our finalists designs please check out our Twitter for more pictures.

- 1st Place – Lauren Crumpton
- 2nd Place – Freya McLeod
- 3rd Place – Erin McAleer



SPOTLESS SEPTEMBER

Social Subjects



Social Subjects have been busy during Spotless September doing a range of activities supporting the cause!

at the same time, learning about the environmental impact of litter, on both a local and global scale.

Litter Picks

A range of years went out and cleaned up their community, taking part in litter picks and discussing the impact of litter on the environment in class. This fit in perfectly across the curriculum as the senior Geography classes completed their Climate Change topic

This is the second round of litter picks completed by the Social Subject's department and will not be the last!

Environmental Impacts Lesson

Throughout September our S1 classes were learning about conflict, and with that in mind we decided to focus on an environmental conflict to coincide with Spotless September. Classes were taught all about the Dakota Pipeline and its impacts on the Environment. Pupils were given the task of deciding if they supported the building of the pipeline, which would cause an abundance of Environmental issues. We are pleased to report that pupils throughout the department were on the right side of the pipe if you will, creating protest posters supporting local tribes and the land.



SPOTLESS SEPTEMBER

Clubs

Eco-Club

The senior Eco Club has started up with the hopes of the BGE being underway by the start of November! Senior pupils have completed Reduce, Reuse and Recycle posters which are to be displayed around our school building in the hopes of encouraging pupils and teachers alike to think about their waste and aim to introduce recycling bins into main areas of the school building.

They have been hard at work collecting empty water bottles to create, fun, engaging and crafty tasks to carry out with the BGE team when the club is up and running!

Travel and Tourism

Johnstone's Travel and Tourism class were also in Eco Mode this term as well! We have been learning about the impacts of Tourism on different Countries and completing environmental surveys. With a particular focus on Venice, with a Covid-19 twist,

Keep your eyes on this class... they have some exciting things coming to Johnstone for Christmas time!

Think eco, think homemade & think easy Christmas Gifts!



the class found one positive outcome of isolation...Areas in Venice have been the cleanest they have been in over 50 years!

EMPLOYABILITY UPDATE

Mrs Carlin

Ensuring positive outcomes for all learners by developing the skills they to compete in the modern world.



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APPRENTICESHIPS . SCOT
From Skills Development Scotland



At Johnstone High we are always focused on achieving positive destinations for all learners. Following on from successful programmes over the past few years, we once again are taking part in the flagship: "My Future Pathway Programme". Each week, pupils who wish to pursue a pathway into Construction, have the opportunity to receive support with CV's, Interview techniques, networking with employers, work experience and achieving CSCS Cards.

For more information please visit: <http://sites.google.com/re.glow/myfuturepathwayren/home>

With the easing of Covid restrictions, it is our intention to host our annual Careers Fayre in January 2022. This event has always been a great way to introduce the young people of Johnstone High to local Employers and training providers, Colleges, Universities and Third Sector Partners.

Building on the success of previous years, we hope that we can introduce a variety of job sectors, using new and established partners.

Mrs Carlin will continue to post opportunities on the school twitter feed, which all young people are encouraged to follow.

We have also launched a Microsoft Team called: My Future: Employability for all S4-6 pupils. This is a way to promote all aspects of employability such as: part time jobs, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships, University and College information and work experience opportunities. All S4-6 pupils are encouraged to join the team. The code is: q5v9ejn

Modern Apprenticeships are an alternative pathway to college or university, and for some learners gives them the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in a job they are passionate about. www.apprenticeship.scot

details all available apprenticeships in Scotland and many of our former pupils have secured MA's through this platform.

If anyone has any employment related questions or needs any help, please see Mrs Carlin in Home Economics Room 3 or Miss Wilkie in Pastoral Support.



IONA HOUSE

update

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back all of our Iona House pupils this term. Whilst Ms Cole remains the Depute Head for Iona House, there has been a change in Pastoral Support Teacher with Miss Docherty taking over from Mrs Butler-Robson. Miss Docherty has been thoroughly enjoying getting to know all of the young people within Iona House and is looking forward to hearing about everyone's achievements throughout the course of this year.

We have been delighted to see that the majority of Iona House continue to demonstrate our school values in their day-to-day practice, and that they have been complying with the various health and safety measures still in place. This not only helps to keep our school community safe, but also creates a positive learning environment for all.

Our new S1 pupils have handled the transition from Primary very well and we have been impressed with the positive start they have had since joining Johnstone High School. Keep up the good work S1!

Our S6 pupils have also been busy, taking up a number of different leadership opportunities within the school. Firstly, many of our S6 pupils volunteered to be part of the school's befrienders programme which was a great support to our S1 pupils during their first few weeks of school. Some of our S6 pupils have also been involved in the Mentors in Violence Prevention programme and volunteering as part of the Saltire Award.

Finally, massive congratulations to Anna Lyons, Morven Bain and Tia Hunter who became part of the School Captain Leadership Team. All three are credits to themselves and Iona House and we look forward to

seeing their work in action over the coming months.

As always, we like to hear about our pupil's achievements both within and out with school. If any Iona pupil has been successful in an activity, please come and let Miss Docherty or Ms Cole know so that their accomplishments can get the recognition they deserve.

MULL HOUSE

update

It has been great to have all our Mull pupils back in school since the summer holidays. With the disruption over the last two sessions, let's have our fingers crossed that we have a settled year. There is nothing more important than having daily contact with our pupils and supporting them in their school life and beyond.

Our new Mull S1 pupils have settled in really well and we have had the pleasure of working with them in and out of class throughout this first term. It has been a difficult time for them and they have handled the transition from Primary school to Johnstone High extremely well. Keep up the good work!

Mull pupils have demonstrated an impressive commitment to working hard in the school and taking on leadership roles to support the onward improvement journey. We were so proud to see so many of our pupils applying for leadership roles from School Captain,

House captain and Student Council roles. We would like to congratulate each of the successful Mull pupils who now play a vital part of the Pupil Leadership Framework within Johnstone High. Below are our Mull school leaders:

Student Council

S1: Lewis Robertson & Mohammed Kiani

S2: William Gallagher

S3: Matthew DuPon & Yahia Khaili

S4: Hannah Davis & Abigail Goligher

House Captains

Ryan Crain

Ross Carmichael

Hannah Ramsay

School Vice Captains

Grace London

Jennifer Barclay

Alex Hernandex

Tia Caldwell

The vast majority of Mull House have been brilliant in continuing with the conditions in which they are learning now. We continue to be proud of each one of our Mull pupils. Keep it up.

Mr Menzies & Ms Wilson

SKYE HOUSE

update

It has been great to welcome all the new S1 pupils into Skye House this year and they have settled in really well. We are very impressed with how well they are presented and embracing secondary school life.

It has been a challenging time for many of our young people returning to school after the two periods of lockdown, but things are starting to get back to normal and after school and lunch-time clubs are starting to run again and we would encourage our young people to attend.

Our senior pupils in S4-S6 have just completed their October assessments and have been working hard to prepare for them.

S3 pupils have taken part in health day and our visitors commented in how well our pupils behaved. We are very proud of them and we hope they enjoyed the day. Their feedback has been very positive.

