



News Bulletin

December 2021



Dear Pupils and Parents,

End of term approaches with some uncertainty but also much to celebrate since I wrote my first e-bulletin this time last year. We have tried to include as much pupil work as possible in the latest edition of the [Jordanhill Journal](#) which I hope you enjoy. I am very proud and grateful to work in a school that helps to develop young people who express themselves so creatively.

As 2022 begins, we will continue to navigate through the challenges of COVID and whatever restrictions we face as a school and in society. **Please take note of the following update with regards to isolation for contacts.**

Thank-you for your on-going support of our work. I very much hope that you and your families keep well this Christmas season and that we can look forward to a bright(er) 2022.

John Anderson
Rector

COVID-19 Isolation update



We continue to follow all guidance issued by Public Health and the Scottish Government regarding COVID-19 mitigations and protocols. We have been issued with updated advice that does affect the isolation period for pupils and staff if they are identified as a contact.

Given how quickly guidance is changing, please go to [NHS Inform](#) for full, up to date guidance.

Currently, Test and Protect continue to oversee all contact tracing, so please follow NHS advice if your children test positive or are identified as a close contact of someone with a positive test result.

- **All** household contacts of **any** confirmed Covid case must now isolate for 10 days regardless of their vaccination status and even if they initially get a negative PCR test.
- Non household contacts should continue to isolate pending a PCR result. If that is negative, they can leave isolation at that point as long as they are double vaccinated.

From the school's perspective, it is imperative we collectively follow this advice scrupulously to avoid any community transmission in school.



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Celebrating Success: Follow us on Twitter

We are increasingly using our [Twitter account](#) to showcase the life and work of Jordanhill School.

Please follow us on Twitter to help us celebrate the fantastic work of our pupils.

Storehouse Hampers

The annual S1 Community Christmas project has once again been a huge success. For the last few years S1 pupils have supported Storehouse Foodbank. The Foodbank, based in Anniesland, supports over 300 families in the west and north of the city. S1 pupils and many members of staff generously donated to this worthy cause. The house captains 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.



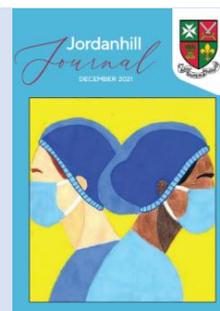
Christmas Concerts and Music Making

Our musicians, teachers and instrumental instructors are looking forward to our pupils' efforts coming together for our Christmas concerts. Although not able to perform to a parental audience, we are recording performances that we will share with parents prior to the Christmas break.

Members of our senior choir and our Brass Quartet entertained the Cancer Support Scotland Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December (pictured with Santa and Judith Ralston from the BBC).

Jordanhill Journal

We are delighted to present the December version of the Jordanhill Journal which can be found [here](#). Our Journal celebrates the work of pupils, parents, staff and friends whose lives are connected by Jordanhill school.



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.

Sunday Times Parent Power 2022

Jordanhill School was again 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.



Secondary Christmas Themed Day: Friday 17th December

The S6 Charity Committee have arranged for Friday 17th December to be a Christmas Themed day for all Secondary pupils.



Secondary pupils are invited to get into the Christmas spirit by wearing something Christmas themed and to make a donation of £2 to the S6 Charity, [Refuweegee](#).

The S6 Charity Committee are keen to promote sustainable choices, so if you don't have a Christmas jumper but would still like to take part then S6 have suggested that you could wear a themed item e.g a Christmas themed face covering, a Santa hat, Christmas socks, a tinsel bow on your school bag.

S6 pupils will collect the donations at tutor time on Friday morning.

Primary Christmas themed days

Please refer to the Primary newsletter issued by Mr Buchan on Friday 3rd December for full details of the Primary Christmas events. A reminder of dates and events is shown below.

Date	Event
Wednesday 15 th	P2
Thursday 16 th	P4 and P5
Thursday 16 th	Christmas lunch in the refectory
Friday 17 th	P1 and P6
Monday 20 th	P3 and P7
Tuesday 21 st	Snow White Pantomime



Children are invited to wear a **Christmas Jumper (on top of their school uniform)** for fun on their Christmas themed day.

