



Summer Term

This bulletin gives an update on many of our summer activities and aims to bring 2020 -21 to a close.

**Our last day of term is Wednesday 23 June, closing at 12pm.
We re-open to pupils on Wednesday 18 August at 9am.**

It has been a challenging year for all schools with much of the colour removed by the restrictions on our usual school events. However, I am very proud of the excellent work of my colleagues who have continued to find solutions, make changes, and work incredibly hard to do their best for Jordanhill School. Our pupils have been a credit to the school and their families, demonstrating remarkable resilience despite ongoing difficulties and restrictions. We have also benefitted greatly from the wide-ranging support from the Board of Managers, parents, friends and neighbours. Thank-you.

Updated school re-opening guidance is likely to be published by the Scottish Government at the end of July/start of August. This will cover items such as the wearing of face-masks, testing, and school activity restrictions. We will write to you with any updates as they emerge. For now, we are assuming a re-start on Wednesday 18 August at 9am for all pupils.

I do hope that you and your families are able to take some time this summer to enjoy the break. We are very much looking forward to our return in August and hoping that conditions will allow restrictions to ease and that much-missed activities may make a reappearance.

Kind regards,

John Anderson
Rector

Board of Managers

Given ongoing restrictions, the Board has continued to meet via Zoom throughout 2021. We have made several important updates to our school policies (*Exclusions, Complaints and Unacceptable Actions*) and heard much about the challenges of the school year and how we have sought to meet these challenges. Aside from reviewing governance matters, the Board also approved the latest update of the 2021 School Improvement plan which has a key focus on COVID recovery along with ongoing school improvement. You can read our policies [here](#) and our improvement plan [here](#).

We welcome James Yu, Ewen White and Russell Davidson as our new parent board members. They will join us after the AGM in September.

Donations to Educational Amenities Trust

Given the disruption to extra-curricular sports, we gave parents the option of obtaining a partial refund on school sports fees. We are pleased to report that 87% of the parent body donated their fees to our Educational Amenities Trust Fund. The S1 Bannockburn project (detailed in this newsletter) and the Primary Sports afternoons were all subsidised by grants from the Educational Amenities Trust fund. Your support through regular giving and donations such as this will continue to allow us to support such activities. Thank-you.



Interactive Whiteboards and Chromebooks



We started a programme of replacing our projectors and interactive whiteboards in the Spring and are committed to completing this project during the summer holidays. Feedback from staff and pupils has been excellent. This refresh was much needed given our ageing equipment. This substantial investment will allow us to take full advantage of our suite of teaching and learning resources developed on O365.

We are delighted to announce that all secondary pupils will benefit from 1:1 devices from August 2021 onwards. Our investment in chromebooks for S3 pupils upwards allowed us to make good progress throughout lockdown this year. Although not a replacement for jotters, textbooks, and other tactile supports for learning, we have found that chromebooks offer us many opportunities to enhance learning. New S1 and S2 pupils will receive their new devices in August.

A project to evaluate the use of tablet devices with selected Primary classes will begin in August too. This will allow us to determine how best to support the Primary department with future IT investment.

School Calendar and Queen's Jubilee Holiday 2022

The school calendar has been updated for 2021-22. You will appreciate that trips and other activities are still subject to whatever restrictions and guidance are in force at that particular time.

As communicated previously, we were awaiting an update regarding the Jubilee holiday for 2022. We can confirm that Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June will be holidays in 2022. The May weekend at the end of May 2022 will change to Friday 27th May as a holiday; Monday 30th May will not be a holiday. You can find the term dates [here](#).



COVID contact tracing

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](#) to let us know. This is to allow us to carry out contact tracing for Mon 21 – Wed 23 June. 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 positive cases that occur more than 48 hours after the young person was last in school.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving allows us to celebrate the attainment and efforts of our pupils. Although we cannot hold our usual ceremony, we have gathered information to allow us to award prizes. Prizewinners will meet in class/year groups on Tuesday 22nd June at various times throughout the day to collect their prizes and celebrate their success.



Summer Reading

Many of our pupils have already borrowed books from the school library to read over the summer. The library remains open till the last day of term for any pupils who still want to stock up on their summer reading.



Pupils can also find books in lots of other ways through the summer, including your local public library, at local book/charity shops and new S2-S6 pupils have access to 1400+ books via the Wheeler's ePlatform.

Glasgow Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Glasgow Libraries are launching their Summer Reading Challenge in partnership with The Reading Agency and WWF on 19th June. You can sign up at one of the public libraries that have reopened, or you can take part online. The Reading Agency website has lots of fun activities, games, a Book Sorter and Find A Read suggestions. [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Glasgow Libraries also gives you access to eMusic, eBooks, eMagazines, eResources and eAudiobooks. You can join online and be issued with a temporary membership number which will allow you to borrow from a wide range of digital resources. See their website for full information and access the online catalogue.

<https://libcat.csghlasgow.org/web/arena/elibrary>

Ebooks Available From Your School Library

(new S2-6 pupils only this summer. We will be rolling out the ebook platform to new p5-S1 in August 2021)

The School Library has 1400+ eBooks available via Wheeler's ePlatform, allowing you to browse, borrow and read books anytime/anywhere on any device. You can:

- borrow one eBook at a time for up to 14 days and up to 8 eBooks per month.
- reserve books currently out on loan as well as suggesting titles not currently in the catalogue for future purchase.
- choose your preferred background colour, font size/style and line spacing with the settings wizard

There are 2 ways to access the ePlatform:

- Download the Wheelers ePlatform app from Play Store onto your phone/tablet/PC
- Use this link <https://jhs.eplatform.co.uk/school>
- To sign into your individual account, use your school log in name and the password Chamberlain1920 (this is your short email address – eg jo_smith)



Lateral Flow Testing Device Kits (LFD) for secondary pupils

Scottish Government is encouraging pupils to continue with Lateral Flow testing throughout the summer break. Test kits can be collected from the South Campus office. Aside from summer testing, all secondary pupils should ensure that they have a LFD kit to allow them to carry-out an at-home test prior to their return on the 18th August.

SQA

Pupil results were released on Monday 14th June along with an MSForm to allow pupils to alert us to concerns or to indicate their intention to pursue an SQA appeal. The [SQA appeals service](#) opens on Friday 25 June and closes on Thursday 12 August.



Pupils who wish to appeal the grade submitted to SQA must lodge the appeal themselves.

Results day is Tuesday 10th August 2021.



Bannockburn 2021

After our Virtual Bannockburn event last year, we were delighted to welcome our historical re-enactors back for a live event this year over two days in May. S1 pupils experienced life in a medieval camp, learnt about weapons and stage fighting techniques and, mostly importantly, once again helped Bruce win the Battle of Bannockburn! Thank you very much to S1 – you were very enthusiastic and made the whole day a huge amount of fun for everyone

Secondary pupils return to school Wednesday 18th August

New S1 pupils should report to the assembly hall at 8.55am.
All other year groups should report to their tutor class for 9am.

If there are any updates to school guidance or other changes to the timetable, we will alert you on MS Teams and/or will place posters on the South Campus entry doors.

Thank you again for all your hard work and have a fantastic summer.