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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

Health and Safety, the Wellbeing of All and Learning and Teaching continue to be our key focus areas. Our pupils on the whole have been incredibly considerate and supportive of one another, and our sixth year leaders have excelled in supporting others and leading by example.

The recent announcements from Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister, and John Swinney, Depute First Minister, have certainly reminded us all of the necessity to follow government guidelines and be considerate, thoughtful and supportive of each other. The announcement made in regard to SQA Examinations did not come as a surprise, and as a school we are very well prepared in moving forward.

Our **S1, S2 and S3 pupils** are working through their courses well, and we are providing additional support where we feel pupils are having difficulties or have gaps in their prior learning.

The emphasis on **S4 pupils** brings an understanding that sustained effort is needed now, as any estimates provided by the school will be based on work completed from this point on. Last minute studying before an exam is no longer an option. All work asked of must be completed to the best of your ability and submitted on time.

For **S5 and S6 pupils**, this is the time to put in all your efforts and prove how good you are. For S5 sitting SQA Examinations for the first time this will be a challenge, however this is the same for all S5 pupils across Scotland. From our tracking of your progress we are very confident that you will do well. The focus must be on your studies, doing all that is asked of you and asking for help if you feel some of the work is becoming difficult. Please remember the work in Higher and Advanced Higher does get difficult, it's how we react that is important.

Regardless of all current circumstances I am still delighted to issue a Newsletter which provides a wide range of impressive achievements of our pupils. The Newsletter was uploaded to the News section of the school website yesterday, as well as our **Standards and Quality Report** for last session – under the tab 'ABOUT US' and the 'Standards and Quality'. I hope you find this an **EXCELLENT** read, with much of the detail of successes clearly evaluated and confirmed by the HM Inspectors.

Contents of the Newsletter

- ✓ Jade Award; HM Inspectors visit and gaining an EXCELLENT for Raising Attainment and Achievement
- ✓ Vision Schools Scotland Accreditation Award
- ✓ Rights Respecting School Award
- ✓ Parent Council Update; PTA News
- ✓ Pupil Management Group Update
- ✓ Pupil Council update
- ✓ Standards and Quality Report
- ✓ A Shout Out from Support...; Learning and Teaching
- ✓ Music Leaders Scotland Award
- ✓ S6 PSE Ambassadors; Science Ambassadors
- ✓ S1 Science Club; Dance News
- ✓ Gryffestyles Week; 3K Challenge
- ✓ Artist of the Month; HF&T –Chef of the Month
- ✓ Mathematician of the Month; Scientist of the Month
- ✓ House News; Eco Update
- ✓ Duke of Edinburgh; Drama News
- ✓ Career Education and Community Partnership
- ✓ Foodbank; ADHD Awareness Week
- ✓ Upcoming priorities/events

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



- ✓ **Use Show My Homework** to keep in touch with what is happening within Gryffe.
- ✓ **Nominate your child for Achievement points** if they have achieved success in any event within or outwith school. Just fill in the simple online form via our school website or through: <http://gryffeachievements.weebly.com/nomination-form.html>
- ✓ **Encourage your child to be in full school uniform and 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 your child to come to school with, and wear, a face mask.
- ✓ **Follow us on Twitter/Facebook and/or tell us how we can improve our wider communication.**

Yours sincerely

Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

Upcoming priorities/events

OCTOBER

Thurs 8 S2 Interim Reports issued to pupils
 S1 Meet the Teachers Meeting,
 Fri 9 World Mental Health Day
 #HelloYellow

Mon 12 OCTOBER HOLIDAY WEEK

Mon 19 Staff In-Service Day
 Tue 20 Pupils return, prompt 8:47 am start
 Starter lesson Vision, Aims, Values and
 Health and Safety updates

Thurs 22 S3 Parents' Meeting, 4:30pm start
 Fri 23 Fundraising Non-Uniform Day... tbc

NOVEMBER

Mon 2 Start of Dyslexia Awareness Week
 Start of S4 Pastoral Interviews
 S3 Report issued as an update due to
 the cancelled Parents' Evening.
 Parent Council Meeting,
 7:00 – 8:30 pm online.



Gryffe PTA Xmas Shop 2020



The PTA are delighted to announce the opening of our online Xmas shop .
 We have a selection of bespoke Xmas items for you to choose from,
 all of which can be personalised with a name , date or Xmas message (max 15 characters).
 Order form is available on the school website & social media platforms.
 Order by 20 November for collection or delivery by 18 Dec , contactless of course .
 Payment by cash or cheque in envelope marked PTA Xmas Shop.
 Please support your school.....Merry Xmas.



Please note decoration on bottles & glasses will vary.

Price List

Light up bottles - £5
 Decorated wine glasses - £4 each or 2 for £7
 Personalised hand sanitizer - £2
 Selection of baubles - £2
 Various fillingsplease specify when ordering .
 Choose from Mum socks , Yankee Votive candle, Lego bricks ,
 chocolates , dog treats.....or random Xmas decs.

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

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