



Dear Parent/Carer,

The first few days since reopening have gone well and we are grateful to everyone for their forbearance in coping with the flexible start times etc.

Restrictions remain for some activities such as P.E./sport, Music and Drama. Mr McCall has e-mailed all parents of P4-S3 and S4-S6. The very successful programme of remote instrumental instructions lessons instituted last term will continue for some senior pupils. Our Educational Psychologist is working in the school on a Tuesday while pupils will access our counsellor remotely but will do so while in school.

We would like to remind all pupils and their parents of the vital importance of continuing to observe the rules on social distancing and other measures to prevent infection such as regular handwashing. Individuals should stay off school or work and get tested if they experience any COVID symptoms, such as a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell, even if they are mild.

Further information on COVID-19 including on what to do if you develop symptoms and how to access a test is available from [NHS Inform](#).

While almost the entirety of our centenary celebrations have fallen victim to COVID-19 we are keen to ensure that all pupils and parents have a memento. We will be proceeding with pupil photographs and issuing the special centenary badge as set out below. The new kilt pin is very attractive and suitable for women and men.

Kindest regards  
Paul Thomson



### Centenary Items

The Jordanhill tartan was specially commissioned to mark the centenary and the tie and skirt which S5-S6 are entitled to wear have proven to be very popular. The tie is available from our online shop and the skirt from Stevensons. The tartan scarf is available to all pupils and parents.

Following further consultation, the school has commissioned a very attractive kilt pin which is now available from the online shop price £17.50. Again, this is available to anyone for school or personal use.



Meanwhile, the commemorative mugs and teddies remain on sale along with the history of the school 'Striving Higher'.

## Centenary Photographs and Badge

While we have had to cancel the planned whole-school photographs, we are proceeding with individual photographs of all pupils as these are done by Primary class and House groups.

- Monday 31 August – Primary
- Tuesday 1 September – Secondary

Details will be issued shortly. Full uniform should be worn where possible.

We have commissioned a special lapel badge to mark the centenary of the school. While the presentation of these at formal events is no longer possible, we will issue one to every pupil for their photograph. Anyone who is absent on the day will receive it subsequently.



## PTA Events Cancelled

With regret, the PTA have decided that it is not feasible to run the events planned for this term. In particular, there will be no Fireworks event in November and no Christmas Fayre in December.

The PTA hope to reintroduce events in 2021 as the prevailing circumstances allow.

## Arrangements for National 5 to Advanced Higher Courses in 2021

SQA have launched a consultation process with teachers and other stakeholders to assist with the planning and delivery of courses for this session. Details of the proposed changes to courses and exams for this session along with a survey can be found [here on the SQA website](#). We encourage all parents and pupils to read about the proposed changes and provide their feedback to SQA.

The survey closes on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> August.

## Admissions Ballot

Ballot papers were issued to all eligible members by e-mail on Monday. Please contact the office if you have not received this. Full details of the proposal can be found [here](#) and you can register for the Zoom events [here](#). Parents who have registered for Thursday's Zoom meeting will receive an invitation tomorrow morning.

## S3-S6 Chromebooks

The Chromebooks arrived this afternoon. We will be looking to issue these to pupils from 1 September onwards. Parents are asked to complete and return the agreement and pay the deposit by 31 August.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **September**

Tuesday 8 S6 Parents Briefing via Zoom  
Wednesday 16 S4 Parents Briefing via Zoom  
Thursday 24 Charity dress down day £2 per pupil  
Friday 25 Holiday  
Monday 28 Holiday

### **School Charities 2019-2021**

- [\*\*Buddies\*\*](#) was established 25 years ago to provide community-based play/leisure, social and recreational opportunities for children, young people and adults with disabilities and additional needs.
- [\*\*Cancer Support Scotland\*\*](#) provides free emotional and practical support to anyone affected by cancer, including family members and carers.
- [\*\*GAMH promotes mental health and wellbeing\*\*](#) promotes mental health and wellbeing of people and communities through community based support.