All pupils in S1-S6 were given the opportunity to get their flu vaccine and the school nursing team commented on how well behaved our pupils were. Again we were very proud of them.

Congratulations to all the Skye pupils who have been successful in attaining leadership roles in the school. Well done

NEW STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Meet our new teachers

Aileen Graham

I am thrilled to be completing my probationary year at Johnstone High School. I am overwhelmed by the welcome and support I have received from my department and across all areas of the school.

My passion in life has always been to teach young people. Prior to pursuing this, I was a retail manager, holding different job roles in a variety of stores throughout central Scotland.

I am striving to achieve a welcoming and inclusive classroom for all the amazing pupils at Johnstone High School. As well as this, I am assisting with the S6 Young Enterprise Scheme, S3 and S4 Duke of Edinburgh, BGE Homework Club, and the School Show.

My first two months at Johnstone High School have flown by already, and I am very much looking forward to what can be achieved with the awesome staff and pupils with the remainder of the school year.

Alessia Toti

I am pleased to be joining the art department in Johnstone High School for my probationary year. My experience thus far has been a positive start, due to the strong school community, from both students and staff support, reassurance and approachability. I am looking forward to developing myself more within this inspiring environment.

Prior to joining Johnstone High School, I studied art at The Glasgow School of Art, receiving a Bachelors Honours Degree in Textile Design and thereafter a Masters with Merit in Design. My ambition was always to teach after reaching my full potential within the field of art. Using the skills learnt at art school, I feel confident to teach the students and inspire them to fulfil their creative and design abilities.

Caitlin McColl

I joined Johnstone High School in August at the start of the new term as a Science and Chemistry teacher. I am so lucky to have such an incredibly supportive and friendly staff who have really taken the time to show me the ropes! I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead, and really getting involved in the life of the school.

Last year I spent time in Glasgow City Council at St Roch's and South Lanarkshire in Uddingston Grammar School. I aim to bring all my experiences with me and try to incorporate the things I have learned when I am here. I am really excited about starting my RISE group and becoming a prime supporter of our female students. I want pupils to feel continuously supported and comfortable enough to come and speak to me whenever they feel like it! My classroom door will never be closed so feel free to come and visit!

One of the main things I would like to incorporate in my classroom is fun! Science is wild and whacky – meaning lots of messy and exciting experiments! I want students to feel like they are in control of their own learning and take responsibility for lessons. This means that if they have any ideas or see any exciting experiments online, they can let me know and I will try to redo it in class (as long as it is not too dangerous!).

I am looking forward to my time at Johnstone High School and can't wait to help all my students achieve their very best.

NEW STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Meet our new teachers

Corinna Cola

Being a former 'J - High' pupil myself, I was delighted to find out that I would be returning as an English teacher. Throughout my high school career, Johnstone High not only provided me with an education but also encouraged me to pursue my interests in other areas. Without the support of my exceptional teachers, I would never have had the opportunities I have had and for that, I am forever grateful. I am delighted to be in a position to give back to the school which gave me so much. The pupils in Johnstone High School are one of a kind and I'm learning as much from them as they will be from me! It's also great to be a part of the wider school ethos and I'm currently involved in working with the LGBTQIA+ Umbrella Club.

Prior to working at Johnstone High, I worked as in an outdoor nursery in Dawsholm Park. I loved working with the preschool children and it was certainly character building being outdoors all day with 15 toddlers in Scottish weather! I left my post at the beginning of my maternity leave, after which I decided to pursue an interest in teaching. I went on to study English teaching at Strathclyde and knew straight away that it was the career for me. Working with young people is truly the most rewarding career I could've ever imagined and I'm so happy to be working at Johnstone High!

Jennifer Fagan

I am delighted to be doing my probationary year here at Johnstone High School and being part of the Social Studies and RME team. I feel very fortunate to be a member of staff here where the community is so supportive and approachable, giving up much of their own time in the process. My first few weeks have been an amazing experience where many pupils are really engaged in the big questions being asked in RME lessons and getting to know the young people more and more every week has been so rewarding.

My passion for RME stems from my own high school teachers who asked questions with no definitive answers and the focus was very much placed on what I thought and why. For me, this skill of being able to give an opinion on the world's biggest issues concerning why we are here and who we are, is something I certainly want to encourage in my pupils. While RME is concerned with religious traditions and practices, it is also very much about being tolerant and respectful of others that see the world differently. Today I think the world needs more tolerance and so I am passionate about pupils developing this in my classroom.

So much has already happened in the last two months, I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store! Also, a quick shout out to Miss Smith who has been so generous with her time and resources.

Jack Forsyth

Since joining Johnstone High School in August, I have been made to feel so welcome by every member of staff and it has been much appreciated. Thank you to every member of staff that has offered help and guidance within these first few months, it hasn't been taken for granted and I appreciate the time you have taken.

It has been great to get back to some kind of normality in the PE department after a disrupted PGDE course last year. The PE staff have been amazing in helping me settle into the standards and expectations of the department and again have been so helpful in these first few months.

Taking on the under 15s football team and being involved in as many classes as I can be has been brilliant so far and I look forward to gaining more experiences throughout my NQT year. Finally, a big mention to my other NQTs who have been brilliant to work with every week and a great support for one another!

NEW STAFF

BIOGRAPHIES

Meet our new teachers

Katrina Price

My name's Katrina Price and I'm the new Principal Teacher of Modern Languages here at Johnstone High School. I was previously PT Modern Languages at Linwood High for 8 years, so come with a wealth of experience in the position. My subjects are French and German, but I have also delivered a range of courses in my career including GCSE ICT and SQA Leadership Award. I am very much an outdoors person and have been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award at all levels from leader to co-ordinator throughout my career and am really looking forward to helping out with the Award here at JHS.

Nicole Meredith

I joined the Science department at Johnstone High School in August, after completing my probation year at Hillpark Secondary School. So far, I am really enjoying building a positive relationship with the young people and I am lucky to have joined a fantastic department!

I endeavour to offer lots of opportunities to pupils within the Science department. I am excited to lead the Industrial Cadets Bronze project, a project that allows S2 pupils to gain a further insight into a career in STEM. I have also signed up to CPD for the Young STEM leader programme (YSLP), to enable Johnstone High School to become a delivering centre for the YSLP. I am also looking forward to getting involved in the wider life of the school by participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award, and by helping at homework clubs after school.

I am passionate about creating a positive, inclusive classroom environment where the learning is fun and varied. I promote an open-door policy and encourage pupils to come and see me if they need any further support. I am really looking forward to continuing my time at Johnstone High School, to help my pupils reach their full potential.

Julia Falconer

I am feeling very settled after a whirlwind 2 and a half months here at Johnstone High School, but the welcome I have received from the school – both pupils and staff - has been second to none.

Although my home is within the wonderful Social Subjects department, I am delighted to be a part of the amazing whole school faculty. I have slowly but surely been making my way around the school, getting involved in activities such as the upcoming school show, planning for Children in Need 2021 and BGE Film club, and getting to know all of the friendly faces that make up Johnstone High.

