



August-September 2022

It has been a successful start to the session, and we very much enjoyed welcoming new and existing pupils to school on the 17th of August. Our re-introduced assemblies also gave us an opportunity to convey our congratulations and thanks to seniors who excelled in this year's SQA exams.

The much-delayed whole school centenary photograph was finally completed on Tuesday 23rd of August in between rain showers. The photography team remarked on the excellent standard of school uniform and enjoyed capturing the magnificent sight of all pupils gathered together. We will give further details about purchasing the photographs soon.

In June, we said goodbye to many long-serving members of staff who are now enjoying their retirement. We therefore welcomed many new staff to our school and look forward to them becoming known to pupils and parents over the coming months.

Former pupils, parents and former staff are looking forward to our Kelvingrove Centenary dinner on the 17th of September. This will give us an opportunity to engage with friends of Jordanhill school past and present after the lengthy period of school closure to visitors.

I hope your child has settled-in well to the routines of school and I look forward to seeing you at school events this term.

Best wishes,
John Anderson
Rector

Sports

A beautiful Saturday morning marked the return of our sporting programme for 2022-23 on 27th August. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have re-started our Saturday breakfast service, which was warmly welcomed by players and parents. Our coaches and parent volunteers enjoyed working with their squads and are looking forward to a successful year ahead.



After a lengthy two years with limited spectators, it is great to see parents coming back to watch our squads. Please do come along on a Saturday morning, and pop into the refectory for a tea/coffee/hot roll served by our PTA volunteers.

Industrial Action

Industrial action is affecting some local authority schools next week. This action does not directly affect Jordanhill School. We will remain open as normal.

AGM and Parents' Conference

Our Parents' Conference is on Tuesday 20th September at 7pm in the school. Details of the parent workshops and how to sign-up can be found [here](#). The conference will be followed by Jordanhill School's AGM at 8pm in the school assembly hall. Both events are designed to give parents an insight into Jordanhill School and will include opportunities to hear about the successes of the past year and hear about how we are planning for the years ahead.



A warm welcome is extended to all parent members. Following the AGM, there will be an opportunity for parents to meet board members and the school management team.

Welcome to our new Director of Development



Jill Robinson, our new Director of Development, joined us on the 1st of August. Jill brings a wealth of experience to Jordanhill School from her previous leadership roles in the charity sector.



A key part of Jill's work is to lead our [Striving Higher Development Campaign](#).

This is designed to secure resources that can bring to life our ambitions for Jordanhill School, allowing us to further extend the high standard of experience for current and future generations of Jordanhill pupils.

If you would like to discuss more about our Striving Higher Campaign and how you can continue to support the school, please contact our Director of Development, Jill Robinson at the school: info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

Staffing

We welcome the following new staff to Jordanhill School and wish them well as they embark on the exciting new challenges that working here brings:

Mrs Claire Johnston – Teacher of Biology
Mr Tonci Buzov – Sports Development Officer (Rugby)
Mrs Jill Robinson – Director of Development
Miss Emma Gillan – Primary Teacher
Miss Bryony Kenmuir – Business Teacher
Mrs Dawn McPeake – Teacher of Health and Food Technology
Mr James Munro – Janitor
Mr Christopher Cameron – Janitor
Mrs Irene Macdonald – Admin Team

Please also note the following changes for existing staff:

Miss Laura Lamont – Teacher of Chemistry
Mrs Giuliana Iafra – temporary Principal Teacher Development and Pastoral Care (Montgomerie House)
Miss Beth Davidson (Primary) is now Ms Beth Sørensen



School Captaincy Team

We are pleased to announce that the following pupils have been appointed to our S6 Captaincy team:

Captains: Niamh Allan and Alasdair Fisher

Senior Vice-Captains: Finn and Ella Grierson

Vice-Captains: Ava Wadsworth, Phoebe Haldane, Eilidh Corfield and Cameron Hill

Thank you to all S6 pupils who put themselves forward for the captaincy team and to all staff and pupils who took part in the captaincy elections.

We wish the new S6 team well as they plan and lead events for all pupils over the coming year.

School holidays and September events

The board of managers approved our term dates for 2023-24 at their August meeting.

You can find our holiday dates on our website [here](#).

September weekend: School is closed to pupils on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th September.

October break: We are closed to pupils on Friday 14th October (in-service day) and Monday 17th to Friday 21st October, with pupils returning to school on Monday 24th October.

September events

Wednesday 7 th September:	S4 Parents' briefing (6-7pm); S6 Parents' briefing (7-8pm).
Thursday 8 th September:	Welcome to S1 Disco (7-9pm).
Tuesday 20 th September:	AGM and Parents' Conference (7-9.30pm)
Thursday 22 nd September:	Charity dress down day
Thursday 29 th September:	Primary Open Evening (6.30-8.30pm)

Board of managers

The August board meeting was held in school on Tuesday 23rd of August. A brief summary of the board meeting is detailed below. The minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next meeting and posted on the school's website [here](#).

Annual report : The board reviewed and approved the school's annual report which will be presented to members at the AGM. In addition, board members engaged in discussion about the challenges facing the school and noted energy costs and funding as key concerns.

Admissions: Board members reviewed and discussed the statistics related to admissions to the school as part of the annual review and update of [admission regulations](#).

Staffing: The Rector detailed changes to school staffing including new staff who started with us in August.

Music Tuition: Board members engaged in discussion regarding the challenges of maintaining our current free provision of instrumental instruction given the significant decrease in income. Board members approved the school's new policy on music instruction which can be found on our website [here](#).

