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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome our young people back to school this week, our S2-S6 pupils returning and reconnecting with friends and teachers, and our new S1 pupils, joining Gryffe High School as secondary school pupils for the first time. It is especially pleasing to witness the high standard of uniform worn by our young people and we look forward to maintaining this high standard throughout the session. Creating a sense of belonging and identity is important for everyone in the school community, and on behalf of staff in our school, I would like to express our gratitude to parents/carers for supporting the wearing of uniform, including blazers and plain black footwear.

School Photographs for S1,S3, S5 & S6

On Monday 23rd August, S1,S3 & S5 pupils will have their individual school photograph taken. S6 pupils will have an individual photograph and there will also be an S6 Year Group photo produced this session, best smiles and uniform on Monday please!



'Activ8' is our extended curricular after school programme, designed to offer pupils the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities aimed at developing active bodies and active minds. Activ8 enters its 12th session when it returns for an 8 week slot from Wednesday 25th August until the October break. A programme of activities is currently being finalised with information to be shared on Monday afternoon on our school social media channels and via Satchel One (The new name for Show My Homework). Pupils should meet in the Games Hall at 2:55pm on Wednesday if interested in participating, with leadership roles on offer to senior pupils. Activ8 is for all!

Activities Week 2022

Our Activities coordinator has put together a comprehensive list of United Kingdom based Activities for S1-S3 pupils for May 2022. We are currently awaiting guidance from the local authority on the viability of our Activities week for this session. I am sure you can understand there are restrictions that we must consider with respect to COVID-19 and we will be guided by the advice we receive regarding insurance and other mitigations. We will update pupils and parents/carers as soon as we have clarification on this.

Parents Portal

In support of Renfrewshire Council's ambition to provide better communications between parents/carers and our school, we launched **Parentsportal.scot** - an exciting new initiative that facilitates a digital relationship between parents, pupils and the school. The portal is designed to replace the 'schoolbag run', giving parents online access to a range of school related services. At the heart of the system is a secure online account through **mygov.scot** which is referred to as 'My Account'. This is already used in over half of Renfrewshire schools, enabling parents to make payments online. As the portal develops, we look forward to seeing more services introduced in the coming months.

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On signing up to the portal, you will be able to link to your child and gain access to the services which are currently available, including Timetables, Attendance Data and more importantly, School Academic Reports. These are no longer issued in paper format and Parents Portal is the only way to access these reports. In order to link to your child, the data you provide during the sign-up process must match the most up-to-date data that the school holds for your child. Please be aware that the data you enter must match exactly with what we hold, or you will get an error message. If you need any help with this, please contact the school office staff who will be able to assist you. Parents Portal also allows you to have a direct link to ParentPay.

Please click on the link below to get started or copy to your internet browser:

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>

More information on all forms of communication to parents/carers will be issued separately in the coming days via Satchel One for S2-S6 and in paper format for new S1 pupils.

School Menu

Renfrewshire Council has launched a new menu across all schools this session, in line with nutritional guidance from the Scottish Government. Our catering team have asked us to collect feedback on the changes from young people and we will gather pupil views next week.

Health & Safety

Now that pupils have settled into their timetables, there will be anticipation of new learning, and we aim to do that in the safest way possible. Our 'one way' corridor system has been successful in managing the safe movement of people around the school and I have attached a school map with entrances for use identified. At the beginning of the school day, after morning interval and at the end of lunch, pupils should enter the building using the entrance closest to the department they are attending next. These are identified on the map overleaf. For example, a young person who has Maths Period 1 should enter the school building using Door 7 that morning. If a pupil has Art & Design after morning break, they should use Door 2 at the end of morning break to re-enter the school building. Entrance doors will have the receiving departments names on them for convenience. Staff will be on hand to ensure that young people are guided in the right direction as they move around the school between lessons.

Have a great weekend!

Best regards,

K Christie

Head Teacher

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Door 4
Business
Computing
Mod Langs

Door 5
HFT

Door 6
PE

Door 7
English
Mathematics

Door 8
Humanities
Geo; Hist;
Mod St; RE

Door 3
Music
Science

Door 2
Art & Design
Technical
Drama

Door 1
Main Entrance