I moved down to Glasgow, where I still live now, in 2016 to begin my studies and I completed both my Undergraduate Degree (Law and Politics) as well as my Post-Graduate Degree of Education (Modern Studies) at the University of Strathclyde.

When I was a school pupil myself up north in the Highlands (Yes, I do pronounce the words 'seven' and 'eleven' differently), my school was about half the size of Johnstone High, so it has taken me a little bit of time to adapt to such a busy environment. However, I am very much enjoying the buzz that this school seems to have. There is never a dull day, that's for sure! During my time in school my favourite subjects were Music and History, so I am thrilled that my own classroom here is back-to-back with Music, and along the corridor from History.

NEW STAFF

BIOGRAPHIES

Meet our new teachers

Rosie Randall

I joined the music department in Johnstone High School in September after completing my NQT year in Park Mains High School. I was so delighted to be staying in Renfrewshire and excited to meet all the wonderful pupils at Johnstone.

My main instrument is Oboe which I'm excited to show pupils in a few weeks as it is an instrument they may not have seen before and may never see again. I also love playing the piano, guitar and singing.

On a Monday lunchtime I'm looking forward to working with S1-S3 in a keyboard club and with S1-3 guitarist on a Tuesday lunchtime. I am also looking forward to introducing more music groups to Johnstone High.

I have loved getting to know the pupils so far and enjoyed creating a very positive and fun classroom environment where we can work on our own music as well as playing together as a class. I'm glad to see that pupils are already able to come and approach me to ask any questions about what they have been doing in class or at home.

I am so grateful have been made to feel extremely welcome by all the staff and pupils at Johnstone High!

Sophie McCahll

Joining the staff at Johnstone High has been an exciting venture so far! Firstly, thank-you all for being so welcoming as I start my NQT year as a PE teacher, I appreciate the help and guidance already given by staff members throughout the school. Especially from those in the PE Dept that have helped me to settle me into the first 3 months of teaching! I feel really lucky to be a part of Johnstone High School for my first year of teaching!

Since my last 2 years at the University of Edinburgh were completed via online learning, it feels amazing to finally be in a school environment and teaching face to face with real interactions.

I am most passionate about Football as I have played since I was young, so being given the opportunity to take lead of the S1 Boys Team and the Girls Football Team in the school has been a great experience so far. I am looking forward to the rest of the games planned for the year ahead.

Sophie Scott

I started at Johnstone High School at the start of the new term in August as a Science and Biology teacher. I have loved my first couple of months settling in and finding my feet and could not ask for a more supportive and uplifting department. Being surrounded by the other members of the department for a cuppa, advice or a helping hand has been extremely welcoming. I have also loved getting to know Johnstone High School's young people and starting to build positive relationships with each of them.

I help run the first-year Science Club on Wednesday lunch times and love getting to know more pupils from all different classes. It's been great doing fun experiments we don't get to do in class – my favourite so far has been the exploding pumpkins this week for Halloween.

Alongside Science club, I also volunteer in the Thrive Hive helping the Nurture group. The Nurture Principles are extremely important to me and I love seeing all the great work the pupils do in the Thrive Hive. Additionally, I am always looking to gain further hints and ways of incorporating these principles in my classroom - seeing them in action each week is a great way to do so!

With COP26 being hosted in Glasgow, I have started a climate change campaign within the science department.

I cannot wait to see what the rest of this year has in store for me at Johnstone High School

SCHOOL CAPTAIN INTERVIEWS

Meet our new S6 leadership team



Captain

Anna Lyons

Primary School Attended:
Kilbarchan Primary

What do you plan to do when you leave JHS?

I hope to pursue a career in acting by either attending a drama school or by gaining representation from a talent agency.

What one piece of advice would you give any S1 that you wish you had been given when you were their age?

Don't think you need to be completely set on what you want to do when you leave school because your mind will probably change and you don't need to do the same job for your entire life. Also never let anyone influence what you want to do. If you truly feel passionate about it, no one else's opinion matters.



Captain

Morven Bain

Primary School Attended:
Lochwinnoch Primary School

What do you plan to do when you leave JHS?

I would like to go on to university to study law, and pursue a career within the criminal justice system

What one piece of advice would you give any S1 that you wish you had been given when you were their age?

Always believe in yourself and do your best in everything. Always ask for help when you need it and just enjoy yourself



Depute Captain

Tia Caldwell

Primary School Attended:
Fordbank / Thorn Primary

What do you plan to do when you leave JHS?

I would like to go to university to study English or Law, hopefully at the University of Edinburgh.

What one piece of advice would you give any S1 that you wish you had been given when you were their age?

One piece of advice would be to always give 100% all the time. Set a goal to achieve as motivation to work hard and reach.

DEPUTE CAPTAIN INTERVIEWS

Meet our new S6 leadership team



Depute Captain
Chantelle Hamilton

Primary School Attended:
Fordbank Primary School

What do you plan to do when you leave JHS?

When I leave Johnstone high school my goal is to go to university to study paramedic science. This will allow be to follow my dream of becoming a paramedic and helping other people!

What one piece of advice would you give any S1 that you wish you had been given when you were their age?

My piece of advice for S1 would be get involved as much as you can! Join any clubs, take part in any activities the school offers and most of all enjoy yourself, high school goes by a lot faster than you expect!



Depute Captain
Alex Hernandez

Primary School Attended:
Howwood Primary School

What do you plan to do when you leave JHS?

I plan on studying a BA Hons Social Work course at University in Glasgow.

What one piece of advice would you give any S1 that you wish you had been given when you were their age?

Make sure to enjoy yourself and try not to care what others say.



Depute Captain
Amy Kelly

Primary School Attended:
Fordbank Primary School

What do you plan to do when you leave JHS?

When I leave JHS I plan to go on to university and study art.

What one piece of advice would you give any S1 that you wish you had been given when you were their age?

One piece of advice I would give to an S1 is not to compare yourself to other people, be who you are, and be proud of yourself.

DEPUTE CAPTAIN INTERVIEWS

Meet our new S6 leadership team



Depute Captain Jennifer Barclay

Primary School Attended:
Thorn Primary School

What do you plan to do when you
leave JHS?

Study Geography at University

What one piece of advice would you
give any S1 that you wish you had
been given when you were their age?

Make the most of the opportunities
offered and believe in yourself.



Depute Captain Ryan Blair

Primary School Attended:
Thorn Primary.

What do you plan to do when you
leave JHS? Journalism

What one piece of advice would you
give any S1 that you wish you had
been given when you were their age?

Enjoy it.



Depute Captain Fiona Steel

Primary School Attended:
Howwood Primary

What do you plan to do when you
leave JHS?

When I leave Johnstone high, I would
love to be working at sea or go to
university to train to be a technical
teacher.

What one piece of advice would you
give any S1 that you wish you had
been given when you were their age?

Never doubt yourself, and never be
afraid to ask questions.

EXTRA CURRICULAR UPDATE

After over a year of no extra-curricular provision due to restrictions, we are delighted that our lunch time and after school clubs are back. All pupils are encouraged to come along and try some of the opportunities on offer. To find out more information about any of the clubs available, pupils should speak to the relevant subject teacher/department.