A reminder of the dismissal times for pupils on the day of their Christmas themed day:

P1 – 3 dismissed at 3.15 pm

P4 – P7 dismissed at 3.30 pm.

Please remember to pay the fee (on Parent Pay) for the themed day and Pantomime.

Last Day of term arrangements

Our last day of term is Wednesday 22nd December. Pupils will take part in Christmas themed activities as well as the Christmas service which we intend to live-stream to all classes in the morning too.

Pupils will be dismissed from school at 12 pm.

Big Maths

Miss McIntyre presented an excellent overview of our Big Maths teaching approaches during the recent Jordanhill Conference. This is a key teaching strategy we use throughout Primary to build and strengthen learners' mental maths skills. The presentation can be found on our website here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk\)](http://jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk)

Optimising mental health

Our school counsellor, Claire Stevens, delivered a very informative presentation at our parents' conference following our AGM. If you were unable to attend, you can watch Claire's presentation which can be found on our website here:

<https://www.jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk/optimising-mental-health/>



S2 Examinations

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

S5-S6 Mock Examinations

The timetable for the S5/6 Mock Exams was published to pupils via MS Teams and can be found on our website here: [Pupils – Jordanhill School](#)

The exam diet will run from Monday, 31st January – Friday 11th February and there will be exams running on every day of the 10-day diet.

Course Choice

We made significant changes to the [course choice](#) process for S2 and for S4/5 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

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 disrupt the workings of the school.

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.

Further details on our Winter Weather guidance can be found [here](#).

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 given the increased likelihood of ice/snow over the winter months.



Clothing

Standard uniform items contain a full range of clothing for cold weather – jumpers, hats and scarves. Warm jackets are acceptable to be worn over the blazer as long as they are removed on 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.

S4 – S6 Pupils

S4 – S6 pupils were issued with a copy of [‘Your Qualifications.’](#)

This SQA publication gives important information about:

- current plans for exams in 2022
- qualification changes to take account of the disruption to learning over the past two years
- contingency plans if exams are cancelled
- the importance of coursework / assessments being the work of the candidate and the possible penalties imposed if cheating occurs.



Emergency Egress Plans

A reminder to all parents that, in the event of a pupil sustaining an injury that impairs their mobility, we need you to sign an egress plan for your child. This helps us to put in place assistance for pupils (e.g. access to school lifts and support with carrying bags) and ensure that we have a plan in place for the pupil to leave the building during an emergency evacuation. Please ensure that you get in touch with the School to arrange this, before bringing a young person into School.

Lateral Flow Testing Device Kits (LFD) for secondary pupils

Regular lateral flow testing is helping to catch positive cases before pupils come to school. We encourage this practice and we will make LFD kits available at secondary tutor time so that pupils can collect an additional kit prior to the Christmas break.

We encourage all secondary pupils to carry-out an at-home test prior to their return on the 5th of January 2022.



Dates for the Diary

December

Wednesday 22nd School closes 12.00 noon

January 2022

Wednesday 5th School re-opens

Thursday 6th S4 Parents' Evening and Information session (Virtual)

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th S2 examinations

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

Board of Managers

Following the AGM on Tuesday 23rd November, we are pleased to announce the new office bearers for 2022:

Convenor: Kenneth Hastie
Vice-Convenor: Deborah Hughes
Treasurer: Emma Miller

A reminder that an overview of the work of the board, including board meeting minutes, can be found [here](#).

Primary Christmas Card

The annual Primary Christmas Card winners from each stage are as follows :

P1C Tara Porter P2B Chloe Yang
P3B Bobby Bennett P4A Harry Morton
P5A Jasleen Kaur P6B Isla Thomson
P7A Tara McIntyre

The overall winner was the design created by Katie Longhurst in P7B. Katie's lovely design will feature as the school's Christmas card this year.

Congratulations to all the children who took part and also to Mrs Fleming who judged all entries.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From all the staff and pupils at Jordanhill School

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