



## Welcome to our new Rector, Mr John Anderson



It is a pleasure to be back in Jordanhill School and a privilege to write to you as the new rector. My association with the school started in 2007 when I was appointed Head of Chemistry, a post I held until 2012 when I became Depute Head Teacher. After a two-year spell working as a school inspector and then working with the independent sector, I am now back in Jordanhill. I have a great affection for the school and community, and I am very much looking forward to working with you.

Although we are in the depths of winter and our activities have been curtailed, it is heartening to work in a school where the cheer and resilience of our pupils encourages us to embrace all challenges. I very much hope that you and your families keep well this Christmas season and that we can look forward to a bright 2021.

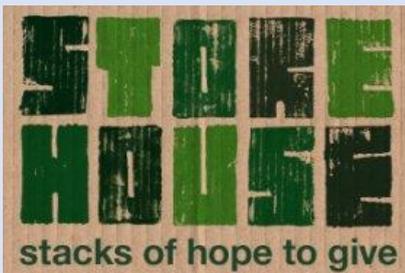
John D. Anderson, Rector

## And welcome to our new Depute Rector, Mr Douglas Brown

Like the rector, I am also returning to Jordanhill, having worked here as Depute Head Teacher from 2007 to 2012. In the interim, I worked at Knightswood Secondary School, initially as the DHT responsible for Pupil Support and latterly leading on school improvement, learning and teaching, and staffing. It is wonderful to be back and even within the first week, I have been reminded of the school's welcoming ethos and the commitment of pupils and staff alike. I am also excited by the prospect of working with parents and the wider community and am sure that we are all looking forward to the future when we can enjoy the many sports fixtures, concerts, extra-curricular and community activities that make this such a special school.



## Storehouse Hampers



Although we were unable to have our usual community Christmas party, this did not stop our S1 pupils, parents and staff giving generously for our community project. For the last few years S1 pupils have supported Storehouse Foodbank. The Foodbank, based in Anniesland, supports over 200 families in the west and north of the city. S1 pupils brought in more donations than we have ever had before. The house captain and vice captains organised donations ready to be dropped off at Storehouse. The volunteers at Storehouse were delighted by your generosity and wish us to convey their thanks to everyone at Jordanhill for your support.

## S2 Examinations

S2 examinations take place immediately following the Christmas vacation. Details have been issued to parents and pupils and can be viewed on the web site [here](#).

## Course Choice

We made significant changes to the [course choice](#) process for S2 and for S4/S5 last year, which was well received by pupils and parents. The course choice process starts in early January for S4 and in February for S2 and S5. Further details will be released in January.

Every subject has a bespoke page with sections on

- Why you will enjoy the subject
- Careers
- Course content
- Influential/famous people who have studied the subject

## S5-S6 Mock Examinations

Details have been published on the web site of our plans for S5/6 mock examinations starting Monday 25 January . Full details are located [here](#).

## Secondary Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 18 December



The S6 Charity Committee have arranged for Friday 18th of December to be a Christmas Jumper day for all Secondary pupils.

Secondary pupils are invited to get into the Christmas spirit by wearing a Christmas themed jumper instead of their usual school jumper – or school hoodie in these extraordinary times – and to make a donation of £2 to the School Charities. The three charities that we are supporting will be very grateful for each pupil's donation. More information about the charities and the great work they do can be found on the [school website](#).

S6 pupils will collect the donations during class time on Friday morning.

## COVID contact tracing during the Christmas vacation

If your child develops COVID symptoms (and has a positive diagnosis) **within 48 hours** after leaving school for the end of term, we need you to complete a contact form. The form will be posted on the front page of our website on Monday 21 December. This is to allow us to carry out contact tracing for Tue 22 and Mon 21 Dec. The form will send an auto-alert to the on-duty senior manager who will assess the information you provide and advise accordingly. Test and Protect will deal with all cases that fall out-with this period.

