



Term started after the October break with preparation for COP26 activities and some adjustments to our COVID mitigations. School guidance remains largely unchanged with face coverings and restrictions on assemblies and in-person events still in place. This requires us to continue to restrict visitors to the school with most events, such as parents' evenings, taking place as virtual meetings.

We cancelled our fireworks display and it is unlikely that we will be able to have our normal Christmas events given the current school COVID restrictions. This means that our Christmas ceilidhs, PTA fayre and in-school Christmas concert will not take place again this year. We will, of course, look at what we can do and update you when we can.

We are very grateful for your continued support with lateral flow testing which we believe is a powerful tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school.

Kind regards,  
John Anderson  
Rector

## AGM

All parent members are warmly invited to attend our Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 23 November, via Zoom. Full details were released to parents by email and can also be found on our website [here](#).

Our AGM will be followed by two optional sessions for Primary and Secondary parents:

- Big Maths-a presentation by Principal Teacher, Emma McIntyre
- Optimising Mental Health - a presentation by our school counsellor, Claire Stevens.

## Educational Amenities Trust: Help us Strive Higher!



**Help Us Strive Higher!**

[www.jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk/development](http://www.jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk/development)



Trustees approved several grants in October to allow our pupils to participate in a variety of co-curricular activities. For example, our COP26 projects have been generously funded by the trust to allow pupils to participate free of charge. Our lunchtime and after-school clubs, and pupil entry to competitions, have also been supported and are much appreciated.

Please take 5minutes to review our updated [Striving Higher campaign brochure](#) which details why we need your support and how you can help us. We are working behind the scenes to refresh our campaign and will give further updates in 2022.

Thank-you for supporting our campaign through your on-going monthly donations to our [Educational Amenities Trust](#).

Our next Jordanhill Journal, showcasing the work of current and former pupils, will be published in December.

## Ask the awkward



This is a new resource designed to help parents prepare for regular conversations with children about online relationships and related topics. It also offers advice on how to keep conversations positive and what to do if your child tells you something that worries you.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward>

## Contacting the school



Microsoft Teams

A reminder to parents that only **pupils** should use Microsoft Teams to contact staff.

Parents and carers can contact the school by emailing [info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk) or calling 0141 576 2500. This allows us to keep track of parental queries and to reserve MS Teams for pupil queries.

Our preferred method for receiving notifications of pupil absences is by email to [absence@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:absence@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk).

Alternatively, please telephone the dedicated absence line – 0141 576 2526 and not the main School number which is especially busy at the start of the day. This ensures that the absence is recorded timely by the attendance officer, preventing unnecessary phone calls to parents/carers.

Further details are on the School website here: - [Attendance and Absence – Jordanhill School](#)

## School holidays

Our school term dates can be found on our website [here](#).

Term dates for 2022-23 (previously draft) have now been finalised with no changes to the draft dates communicated previously.

## School uniform

We continue to be impressed by the high standards of Jordanhill uniform. There does appear to be several unclaimed items, particularly secondary hoodies, that litter the school grounds at the end of each day.

Please continue to label hoodies, blazers, jackets and jumpers to allow us to re-unite lost items with their owners. Thank-you.



## Team Building and Interhouse

Our S1 pupils spent a highly successful team building morning with great encouragement from the PE staff and fellow S1 pupils. This was followed by interhouse events for S1-S3 pupils who took part in spirited competition despite the inclement weather.



## COP26 activities



The world's first hydrogen powered bus stopped at Jordanhill School en-route to COP26. This helped us start our climate change and sustainability work with S1 pupils who were treated to a tour of the bus and explanation of the role it will play in creating 'greener' transport. There was a flurry of media interest with pupils interviewed by the BBC and local newspapers.



In Primary, we were fortunate to be invited to the Caledonia electric bus depot by First Bus. Pupils involved were selected after delivering an environment themed presentation to their class. Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland and Janette Bell, First Bus – UK Managing Director, enjoyed talking with our pupils and hearing about their impressions of the electric fleet and their environmental awareness.

All Primary classes have been learning a COP26 song and we look forward to sharing this with parents soon.

## S6 Charity

S6 pupils selected the local charity [Refuweegee](#) as their chosen charity to support for 2021-2022.

Refuweegee aims to provide a warm welcome to forcibly displaced people arriving in Glasgow by offering practical support and help.

Pupils started their charity drive prior to the October break with the Dress Down Day. The Committee will be looking at ways that we can support the charity this session and are looking at fundraisers as well as providing practical support to help provide items for the welcome packs that are offered to all people supported by Refuweegee

## Refuweegee

(ref-u-wee-gee)

*noun* - A person who upon arrival in Glasgow is embraced by the people of the city, a person considered to be local.

*see also Glaswegian -*

*We're all fae somewhere*

## Primary dress-up day

On Friday 29th October, we challenged our pupils and staff to apply their creativity and dress to reflect a theme chosen by each class.

Pictured are our Primary 2 pupils dressed to reflect their 'People Who Help Us' topic.



## Pupil voice groups

Our Primary and Secondary pupil councils have reconvened to consider how they can help us improve Jordanhill School. The first meeting of the Primary Pupil Council met last month and one child from each class received their Pupil Council badges.

The following positions on the Council were selected -

**Chairperson** - Olivia Burns P7A **Vice Chairperson** - Nayan McLaughlin P7B

**Secretary** - Lexie March P6B, Alex Nicolson P6A **Vice Secretary** - Caitlin Laing P5A, Alex Low P5B

**Members** – Rosie Tilston P1A, Oliver Ross P1B, Anna Dodson P1C, Ethan MacLeod P2A, Islay Duncan P2B, Harry Foster P2C, Phoebe Kawmi P3A, Harrison Crichton P3B, Ollie Hamilton P4A, Ava McColl P4B.

At the first meeting, the children were very excited, and they had plenty of ideas to discuss.

This term, they decided that they would like to promote the BBC Children in Need Appeal with events planned for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. We will release further details very soon.



## S4 Mock Exams and Supported Study

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| Retrieval Practice        |
| Questioning & Elaboration |
| Concrete Examples         |
| Spaced Practice           |
| Interleaving              |



Our mock exam diet runs from Wed 24 Nov until Fri 3 Dec. These are important assessments for S4 pupils as they will examine content covered since the beginning of S3 and will offer pupils an insight into their understanding of their learning to date. Results will be used to help pupils with course choice for S5 (Feb 2022) and will help teachers formulate predicted grades.

Please refer to our website for the [S4 Mock Exam Timetable](#). The S4 Supported Study timetable is also available on this page.

A general study skills booklet can be found on our website [here](#).