Please see overleaf the whole school extra-curricular timetable as well as the extensive wider opportunities available for our pupils across the local community.

LUNCH TIME

AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homework Club Social Subjects 1 S1-3 Miss McCormack/Miss McGinley BGE Lunch Jam Sesh Music Dept S1-2 BGE Lunch Creative Book Club Library English Dept/Miss Kane S1-3 BGE Lunch RISE club Science Lab 11 S1-3 Miss McColl BGE Lunch Eco Club Social Subjects 5 S1-3 Miss Semple/Miss Vernal BGE Lunch British Sign Language Club Modern Languages 4 S4-6 Mrs Kilgour Senior Lunch English After School Study English Dept Miss McFadden/Mr Bryce After School (1hr) S1-6	Creative Book Club Library English Dept/Miss Kane S1-3 BGE Lunch Homework Club English room 3 Miss Gribben After school Senior Choir Music Dept S4-6 Mrs Davidson Senior Lunch Library English Dept/Miss Kane S1-3 BGE Lunch S1-3 Miss McColl BGE Lunch Eco Club Social Subjects 5 S1-3 Miss Semple/Miss Vernal BGE Lunch British Sign Language Club Modern Languages 4 S4-6 Mrs Kilgour Senior Lunch English After School Study English Dept Miss McFadden/Mr Bryce After School (1hr) S1-6	S1 Science Club Science Lab 7 S1 Miss Wilson/Miss McCoil BGE Lunch Junior Choir Music Dept S1-3 Miss McPherson BGE Lunch Art Catch Up on Work. Art Dept S1-3 Mr Sheppard Song writers club Music Dept S4-6 Miss Cola Senior Lunch Dance PE Dept S1- S3 Miss Ashmole After School Volleyball PE Dept S1 - S3 Mr Stevenson After School Girls Football PE Dept Miss McCahill S1- S6 After School Wind Band Music Dept S1-6 After School English After School Study English Dept S1-6 Miss McFadden/Mr Bryce After School (1hr)	LGBTQ (Umbrella) Club English Room 9 S1-3 Miss Cola/Mrs Fagan/Mr McInnes BGE lunch Junior Film Club Social Subjects 5 S1-3 Miss Falconer BGE Lunch Music Tech Club Music Dept S1-3 Miss McPherson BGE Lunch Independent reading/study Library open S1-6 English Dept/Miss Kane BGE and Senior Lunch British Sign Language Club Modern Languages 4 S1-3 Mrs Kilgour BGE lunch Senior Film Club Physics Lab 2 S4-6 Mr Fulton Senior Lunch Badminton Pe Dept S1- S6 Mr Forsyth After School English After School Study English Dept S1-6 Miss McFadden/Mr Bryce After School (1hr)	Song writers club Music Dept S1-3 Miss Cola BGE Lunch Chess Club Science Lab 1 S4-6 Mr McKenzie Senior Lunch Performance Music Dept S4-6 Senior Lunch Public Speaking/Debating Club English Room 4 S4-6 Miss Hamilton Senior Lunch Art Catch Up on Work Art Dept S1-3 Mr Sheppard Senior Lunch Table Tennis Pe Dept S1- S6 Mr Merriman After School Pipe Band Music Dept S1-6 Mr Bowes After School Board Game Club Technical Dept S1-6 Mr McGurk After School

SPORTS UPDATE

Mr Stevenson



Football

U13's

The S1 Boys had their first away game against St Stephens High School on Thursday. The game ended with a 1-1 draw, Aaron McGary scoring the equaliser. The full team performed brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

U15's

The under 15s School Football Team has played two games so far. The first league game of the season unfortunately ended in a 6-5 defeat to Inverclyde academy. The second game however ended in a more positive note as we won 2-1 against Lourdes in the Scottish shield. Godspower scored 5 goals in total whilst Logan and Kenzie have scored one each.

U18's

The under 18's have played two games in the league this season, winning one and losing the other. They lost 2-1 to Castlehead conceding late in a game which they really should have won after Liam McInteer had put them in front. However, they defeated St. Benedicts 1-0, thanks

to a late wonder strike from Ethan White from outside the box. The team received a bye to the second round of the Scottish Shield where they will face All Saints Secondary. A special mention must go to four S4 pupils who are playing two years above their own age group, Haydon Barret, Brandon Forbes, Ethan White and Leon McDevitt.

Paisley + District Regional Teams

Johnstone High School has three pupils who have been selected to represent the Paisley + District regional sides this year. Goalkeepers Sam Tennant, U15's, Kyle Aitken, U18's, and right back Benjamin Wright, U18's, all successfully negotiated the trial process. Both Sam and Kyle featured in 6-3 and 4-2 wins against West Lothian in Livingston so far, Benjamin unfortunately missed out through injury. If selected they will feature in at least three further group stage games against Glasgow, Dumfries and Galloway and Lanarkshire

as they bid to make the quarter finals of the national trophy.

Girls Football

The Girls Football club after school has got off to a great start! We are currently arranging an upcoming friendly against Gryffe High School which will be played in a few weeks time!

Netball Club

Netball club has started back. Training takes places on Tuesdays after school. All year groups are welcome. So far, we have not played any games, however we are looking to get some friendlies organised before Christmas. Keep checking the notice board in PE to keep up to date with any fixtures.

Going for Gold

“ it is imperative to our ethos that everyone feels valid and supported ”

At Johnstone High it is imperative to our ethos that everyone (pupils' and staff) feels valid and supported to be who they want to be. With that in mind, over the past few years we have been working hard to gain accreditation from LGBT Youth Scotland. We currently have the Silver Charter Award from LGBT Youth Scotland and this year we are going for Gold! This is no small undertaking and a champion group of staff have been working together to ensure that we are meeting the required standards for this award. Our journey to Gold officially began on Monday 18th October when all teaching staff

completed LGBT Youth Scotland's training. The training centres around inclusivity and ensures that all staff are educated and confident in supporting all our young people. Staff received a certificate for completing



the training and many have chosen to display this proudly in their classrooms. We are looking forward to the next step in making sure Johnstone High is a place where everyone feels seen, safe, nurtured, and included!



Important web links for parents

www.parentportal.scot.nhs.uk

Parent Portal has been designed to improve home / school communication and to allow parents to take a more informed view of their children's progress at school.

After you have logged in you will be able to access your children's attendance, assessment, behaviour, timetable and reports from within the Parent Portal.

The Parent Portal system pulls information directly from the school's SIMS .Net management system and is updated in near real time throughout the day so you can ensure that

your children have arrived at school within seconds of them registering.

To log into the system you will need to have been issued with a password by the school. This could have been sent to you in an email or letter format. If you are unsure of your logon details please contact the school directly.

www.parent.pay.com

For Parental use for the following:

School Dinners

Trips

Clubs

School no longer has the facility to accept cash from pupils'. Please ensure that your child has money on his/her account at all times, to enable them to purchase lunch, snacks etc. Information on how to put money on to your child's account is detailed on-line.

www.parents-booking.co.uk

This is new system that is being introduced by the school from November for future parents' evenings. Further information will follow shortly from the school with instructions on how to operate this new system.