We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to ensuring that the school has been able to operate in a way that is minimally disruptive to learning. We would encourage everyone to comply with the current restrictions and advice on social interactions. NHS Scotland guidance for all COVID related queries can be found [here](#).

## Sunday Times Parent Power 2020

Jordanhill School was ranked number 1 in Scotland on the Sunday Times Parent Power league table of state schools. Although we are always guarded about comparisons with other schools, we are proud of the achievements of our pupils and the excellent work of our staff.

## Musical Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been accepted to join the National Youth Orchestras of Scotland (NYOS): Eleanor Carrie S4 (senior), Daka Zvekare S5 (senior) and Finlay Bryce P5b (Junior).

Hannah Carrie S3 joins her sister Eleanor, and Euan Aitken S4 who are all now part of the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra.

Congratulations to Katherine Ross S2 who joins the West of Scotland String Orchestra.

These are great achievements for our pupils reflecting many years of dedication and hard-work to succeed at this level.



Congratulations to Olivia Eccles in S2 who gave an excellent performance as a soloist with the RSNO Junior Choir at their Digital Christmas Concert. You can view the performance [here](#).



## Jordanhill Journal

We are delighted to present the December version of the Jordanhill Journal which can be found [here](#).

We hear from pupils, parents, staff and friends whose lives are connected by Jordanhill school. We pay tribute to the work of Dr Thomson and Mrs Robertson, and celebrate the learning of our current pupils during the COVID pandemic.

Please do take time to read our Journal. We are proud of our school and enjoy sharing our news. Reflections from those touched by the school, whether current or former pupils, offers you an insight into our work.



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New Rector

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Jordanhill In 3D

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Captains on the Bridge

## Winter weather

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service at all times, but exceptional circumstances such as severe weather, staff shortage or power failure may arise which lead to disruption.

A decision to close would normally only be taken on grounds of health and safety. In such cases we shall do all we can to let you know about the details of closure, restricted service or re-opening via e-mail, the website and announcements on local radio. If a decision is made to close the school after the start of the school day, no pupil under 16 will be dismissed until appropriate contacts and arrangements have been made.

### Uniform and Footwear

When the underfoot conditions are difficult pupils are permitted to wear non-standard footwear. That is, they can wear suitable boots rather than black shoes. This is a concession to safety and not an excuse to wear fashion boots which are dangerous on ice or snow.

### Clothing

Standard uniform items contain a full range of clothing for cold weather – jumpers, hats and scarves. A range of jackets (preferably in School colours) are acceptable to be worn over the blazer or taken off and the blazer put back on after arrival at school. Secondary pupils must wear their blazer in school. Only the standard school jumper or green/red school sports hoodie are permitted to be worn under blazers. If required, a plain white t-shirt or similar can be worn under the white school shirt for extra warmth.

Pupils will be required to remove items not in accord with the [Uniform](#) requirements.

## Dates for the Diary

### December

Tuesday 22                      School closes 12.00 noon

### January 2021

Wednesday 6                      All pupils return to school: **WEEK 1**  
6-11                                      S2 examinations  
Thursday 7                              S4 Parents' Evening (Virtual)  
Monday 25                              Primary Music Instruction Parents' Evening (Virtual)  
Monday 25 –                              S5-S6 mock examinations  
Thursday 4 February

## February

Wednesday 3	S2 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Friday 5	Holiday
Monday 8	Holiday
Tuesday 9	Holiday
Wednesday 10	Holiday (Staff in-service day)
Thursday 11	All pupils return to school
Thursday 25	Primary Parents' Evening, 6.30-8.30 pm (Virtual)

## March

Tuesday 2	Primary Parents' Evening, 6.30-8.30 pm (Virtual)
Thursday 4	Primary Parents' Afternoon, 4.00-5.30 pm (Virtual)

## Merry Christmas

We wish all our pupils, parents, staff and friends a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Congratulations to Chloe Turnbull, P2C, the winner of this year's Christmas card competition.

