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Dear Parent/Carer

It is September already and I can reflect on a particularly busy start to the session. Health and Safety, and the Wellbeing of all, were our key focus areas through August. Our pupils have returned to school, mainly with an excellent attitude and a desire to do well, however we do have some Learning and Teaching catching up to do, and we do need your help – as detailed overleaf.

Education Scotland Inspection Report

Education Scotland published the Inspection Report for Gryffe High School on Tuesday 11 August. We thought we would share some of the newspaper headlines:

“Top of the Scots”

“Joy as Renfrewshire Secondary makes history with inspection”

“Gryffe High School becomes first Scottish Secondary to get ‘excellent’ rating under new inspection model”

“Scottish first for Renfrewshire School as it receives a glowing Education Scotland Inspection Report”

Excellent

Very Good

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As is becoming a very familiar picture, of which I am delighted, the range, and quality, of achievements of our pupils has been highly impressive and I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter, which was uploaded to the News section of the school website last Wednesday.

Contents of the Newsletter

- ✓ Education Scotland Inspection Report
- ✓ Vision Schools Scotland Accreditation Award
- ✓ Parent Council Update; PTA Update
- ✓ Press release
- ✓ Excellent Very Good Excellent Excellent
- ✓ Letter from Gayle Gorman, Chief Inspector Education Scotland
- ✓ Pupil Management Group Update
- ✓ Attainment – SQA Results
- ✓ Recognising & Celebrating Achievements
- ✓ Vodafone UK Community Solution Award for Digital Ninjas
- ✓ Supporting Holocaust Education
- ✓ Parents in Partnership 2020
- ✓ Pupil Voice/Pupil Council News
- ✓ A Shout Out from SfL.....
- ✓ Learning & Teaching – RoA
- ✓ Our Rights Respecting Schools Journey
- ✓ Elliott secures place on Cyber First Course
- ✓ Drama News
- ✓ Ethan and Ewan enjoy (virtual) Space School
- ✓ UKMT Mathematical Challenges – 2020
- ✓ Activ8;
- ✓ Career Education and Community - Partnerships
- ✓ A few of our pupil opportunities;
- ✓ **Upcoming priorities/events**

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How Parents/Carers can become more involved in our school life:



- ✓ Learning and Teaching – We are struggling to have enough text books for our pupils. Many of our books have not been returned. **Could we please ask all parents/carers to encourage their children to return books**, or possibly, dare I say, look in their rooms, with them of course, and see what can be found! Art Department Plea - Could any S4, S5 or S6 pupil who borrowed Art Materials of any kind for home use last term, please return these items to the Art Department asap
- ✓ **Use Show My Homework** to keep in touch with what is happening within Gryffe.
- ✓ **Nominate your child for Achievement points** if they have achieved in an out of school event. Just fill in the simple online form via our school website or through:
<http://gryffachievements.weebly.com/nomination-form.html>
- ✓ Attend the next Parent Council Meeting, and possibly read about the presentations of the last Parent Council meetings on the school website, under the 'PARENT ZONE' tab, then 'Parent Council', to get a feel of what is involved without committing to it. The next ZOOM meeting is on Monday 21 September, 7:00 pm start. If interested in attending then please send an email to our gryffehighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and we will forward to Torquil Murray, Chair of Parent Council.
- ✓ **Encourage your child to be in full school uniform, be on time for school** – in school for the **FIRST** bell at 8:47am – and to complete all homework/assignment tasks given... as shown on SMHW. Please also encourage pupils wearing face masks.
- ✓ **Follow us on Twitter/Facebook and/or tell us how we can improve our wider communication.**

Please feel free to contact me, or one of my senior managers, in order to discuss any aspects of school life. We will continue to strive for improvement and as such look forward to many further successes in both our pupils attainment and achievement.

Yours sincerely

Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

Upcoming priorities/events	
Mon 7	Start of S1 Pastoral Interviews
Wed 9	Nurtured Wellbeing starter S1 & S2 Activ8 session 4 S1 & S2
Wed 16	Active Wellbeing starter S1 & S2 Activ8 session 5 S1 & S2
Thurs 17	S4-S6 Reports to pupils
Mon 21	Start of Gryffestyles Health Week S1 Health Day Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Wed 23	Respected Wellbeing starter S1 & S2 Activ8 session 6 S1 & S2
Thurs 24	3K Challenge
Fri 25	HOLIDAY
Mon 28	HOLIDAY
Tue 29	Prompt 8:47 am start back to school

Full calendar detail is kept up to date on the school website

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