If you would like to hear about any aspect of the work of the board of managers, please contact us at the school info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

Food provision in Jordanhill School

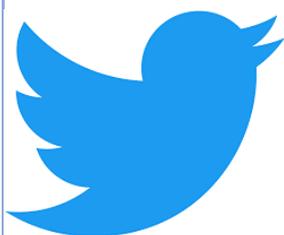
Currently, all pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 5 receive free school meals (FSM). The national roll-out of the FSM initiative to all primary pupils has been delayed in all local authorities in Scotland. As soon as an announcement is made regarding government funding for P6 and P7, we will write to all parents.



We enjoyed welcoming P1 pupils and their parents to the P1 food tasting event on Thursday 25th August.

Menus and details about food provision in Jordanhill School can be found on our website [here](#).

School communications



We use email as our primary method of communicating with parents. Later in the term, we intend to use Groupcall to alert parents to absences and latecoming via text messages. Details to follow.

The website contains a wealth of information and is regularly updated. We also use our Twitter feed to celebrate pupil success. Please join us by [following us](#) on Twitter @JordanhillSch

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 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. 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 absences are recorded timeously by the attendance officer, preventing unnecessary phone calls to parents/carers. Further details are on the school website here: - [Attendance and Absence – Jordanhill School](#)

Unifrog – The Complete Destinations Platform



In keeping with our commitment to provide students with careers guidance and support when choosing their next step after school, we have introduced the use of Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All pupils in S6 now have their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations.

The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways

For more information, please visit www.unifrog.org or contact Mrs Thomson at the school.

School Publications and Events

We use photographs and video which celebrate pupil successes, or other aspects of the collective life of the school. These are shared in our various publications: our website, prospectus, promotional brochures, school social media and YouTube channels, school journal, e-bulletins, notice boards and information events for current, prospective or former parents or pupils, or any other similar activity controlled by Jordanhill School.

Each pupil's photograph is taken at the beginning of term to update our records. We use these photographs in our management information system (for attendance, pastoral notes and refectory card) and in internal use of MS Teams/O365.

As part of our routine admissions process, we ask for consent to use your child's image. If you **do not consent** to the use of your child's image as described above, please tell us using this [form](#) so that we can update our records. Parents of pupils in P1 and S1 do not need to alert us as they have already completed a consent form.

Our policy on use of images can be found on our website here: **ICT and acceptable use** www.jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ICT-E-safety-and-Acceptable-Use-2018.pdf

As always, if you have any queries, please contact us at the school.

S6 Charity 2022

Refuweege was the charity adopted by S6 last year and they took part in lots of fun events to raise funds to support the incredible work that is done by the charity. We were still faced with Covid restrictions and so a lot of our usual fundraising events could not take place. Despite these challenges, S6 raised a total of £3,555.13 from the events in school. This amount was more than doubled by the fantastic efforts of S6 parents who ran various social events and donated the proceeds from these events to Refuweege.



Our new S6 pupils took part in a citizenship event in June and nominated 7 charities as possible ones for this session. Following on from more research in to all these charities, the S6 group have chosen to support Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol (SFAD). This is another fantastic charity. You can find out more about the charity [here](#).

Jordanhill School's Vision, Values and Aims

Following an extensive consultation with pupils, parents and staff that started in October 2021, we have refreshed Jordanhill School's Vision, Values and Aims. Respondents and focus group discussions endorsed our school motto and our mission to be a place of teaching and learning excellence. In addition, there was strong support for the refresh itself and for our ambition to create opportunities and activities that help our pupils live our shared values.



Our new Vision, Values and Aims can be found on our website here: [Jordanhill School Vision, Values and Aims – Jordanhill School](#)

If you wish to find out more about the work of the ethos and values group, and contribute to our design of related activities, please sign-up for our [parent conference workshop](#) on the 20th of September.

Can recycling

The “Wee can” recycling scheme has gathered excellent momentum over the summer term! Our deposits to EMR recycling have earned nearly £100 so far which we are re-investing into further eco projects within the school.

We encourage all pupils and community friends to bring in their empty drinks cans to school for recycling – or take them directly to EMR recycling on 739 South Street.

The account number is **L00056112** (quote if you are dropping off cans directly).

FAQs:

- Is it ok to bring in can which have had alcohol in them? – yes
- Is it ok to bring in cans from a litter pick? – yes
- Do I have to crush the cans? – no, it just makes it more space efficient if you do.
- Do I need to wash out the cans? – no (the cans are stored and accumulated outside in crates where the rain water washes them)
- Can I recycle any other metal on the school account – yes: radiators, cables, copper, large domestic appliances can also be taken directly to EMR on the school account.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

PTA Events

We are pleased to advise that the PTA are supporting with the Saturday Refectory service which is in place for our pupils and visiting teams in hockey / football / rugby on Saturday mornings from 9.30am until 12noon.



We would be very keen to enlist any new parent / carers to the PTA to help support with fund raising events for our School.

Some of the events planned for this term are as follows:

- Saturday 1st October – Used Uniform Sale. We would appreciate donations of good quality used uniform items for our sale. Donations can be dropped off at main reception.
- Friday 4th November – Laser Show planned. Further details to follow.
- Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre.

We hope to look forward to welcoming new members to the PTA. Please email PTA@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk if you would like to volunteer or if you wish more information.

Thank you for your support, Jordanhill School PTA

S4 and S6 Parents' Briefings

Our S4 & S6 Parents' Briefings are on Wednesday 7th of September.

The **S4 meeting will start at 6pm in the Assembly Hall** and is an opportunity to hear about studying National Qualifications, SQA procedures, preparing for success and key dates in the S4 calendar. If you have any questions you would like us to consider in advance of this meeting, then please add these to this [form](#).

The **S6 meeting will start at 7pm in the Assembly Hall** and is an opportunity to hear about the S6 experience and how we can help pupils get the most from S6. If you have any questions you would like us to consider in advance of this meeting, then please add these to this [form](#).