MVP TRAINING UPDATE



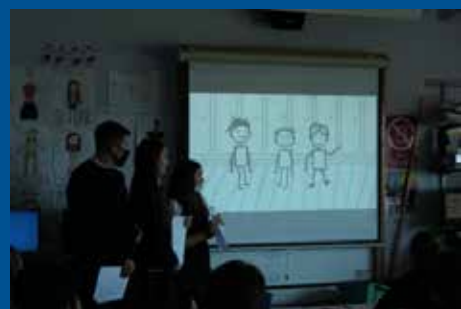
In September, 50 of our S6 pupils took part in a two-day training session for the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme. The programme is a peer mentoring programme that gives young people the chance to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of violence. It addresses a range of behaviours including name-calling, controlling behaviour and harassment, and uses a 'by-stander' approach where individuals are not looked on as potential victims or perpetrators but as empowered and active bystanders with the ability to support and challenge their peers in a safe way.

The pupils are now trained MVP mentors who have the skills and confidence to address abusive or bullying behaviours. They have so far started an MVP drop in club on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, targeted at

our BGE pupils to help support them, whether it be to make friends and connections or to disclose any issues they may be experiencing in school. They also delivered sessions during the S3 Wellbeing day and will be running lessons in PSE during Anti-bullying week. They have done really well, developing their confidence and skills in presenting too. We are looking forward to seeing how else we can challenge bullying behaviour and improve relationships throughout the school.

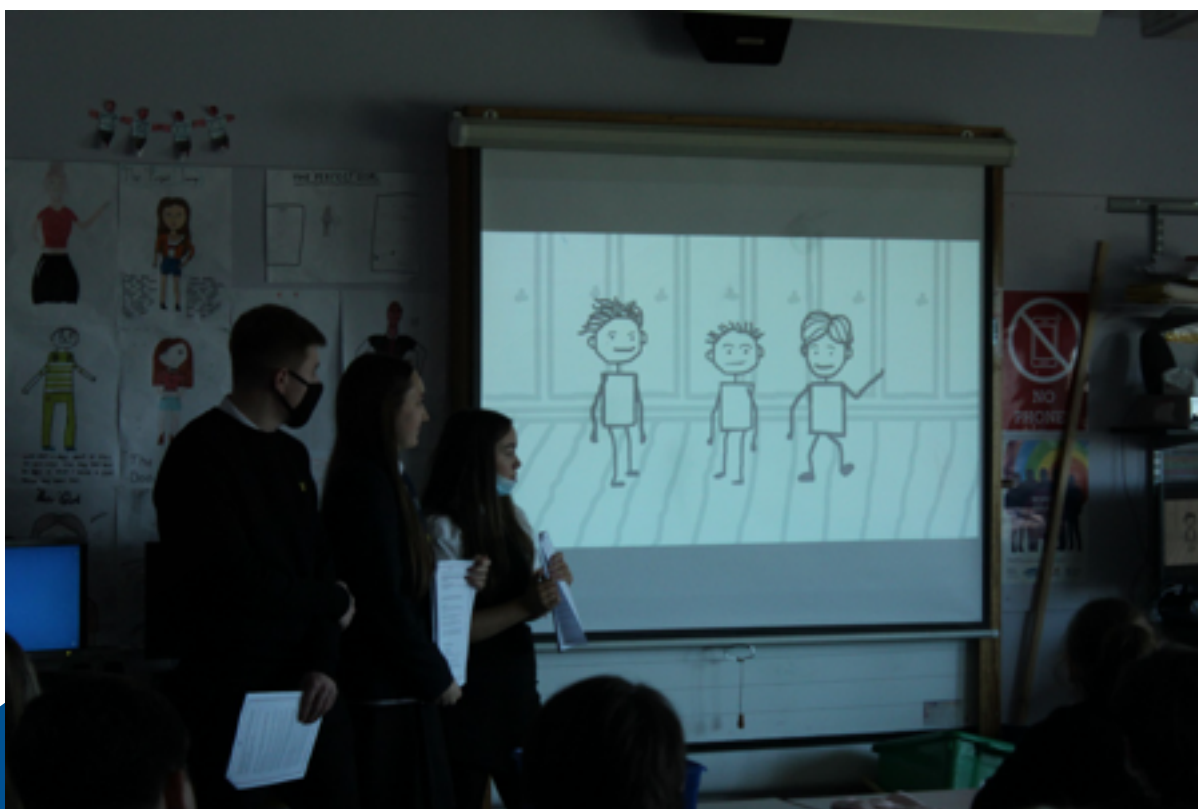
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Euan Walker



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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

In Johnstone High School, we are working hard to support the mental health and wellbeing of our young people. We now have 16 members of staff who have completed Place2Be training on how to encourage positive mental health. Our Exchange Counselling service continues to offer support to many of our young people

and there are out-of-hours helplines visible across the school. We also have a Promoting Positive Mental Health Policy rolled out this year. You can find this on the website but here are some key messages to help you discuss mental health with your child:

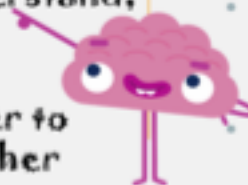
HOW TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

DO...

- ✓ Listen without judgement
- ✓ Ask 'how can I help?'
- ✓ Be patient
- ✓ Be present
- ✓ Listen to understand, not to fix
- ✓ Check-in
- ✓ ALWAYS refer to Pastoral Teacher

DON'T...

- Interrupt or speak over
- Tell them how they should feel
- Jump in with solutions
- Pressure them to speak
- Offer diagnoses
- NEVER keep to yourself



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR YOUR CHILD

At Johnstone High school we have a school counsellor 3 days a week. They offer support to our young people who are struggling with their mental health. The counselling service is called The Exchange counselling. Pupils can self-refer on the link below or they can approach their Pastoral Care teacher who will do the referral for them. Parents can also make referrals for their child.

<https://www.exchange-counselling.com/new-referral>

There are other mental health supports and resources available out with school that are listed below:

Mental, Emotional, Social and Physical Wellbeing

Childline - https://www.childline.org.uk/ or download from the app store or call 0800 11 11	You can contact childline about anything, from thinking about suicide to even ordering a pizza! If you don't want to talk on the phone, they have instant messaging with a counsellor and lots of tips online
The Exchange - https://www.exchange-counselling.com/	Our School Counselling Service
Breathing Space - https://breathingspace.scot/	They offer advice and support if you need someone to talk too
See Me - https://www.seemescotland.org/	Resources and information for young people by young people about talking about mental health
Samaritans - https://www.samaritans.org/	They offer 24-hour confidential support service. If you don't want to call, they have a text and email service, that will get back to you as soon as possible.
Aye Mind – http://ayemind.com/	Website with some information of where to go for young people!
Booster Buddy – Download from the app store	You check in with your buddy daily to wake them up through completing quests. It's got lots of information and tasks to help you when you are not feeling so good.
Mindshift – Download from the app store	An app to help with anxiety, with quick help skills and information to help cope with your anxiety
Moodtracker - https://www.moodtracker.com/	There is a lot of mood trackers you can choose from so find one that suits you! Track how your mood is doing and look at the coping strategies!
Papyrus – https://papyrus-uk.org/	Prevention of Young Suicide, Hopeline free telephone support line if you need someone to talk to
Sleep Scotland – https://www.sleepscotland.org/education/teen-zone/	For advice with healthy sleep routines and habits.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR YOUR CHILD

