



**Rutherglen High School
Parent Newsletter
October 2022**

Welcome

It has been lovely to welcome all our young people back to school. Our new S1 pupils are settling in well and are coping well with life at secondary school.

Mrs McBride (Home School Link) visited most of our new S1 pupils during the holidays and will make contact with the families she missed over the next few weeks.

I look forward with working with you over the coming year and if you have any concerns / questions please contact your son/daughter's pastoral care link in the first instance.

Ms L Cuthbertson - Base
Ms S Bell - Support Staff Assistant
Ms L Carroll – Support Staff Assistant
Ms A Cassells – Team Leader (Office)

I look forward to working with them over the coming year.

We also said a sad farewell to Mr S Currie who has taken up a new post in North Lanarkshire and to Mrs K Watts who took early retirement. Both will be greatly missed and we wish them both every happiness in this new chapter of their lives.

Congratulations to Mrs H Haggarty who has been appointed Acting Principal Teacher. Mrs Haggarty will be the link management for the Base classes. Well done!

Administration Information

Thank you to everyone who has returned the administration forms. If you have not returned the forms (in the Parent Information Booklet) could you do so as soon as possible. The forms which need to be returned are:

- Annual Data Check
- General Consent Form
- Medical Form
- Internet Agreement
- Photographs/Video Form

Please contact the office if you need replacement forms.

The School Day

Interval times will be staggered during period 2

- S1 – S3 will have their interval from 10.25am – 10.40am. They will then return to their period 2 class.

Class	Name	Email Address
1.1 2.1 2.2 3.1 3.2	Mr Longworth	gw11longworthjamie@glow.sch.uk
1.2 1.3 2.3 3.3 4.3 6.2	Mrs Haggarty	gw20haggartyheather@glow.sch.uk
4.1 4.2 5.1 5.2 6.1	Mr Williams	gw07williamsguto@glow.sch.uk

Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome the following staff to Rutherglen High School:

Mrs Forrest - Science
Mrs McGowan – Home Economics
Mr A Paul - Maths
Mrs R Fox - Art / Base



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- S4 – S4 will have their interval from 10.40am – 10.55am.

Lunch arrangements will remain as normal with pupils having access to Cathkin High.

Parents Evenings

S1-S6

8th November 2022 4.00pm – 6.00pm
15th November 2022 4.00pm – 6.00pm

S1-S6

9th May 2023 4.00pm – 6.00pm
16th May 2023 4.00pm – 6.00pm

If you are unable to attend parents evening and you would like to discuss your son/daughter's progress please contact your pastoral care link.

Parent Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Thursday 27th October 2022 @ 9.30am

This will take place in school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

At our recent Parent Council meeting the following parents were elected to post:

Chairperson	Mr R Young
Vice Chair	Vacancy
Treasurer	Mrs L Penny
Secretary	Mrs M Gwynne

The dates for future Parent Council meetings are:

Thursday 24th November 2022 @9.30am
Thursday 19th January 2023 @ 9.30am
Thursday 23rd February 2023 @ 9.30am
Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 9.30am
Thursday 18th May 2023 @ 9.30am
Thursday 15th June 2023 @ 9.30am

You can contact the Parent Council by theparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents for supporting the school's and South Lanarkshire Council's policy on school uniform. The pupils look really smart and are a credit to the school. School uniform can still be purchased from the office. It would be really helpful if you could label your son/daughter's uniform.

Nut Free Zone

We have a number of pupils with nut allergies, it would be most helpful if you could ensure that pupils do not bring nuts or products containing nuts into the school. Thank you for your consideration.

School Photographs

Mr Dornan (ICT teacher) will be taking individual photographs of all the pupils on Thursday 27th October 2022. He will also take family groups. Photographs will be on sale later at a nominal price.

Transport

A few parents have contacted the school with concerns regarding transport. We work very closely with SLC transport however if you have any concerns please telephone **0303 123 1023**

McMillan Coffee Morning

The McMillan Coffee morning will take place in school on Friday 7th October 2022 from 9.50am – 11.00am. This event is being organised by S4 students. If you have any donations for the raffle please hand them in before Friday if possible. Thank you in advance for supporting us in this very worthwhile fund raising activity.

Achievements Out of School

Please let us know of your son/daughter's achievements out of school. This will allow us to recognise it at our monthly



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assemblies and to publish their success (with your permission) on our website and in newsletters.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is eligible for pupils who are 16 or over. This award will be paid according to the total taxable household income. Payment is dependent upon attendance, attitude and behaviour.

If your son/ daughter is 16 years of age on or before 30th September 2022, they may be eligible from the beginning of the school term. If they are 16 years of age between 1st October 2022 and 28th February 2023, they may be eligible from January 2023. Please contact Mr Williams if you require any further information.

Spiritual, social, moral and cultural values

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents/ carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and / or religious and moral education. If a pupil is withdrawn the school will make suitable arrangements for the pupil to participate in a worthwhile activity, in consultation with parents.

Parents may also request that their child be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Advance notice should be given and the absence will be recorded as an authorised absence.

Our school chaplaincy team is:

Mr A McAlees	Reachout Trust
Mr R Murray	Reachout Trust
Deacon M Ross	St Columbkille's RC Church

Rev J Sanderson United Reformed
Church

The theme for our assemblies this term are based on United Nations Rights of the Child

Thursday 15th September 2022 – Article 28 (Right to Education)

Thursday 13th October 2022 – Article 24 (Right to health care, clean water, food)

Wednesday 16th November 2022 - Article 14 (Right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion)

Thursday 1st December 2022 – Advent 1 - Hope

Wednesday 7th December 2022 - Advent 2 – Love

Tuesday 13th December 2022 – Advent 3 - Joy

Thursday 22nd December 2022 – Christmas Service

Communication

All communications from the school can be found on the school website, school app and twitter.

School Improvement Plan

Please find attached a copy of the school improvement plan for 2022/23

Thank you

Jan Allan
Head Teacher



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