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Dear Parents/Carers

As explained in the December letter we have reverted back to a monthly letter to parents/carers, and will try to highlight where to find further details via Twitter/Facebook and the School Website.

Our main line of communication is **via: the school website, including the monthly newsletter; through Twitter and Facebook; through email; and through some text messaging**, although this will be limited due to the cost involved.

A possible New Year resolution - ensure that you use at least one of the above, PREFERABLY 'FOLLOWING US', in order to keep up to date with school matters and support our pupils.

I continue to be delighted at the range, and quality, of achievements of our pupils and I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter, which was uploaded to the News section of the school website last Friday 5 January 2018.



Contents of the Newsletter

- ✓ Parent Council; **ROAR**; **S6 Snowball**
- ✓ Lessons from Auschwitz
- ✓ **ROAR** – School Pride and Partners
- ✓ **S1 Christmas Party Fun**
- ✓ Christmas Concert Fun
- ✓ Christmas Jumper Day
- ✓ 'Single by Sunday' help to deliver Anti-Bullying message
- ✓ Fairtrade News
- ✓ S4 Parents' Meeting Feedback
- ✓ S5/6 Parents' Meeting Feedback
- ✓ ABC Mugs Project; S1 Team Truffle
- ✓ Achievement Awards for M.A.D.D. show pupils
- ✓ Gryffe Globes Film Awards 2017
- ✓ Advanced Higher Chemists visit to University of Strathclyde
- ✓ Scottish Space School 2018
- ✓ Higher Geography class attend Christmas Lecture at University of Glasgow
- ✓ Book Week Scotland
- ✓ Senior Parents' Meeting Art Exhibition
- ✓ Pupil of the Month in Modern Languages
- ✓ World Challenge Expedition 2019 Bolivia
- ✓ Winter Charity Appeal – Refuweegee
- ✓ The S6 challenge – Alex leads the way and raises £200 for St. Vincent's Hospice
- ✓ **Upcoming priorities/events**



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In our November Newsletter, and letter, we asked the question:

We are trying to form more Business/Employer Partnerships – Can you help us?

We detailed possible ways parents/carers/employers could help:

- ✓ **Quality work placements, visits or work shadowing opportunities**
- ✓ **Participation in careers events**
- ✓ **Developing pupil skills for applications and interviews**
- ✓ **Providing references**
- ✓ **Working with teachers to provide real business problems**
- ✓ **Provide resources with regard to your job role**

Unfortunately we have had very little uptake, two parents contacted us (Thank you), on what we had hoped would enhance both our partnership working and learning experience of our pupils.

If you are able to assist with any of the above **please** email our Project Leader Employability:

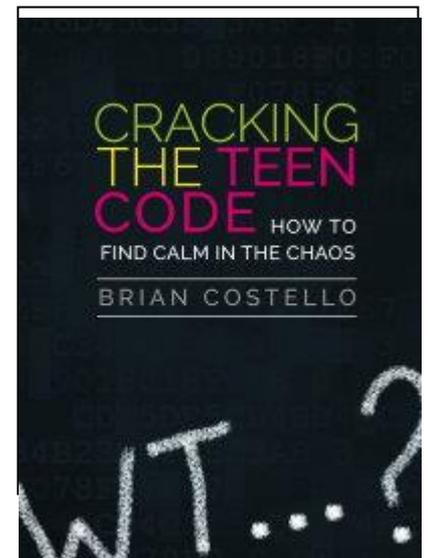
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I am taking this opportunity to give you details on an existing partnership, formed several years ago, which through collaborative working has significantly enhanced the learning experience of our pupils:

On Friday 5 December top mind expert and Gryffe partner, Brian Costello delivered an inspirational Assembly for S5 and S6 pupils on Making Decisions – Pleasure vs Pain. From his background of psychology, NLP, hypnosis, coaching and personal empowerment techniques Brian works with our pupils offering a range of practical strategies. This helped our Senior pupils feel more positive about their upcoming Prelims. Many left the Assembly with smiles ready to take on the challenge.

Brian has worked with Gryffe pupils for a number of years supporting large groups and individual pupils managing stress and anxiety, helping them to cope with the challenges of being a teenager. His work has also been featured on National TV and Radio and in national newspapers and magazines, however it all started through his work with Gryffe pupils – to which we are grateful.

Brian is about to publish a book about Teenagers and the psychology of Teenagers and is mainly **aimed at parents** who are tearing their hair out and want to learn how to keep themselves and their Teenager sane. He has offered our parents a special discount code so that Gryffe families can get 10% off tickets. The code is GRYFFE10 (it is Case Sensitive), the tickets are here - https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/129127/chk/f2d5/ref/website_widget



We like to support our partners and appreciate all they give to Gryffe.

Yours sincerely

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