Mental, Emotional, Social and Physical Wellbeing

Beat - https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/	Eating disorders. Have a great youth services for those in recovery. Also support through online support across Scotland
MeeTwo – Download from the app store	A safe social media solution to wellbeing – it provides fully moderated peer support and expert help.
Buzzfeed Mental Health - https://www.buzzfeed.com/tag/mental-health	There is a lot of links and posts about mental health and tips on coping strategies
Who Cares? Scotland - https://www.whocarescotland.org/	A national voluntary organisation, working with care experienced young people and care leavers across Scotland.
Renfrewshire Carers Centre - https://renfrewshirecarers.org.uk/	Providing essential support to carers in Renfrewshire.
Headspace- https://www.headspace.com/ or download from the app store	A Meditation and Mindfulness app
St Vincent's Hospice - http://www.svh.co.uk/	Support for people with life limiting conditions, and their families.
Richmond's Hope - https://www.richmondshope.org.uk/	Support for bereaved families.
Child Bereavement UK - https://www.childbereavementuk.org/	Support for bereaved families.
Heads Together - https://www.headstogether.org.uk/shout-launches-in-the-uk/	A free text messaging service called Shout which aims to connect people experiencing mental health crisis to trained volunteers who provide help at a time when it is most needed
Head's Up – http://headsupscot/mental-health-conditions/suicide-self-harm/	A website for good mental health across Glasgow and Clyde, it includes information about the types of services that are available across NHSGGC.
NHS Living Life - https://www.nhs24.scot/our-services/living-life/ or call 0800 328 9655	A free telephone-based service for people (16+) feeling low, anxious or stressed.
Talktime Scotland - https://www.talktimescotland.co.uk/	A unique counselling charity for young people in Scotland aged 12-25 who are either physically disabled or have a long-term health condition.

RISE

Autumn 2021

Miss McColl

Studies have shown that a girl's confidence PEAKS at just 9 years old. We look to change that through RISE, a support group specifically aimed at female students with the hope to challenge that theory through discussion.

The group helps support girls by discussing age and stage related issues such as body image, confidence, relationships, pressures and expectations of women in society – something every girl should be aware of!

We focus mainly on coping strategies and sharing tips, stories and questions within a safe space. RISE is coordinated by female members of staff who can offer students real-life experiences and how they themselves tackled them along with some great advice.

RISE runs on a Monday BGE lunch (12.25 – 1.10) in Miss McColl's room (Science Lab 11) and is on every week up until Christmas.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to RISE.

S3

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Following discussions around how best to support our pupils, we decided to organise a Health and Wellbeing Day targeted at our S3 pupils.

The aim was to bring external agencies to the school who are experts in their field and provide supports to young people in the community, giving a more in-depth session and establishing links between these services, the school and most importantly our pupils.

We are incredibly grateful to:

Active Schools, Aaron and Amy, who covered physical activity and mental wellbeing

Aid and Abet, Kevin Neary, who covered trauma, offending and how to support change.

Barnardo's Safer Choices Team, Sadie and Vicky, who covered Child Sexual and Economic Exploitation.

Exchange Counselling, Lenny, who covered coping, stress and the service offered in Johnstone High.

RADAR, Paul and Jim, who covered substance use.

Johnstone High School S6 Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), covering verbal abuse, bullying and the support available from our MVP Ambassador pupils.

And most importantly our S3 pupils who helped make the day such a success with their partici-

pation.

Student testimonies

Ian Dingwall, 3A2

On Wednesday 20th of October S3 had a Wellbeing day where different speakers like "Radar" and "Kevin Neary" talked about valuable life lessons. I very much enjoyed this experience as it allowed us to learn from people who know about and went through different experiences. It has caused me to think more about my life going ahead and how to be cautious and also the situations that those less fortunate are in.

I really enjoyed this eye-opening experience and would enjoy taking part in it again. I think it is very important that kids learn this in school because the things speakers were talking about are very important issues. I believe no matter what age from S1 to S6 should always have these important discussions.

"Radar" really stood out to me as they tried to see the problems from your eyes. Kevin Neary also stood out as he had experienced the consequences of the things he was talking about.

"MVP" also very much stood out to me with the way they used students to talk about modern day problems that a lot of people don't think about.

I don't think I personally will change my behaviour as I knew a lot of the things taught but I think lots of people will. I think the school should continue this program as it is very beneficial to pupils.

Summer McGibbon, 3M2

On Wednesday 20th October 2021, Johnstone High School held a Health and Wellbeing day for 3rd year pupils. Various speakers were invited to educate us on many different topics related to mental and physical health and keeping safe in the community.

This was an important day as the topics covered are very relevant today.

Many of the discussions we took part in were very important. For example RADAR spoke about drugs. From this we learned never to leave a friend if they show signs of an overdose. Kevin Neary also highlighted the importance of having someone to talk to, using his own life as an example. S6's from our school also gave a talk about how words can effect people more than you might think by giving us examples of several different scenarios.

Overall, I would definitely take part in a day like this again! I would also recommend this to the younger years as it would be fun and educational.

PARENT COUNCIL

Autumn 2021

Mrs McFarlane, Chairperson

The past two years have proved a challenging time for all of us. Although restrictions meant that the Parent Council could not meet face-to-face throughout the pandemic, we remained active via zoom to stay informed of the ever-changing regulations affecting the school community and act as an additional conduit between the parents and the School. A special thanks go to all the staff for their endeavours throughout this difficult period.

The end of the 2020-2021 session saw the departure of Diane Spence, who successfully chaired the Parent Council for many years, together with several established members of the Parent Council. The role of Chair was taken up by Jean McFarlane and the vacant memberships were filled from the pool of parents who had lodged a note of interest in joining to Parent Council at the start of the 2020-21 session.

The beginning of the 2021-22 school year saw a return to a more normal format although some restrictions remain in place. Our first Parent Council meeting of the session was held on Monday 6th September and saw a return to face-to-face meetings.

A variety of items were on the agenda for discussion. Miss Hollywood provided a brief summary of the SQA results which by and large follow patterns seen previously. A fuller review will be provided following the publication of the Insight analysis. The use of a new 'electronic' parent pack distributed at the beginning of term, received mainly positive comments from the Parent Council Members and parents, with the proviso that paper copies could be obtained from the school on request. Thanks to all parents who completed the enclosed form to lodge a note of interest in joining the Parent Council. I will be in touch when seats become available. The planned re-introduction of the Annual Christmas Fayre was also discussed with some excitement. This event was always well attended and received by the school community and it formed our main fund raiser of the year. However, on further consultation with the Education Authority these plans had to be set aside as current Authority regulations do not permit holding an event of this size within the School. We are looking forward to being able to organise fund raising events like this to help support School activities in the near future.

