



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our 'Halloween' themed day planned for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We have chosen Renfrewshire Food Bank as our nominated charity for the day, and we are encouraging young people – and staff – to come to school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October in fancy dress, in support of a very worthwhile cause that benefits families in Renfrewshire. If you don't feel up to the costume challenge, then there is the option of 'non uniform' with the usual caveats of sensible and appropriate clothing. The nominal donation of a food item or £1 is optional but we hope as many of you as possible can contribute to help local people in need. We aim to make school life as enjoyable as we can for our young people, and at this challenging time, a themed day with prizes for the best costumes for pupils and staff will hopefully bring some smiles. In keeping with our diligent approaches to reducing risks associated with COVID-19 transmission, we ask that young people in costume continue to wear masks normally worn to reduce risk of spreading.

This leads me to the Scottish Government's announcement earlier this week where the continuation of mask wearing in classrooms and school communal areas was confirmed.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/covid-19-safety-in-schools/>

We recognise the outstanding contribution of the young people in Gryffe High School who play their part in reducing the risks around COVID-19. Day after day they arrive 'ready to learn' with books, jotters, PE kit... and masks, and we all look forward to the day when the latter are no longer deemed necessary in school settings. In the meantime, please continue to be vigilant in supporting our approach to keeping our community safe by encouraging young people to wash hands and/or sanitise regularly as part of their school routine.

Our extra-curricular opportunities continue to expand, and new recruits are welcome across the wide range of activities on offer. Please take the time to talk to your child about participating in at least one of the options detailed at the end of this update. School extra-curricular activities are free and offer young people the chance to develop new skills and to socialise in a safe, relaxed environment.

Our second 'virtual' Parents' Evening took place yesterday, and 83% of S3 parents/carers participated. We delivered over 1000 meetings last night supporting the next steps in young peoples' learning. There are still a few connectivity issues that we continue to work with our platform provider in attempting to solve. However, the evening proved to be a great success with parents/carers able to connect with their child's teachers in a way that wasn't possible last session.

Kindest regards,

Kevin Christie  
Head Teacher

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### Opportunities to Achieve – Clubs, Committees and Teams

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Time(s)</b>	<b>Year group(s)</b>	<b>Staff contact(s)</b>
Art, Design & Tech Club	Art & GD rooms	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	S1-S6	Miss Hutchison and Miss Russell
Art - DoFE	Art rooms	Tuesday	After School	S3-4 (pre-booked only)	Miss Russell
Citizenship Committee	RME room	Monday	Lunch	S1-6	Mrs Davey
Concert Band	Music room	Tuesday	After School	S1-6	Miss Monaghan
Cookery - DoFE	HFT rooms	Monday and Wednesday	After School	S3-4 (pre-booked only)	Miss Marshall and Mrs Thomson
Digital Ninjas	Art room 3	Wednesday	After School	S1-6	Mrs Dumbreck
Doodle and Destress	Wellbeing Hub	Wednesday	After School	S1-6	Miss O'Hara and Miss Carrigan
Drama Club – Pantomime	Theatre	Coming Soon	TBC	S1-6	Mrs Carter
Duke of Edinburgh Award	Various	Various	After School	S3-6	Mr S Taylor
Eco Committee	Theatre	Thursday fortnightly	Lunch	S1-6	Mr Clark
Equality and Diversity Committee	English room 3	Thursday	Lunch	S1-6	Mrs Carter
Geo Film Club	SS5	Monday	Lunch	S1-3	Miss Iafrate & Senior pupils
Library	Library	Wednesday and Friday	After School	S1-6	Librarians – Miss Kane and Ms Bortolato
Library	Library	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	Lunch	S1-6	Librarians – Miss Kane and Ms Bortolato
Rock Band	Music room	Coming Soon	TBC	S1-6	Mr Gavienas
School Show	Theatre	Coming Soon	TBC	S1-6	Mrs Carter
Science Club	Lab 7	Wednesday	Lunch	S1	Mr McGurk and Mr Shepherd
Ukulele club	Music room	Thursday	Lunch	S1-2	Miss Monaghan

**Scroll down for School Sport Opportunities. . .**

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## School Sport Programme

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Time(s)</u>	<u>Year group(s)</u>	<u>Staff contact(s)</u>
Archery	Championships/ Festivals	*ASCP	TBC	S1-S6	Mr Gallacher
Athletics	Championships	*ASCP + SSAA events	TBC	S1-S6	Mr O'Hare
Badminton	Club	Wednesdays	3pm-4pm	S1-S6	Mr Friel/Mr Taylor
Badminton	Championships	*ASCP	TBC	S1-S6	Mr Friel
Basketball	Clubs	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays	8am-8:40am 12:35pm- 1:00pm 3:45pm-5pm	S5-S6 S1-S3 S4-S6	Mr Malcolm Mr Vannet/Mr Malcolm Mr Vannet
Basketball	Teams	When arranged	TBC	various	Mr Vannet & Mr Malcolm
Fitness	Class	Wednesdays	3pm-4pm	Staff Only	Miss Wright
FootbALL	Club	Fridays	3pm-4pm	S1-S6	Mr Christie
Football (Boys)	Teams	When arranged	TBC	Seniors Under 15's Under 13's	Mr Christie & Mr O'Hare Mr Gallacher & Mr McBlain Mr Friel & Miss Wright
Football (Girls)	Teams	*ASCP	TBC	S1-S6 Girls	Scott Graham (Active Schools Coordinator)
Hockey	Club Teams	Fridays *ASCP	3pm-4pm TBC	S1-S6 S1-S6	Mrs Blackstock Mrs Blackstock
Netball	Clubs	Mondays Tuesdays Tuesdays	3:45pm-5pm 1:25pm- 1:50pm 3:45pm-5pm	S1-S3 S1-S6 S4-S6	Miss Clark & Senior Pupils Miss Holmes, Miss Still & Miss Clark Miss Holmes, Miss Still & Miss Clark
Netball	Teams	When arranged	TBC	Open S1 – S3	Miss Holmes Miss Clark
Skiing	Teams	When arranged	TBC	S1-S6	Mrs Ward
Table Tennis	Club	Wednesdays	12:35pm- 1:00pm	S1-S6	Mr O'Hare
Volleyball	Club Teams	Mondays *ASCP	1:25pm- 1:50pm TBC	S1-S6 S1-S6	Mrs O'Hare

\*ASCP – Active Schools Competition Programme (as an when events arise)

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