Minutes from previous meetings, Head Teacher Reports and Parent Council Chair Reports are posted on the School Website. If you would like to get in touch with the Parent Council please email johnstonehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Our next Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th November. All Parents are very welcome to come along and join the meeting.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It's great that many of our young people are coming to school looking very smart in their school uniform and the appropriate PE kit during PE classes. This is just a gentle reminder of the expectations we as a school have on

uniform. Wearing uniform plays a vital part of school life as it supports safety, security, discipline, ethos and community spirit.

Recently Mrs Hollywood and the Senior Management spoke with

every pupil to reiterate the expectations around school uniform. Please see key information and photos of our fantastic pupils below:

Accepted

- Tie
 - Shirt
 - School trousers/skirt
 - School jumper (black)
 - Plain black tights
 - Appropriate coat and shoes for winter
- All pupils should bring a face covering to school

Not Accepted

- Wearing PE kit when not in PE
- No tie
- Non-school jumpers
- Inappropriate items such as patterned tights / jeans / football colours



SENIORS UPDATE

Autumn 2021

Senior Information Evening Info

The senior information evening will again be run virtually this year. There are several different aspects to it that will be of interest to S4/S5/S6 pupils and their parents

The entire event will be coordinated by Mr Munro and there will be information on the following. Details of who will present is also available. Among the inserts are:

Plagiarism and its implications – Mrs MacLeod PT English

UCAS – Mr Munro

Employability – Mrs Carlin

Study skills – Miss Gribben and Mr Smith

UCAS Information

In addition to the insert at the senior info evening Mr Rainey has already contacted S6 regarding their personal statements. The standard among the pupils this year is extremely high and the importance of a strong personal statement on their UCAS form has not been lost on them. Well done.

Pupils who still need a bit of assistance should speak with Mr Munro or one of the pastoral staff.

UCAS – Urgent

It is vitally important that all UCAS applicants address their applications NOW, without any further delay.

Many pupils have not started applications or have simply provided basic details in their application. Although the UCAS final deadline is January, all applications need to be completed before the Christmas holidays.

If not already sent, personal statements should be sent to your Pastoral teacher straight away so they can be discussed and amended if required.

Sections such as Course Choices, Educational Qualifications (already achieved and pending) and

Personal Statements **MUST** be completed, at the latest, by Friday 19th November.

Your entire application must be completed by Friday November 26th

to allow time for references to be satisfactorily completed.

If you have any questions, you should contact your Pastoral teacher straight away.

Contact details are below

Arran
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Mull
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VOLUNTEERING UPDATE



THE CHALLENGE

For those getting started in volunteering through team challenges



THE APPROACH

For when you've reached 10 and 25 hours volunteering



THE ASCENT

For when you've reached 50, 100, 200 or even 500 hours



THE SUMMIT

For those that have made an outstanding contribution to volunteering



This year Johnstone High School is working closely with our S6 pupils to help them achieve a Saltire Award.

A Saltire Awards is a nationally recognised certificate and the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising, and rewarding the commitment, contribution, and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland.

We as a school community want to recognise the amazing volunteering that many of our young people are already doing and provide them with further opportunities to volunteer within our school and wider community. Currently we have 47 S6 pupils signed up and working towards achieving an award which is fantastic. They are all enthusiastic and working hard to log as many volunteering hours as they can. The amount of hours that they log determines the level of certificate that they can claim.

Some of our young people have logged an exceptional number of hours already, and are determined to reach "The Ascent" certificate. For example Amy Kelly who has logged an impressive 131 hours. She had this to say about her volunteering efforts:

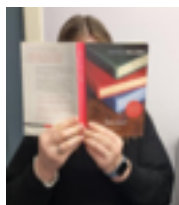
I don't find volunteering difficult; I enjoy helping out and working with people. Most of my volunteering is with younger children and involves things I like doing such as dancing and art, so it doesn't feel like a chore at all.

Amy Kelly – 6A2



My class love it when the S6 come in to work with them. They think it is great! All the volunteers are so friendly and work hard to make the younger pupils feel comfortable working with them.

Miss McFadden – English Teacher



Some of our S6 volunteers have been supporting S1 pupils within the English Department. They are coming into classes and supporting pupils one to one with their reading. This not only benefits the S6 but is an excellent opportunity for the S1's to build positive relationships with our volunteers.

The Saltire Award is open to everyone in S6 and is recognised by employers and further education establishments like colleges and universities. Not only that, but volunteering helps young people to build essential life skills such as Leadership and Team working. It also helps to improve confidence and the time pupils give up can make a real difference to individual people, communities, and the environment.

Although the Saltire Award is for S6 pupils we are also keen to provide volunteering opportunities for younger pupils to help them build their confidence and become more involved in the wider life of the school. Through our Eco Club, Pupil Council, Library Leaders Programme, and various other projects we seek to inspire pupils from all over the school to give up their time to help others.



Young Enterprise is back at Johnstone High and an enthusiastic group of S6s are ready to take the business world by storm. We have our largest team ever with 24 pupils regularly attending meetings. The team are increasingly aware of the environmental impact that business can have and have set their sights on creating a sustainable product. We are still in the early stages of product development, but our meetings are a buzz with many innovative ideas. The team have been brainstorming ideas on how to raise our much needed start up capital. In the coming weeks we will be hosting a "Cake a Way" for staff and a tuck shop for pupils to help us kickstart our business. Look out for more information about our upcoming products. As we begin to build our brand and the sky really is the limit for our young entrepreneurs.

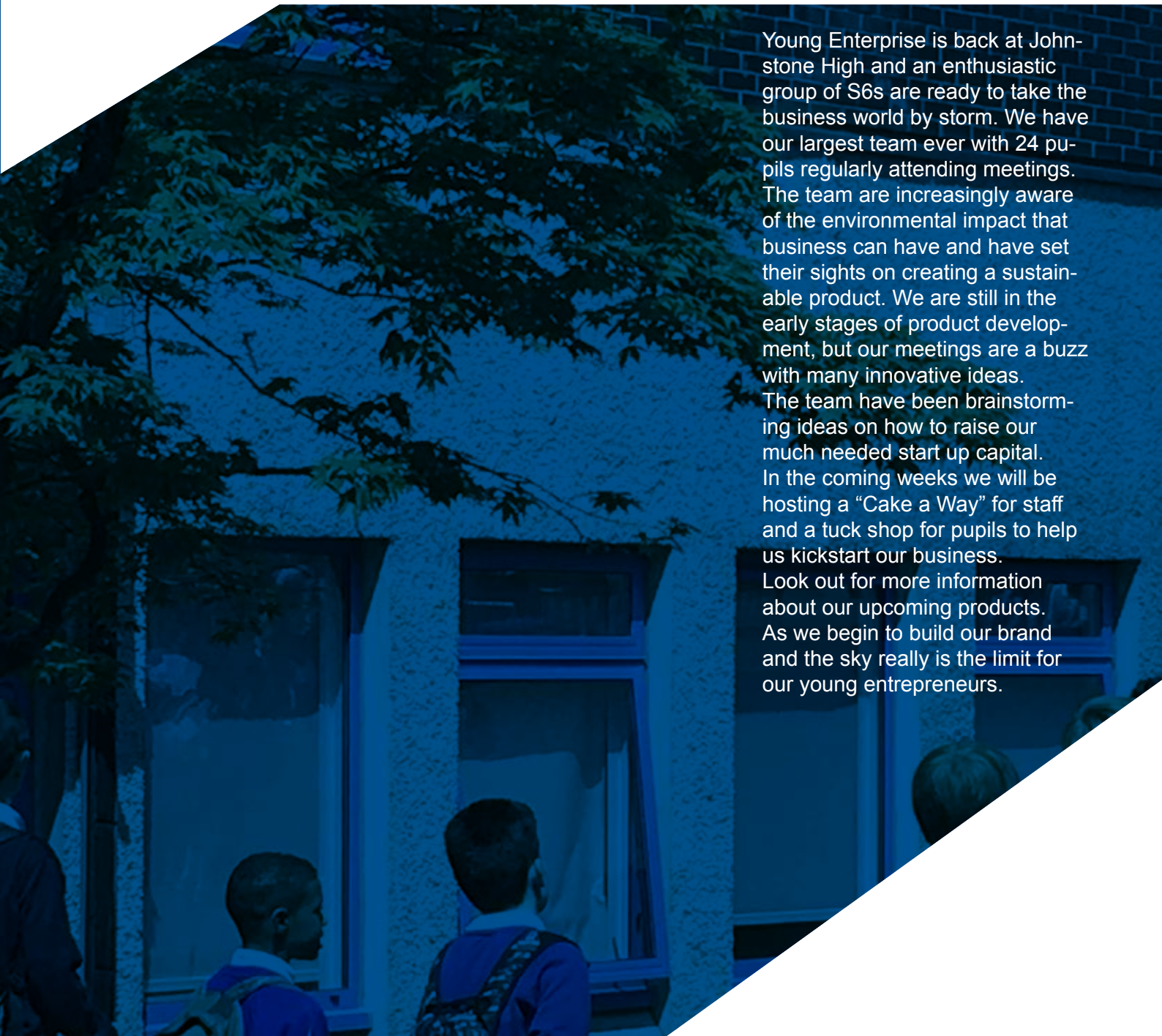


PHOTO GALLERY

Halloween doors

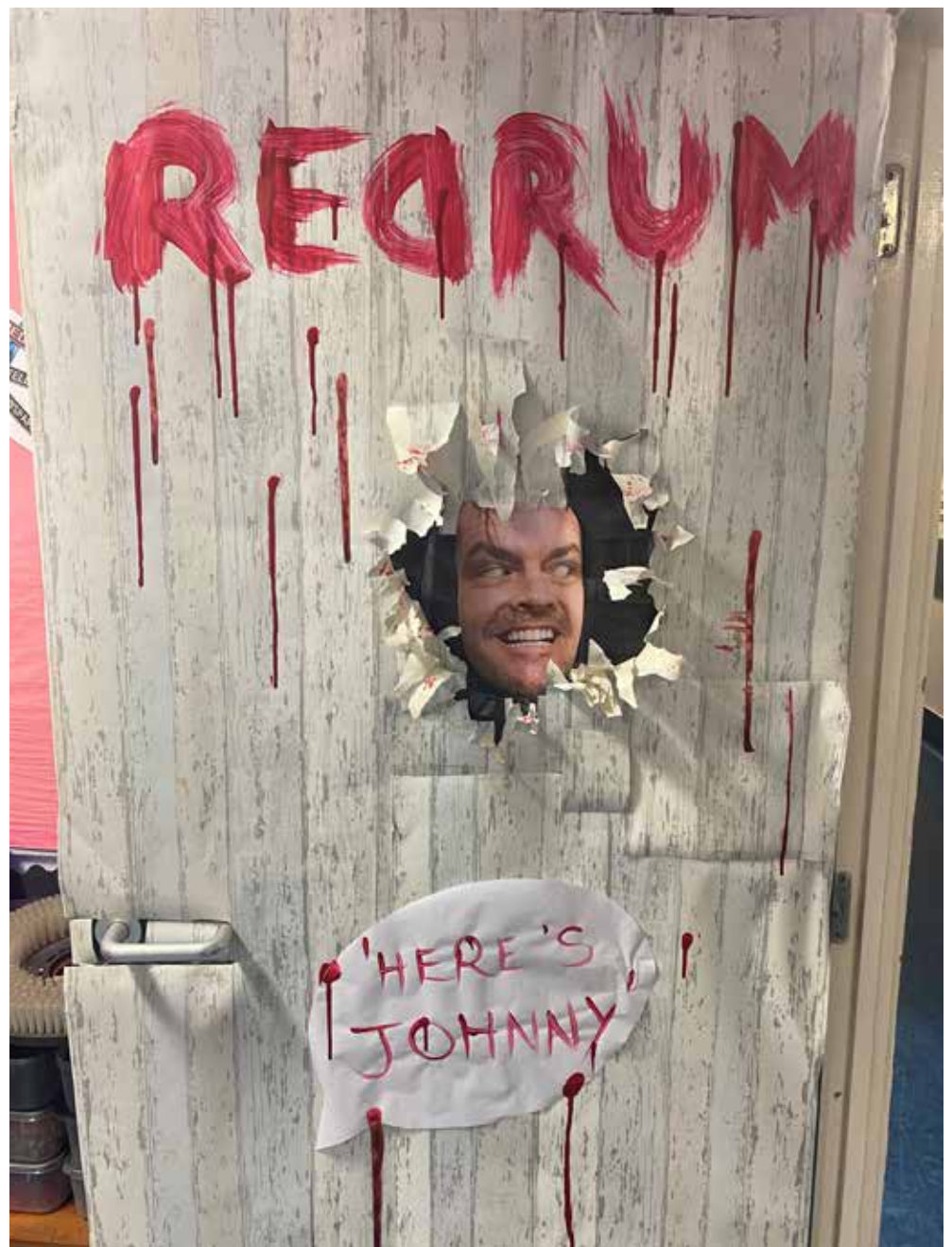


PHOTO GALLERY

Halloween doors



PHOTO GALLERY

Foodbank & MscMillan Cancer Challenge



PHOTO GALLERY

100 mile Challenge (cont')



PARENT PAY SYSTEM

Parent pay successfully launched in Johnstone High School on 30th April 2019. Many parents/carers have already activated their accounts and are using the cash free environment for school meals and school trips. We would encourage all remaining parents/carers to sign up as

soon as possible as the school is no longer accepting cash. For any parents who need to continue making payments by cash they may do so using the PayPoint method at local convenience stores.

Please contact the school office on 03003001331 if you



require help setting up the account, re-issuing activation codes, issuing barcodes, general enquiries.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

There have been a number of changes to contacting the school this session.

The school phone number has changed to 0300 300 1331.

When contacting the school your first point of contact is the Pastoral Support Teacher.

Pastoral contacts:

Arran House:
Mr Rainey

Iona House:
Miss Docherty

Mull House:
Miss Wilson

Skye House:
Mr Kennedy



QR Code to school web site

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0300 300 1331

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With special thanks to all the staff and pupils who have contributed.

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