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LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the June edition of the Turnbull Times. It has been an unprecedented year for everyone involved in Turnbull High School. It is great testimony to the strong partnerships and dedication of all pupils, parents and staff that despite the challenges this has still been a very successful year. I hope you enjoy reading about some recent successes and activities for our school community as we look forward to session 2021/22.

SQA Alternative Certification Model

Almost all senior phase pupils have now completed their key evidence gathering. SQA Provisional Grade meetings for all departments have taken place with myself as part of our quality assurance process.

All current S4, S5 and S6 pupils were issued with their current provisional grades on Monday 14th June. If you wish to raise a query regarding these grades please contact the school office. Final grades will then be confirmed to pupils and parents on Monday 21st June.

SQA have now issued details of the appeals process. These can be found on their website: sqa.org.uk

Farewell to our S6 Students

Our S6 students participated in a very enjoyable Leavers Day on Friday 4th June. Father Monaghan celebrated Holy Mass, offering thanks for their six years here in Turnbull and remembering the life of Tony Thomas (RIP). There were the usual leavers certificates, shirt-signing and Oscars activities before pupils made their way to La Vita for lunch. The pupils are to be commended for their impeccable behaviour on their final day in school. We will miss them all and wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their life journey.

Uniform

The support we receive from parents for our school dress code is very much appreciated. Uniform plays an important role in setting the tone for learning and also promotes equity within our school community. As you begin preparing for session 2021/22 please familiarise yourself with details of our school dress code. These have been provided on page 3.

Can I please ask that when purchasing uniform, you pay particular attention to our policy on the length and material of school skirt and appropriate footwear? Please refer to these guidelines and do not be swayed by the information provided by your son/daughter or give in to the plea 'no-one else is

I can assure you that there is overwhelming support for our uniform policy which was agreed by the Parent Council. I urge you to continue to support this.



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A community of faith engaged in learning

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Staffing

Goodbye

Our four probationers have all successfully completed their probation year. Miss Cairney has secured a temporary post here in Turnbull High School. We wish Mrs Harris, Mr McKenzie and Mr Sutherland well in their future careers as they move on pastures new.

Also leaving us in June is Miss Carrol who has been with us for 2 years having completed her probation last summer. Again we wish her well as she returns home to Ireland to continue teaching.

Three of our Support for Learning Assistants will be leaving Turnbull in June. We wish Mr Brady, Miss Fyfe and Miss Cairney well in their future pathways.

I would like to thank all of these colleagues for their contributions to our school community.

Welcome

At the time of going to publication we have been informed that we have been allocated nine probationer teachers for session 2021/22.

I look forward to welcoming these colleagues to our school community and will introduce them to you in the August edition of the Turnbull Times

Holiday Arrangements

School will close at 1pm on Thursday 24th June for the summer break.

Pupils will return to school on Thursday 12th August at 9am.

I would like to thank you for your continuing support as we make a gradual return to a more normal school life. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer break, even if that is being spent closer to home than usual!

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if I can be of any assistance.

Kind Regards

Eileen Kennedy
Headteacher

EU Settlement Scheme

To stay in the UK, EU citizens, including children, who were living in the UK by 31 December 2020 and who do not have indefinite leave to remain must apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme. The deadline for applications is fast approaching, with the scheme closing on 30 June 2021. Non-EU family members can also apply. If they have an EU permanent residence card or an EU residence certificate, they will still need to apply. If they do not apply, they may lose their right to live, work and study in the UK.

A package of support is available for anyone who needs additional help. The Stay in Scotland toolkit includes information on the EU Settlement Scheme, details of the application process, and links to other resources. Full details can be found at www.mygov.scot/stayinscotland.

Citizens Advice Scotland operate a free national helpline as part of their EU Citizen Support Service. People can receive information, advice and support for applying to the EU Settlement Scheme by calling the freephone helpline on [0800 916 9847](tel:08009169847). The service has qualified advisers who will help them apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Citizens Advice Scotland have two solicitors who can help people with more complex immigration histories.

The legal charity, JustRight Scotland, have published a series of factsheets on EU citizens' rights. These factsheets detail their rights to vote and work, and to access healthcare, education, housing and benefits in Scotland. These factsheets can be found at www.justcitizens.scot/EU/

Uniform Policy : DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Our dress code aims to provide a cost-effective way for pupils to show that they are proud to belong to our school community. Wearing uniform reflects a positive attitude to learning and removes any peer pressure to wear expensive brand names. Wearing uniform also promotes equality and inclusion. We continue to expect the highest possible standards for our Turnbull school uniform.

BLAZERS

The school blazer complete with embroidered badge is compulsory for ALL pupils. There are two styles of blazer available, fitted or traditional design, for both boys and girls.

Plain black jackets, no logos or colours, may be worn over the blazer and removed upon arrival at school.

SCHOOL SHIRTS/ BLOUSES

Only blue school shirts/ blouses that can be fastened to the top are acceptable. These should be traditional school wear clothing.

TIES

- S1-S3 striped
- S4-S5 plain blue
- S6 plain blue with bar

The school tie should be full length when worn.

SKIRTS

Smart, formal school skirts must be of an appropriate length, coming to just above the knee. Skirts must be black. Dresses, pinafores and lycra skirts are not acceptable. There is a new range of skirts available from the school supplier—Baru. Each style comes in three lengths to accommodate modesty. These are the only skirts approved for uniform. Black girls' skirts are available in three lengths 18" 20" and 22".

TROUSERS

School trousers must be black, formal and tailored.

All other forms of trouser including shorter length, skinny- fit, leggings, jeans, chinos. shorts and culottes are NOT acceptable. If belts are worn with trousers these should be plain black with small buckle. Shirts must be worn tucked into trousers.

CARDIGANS/JUMPERS

Black school cardigans must be fitted and be of an appropriate length. Long cardigans and tank tops are not acceptable.

Only plain black V- neck jumpers must be worn; crew neck jumpers and hoodies are not acceptable.

TIGHTS/SOCKS

Black tights should be worn. They should be plain without any pattern. Black knee high socks and short socks must be plain.

FOOTWEAR

Black, formal school shoes must be worn. Trainers are NOT acceptable including black trainers/ canvas shoes which may appear similar to school shoes. Black boots must be robust and in keeping with the formal dress code. ALL other types of fashion footwear are NOT acceptable.

PE KIT

Plain T- shirt or Turnbull PE top must be worn with shorts / plain sportswear trousers. Leggings are allowed for girls

Neutral colours are fine it need not be black. (Navy or grey for example will do avoiding bright colours).

However, colour can be worn if it is a Turnbull PE top that has been purchased via the PE Department. These tops are £10 each and come in a vast range of colours. Please note: they are not available from Baru.

Additional uniform items available for PE kit include a technical fabric top and a hooded sweatshirt for outside use.

Vest/ low cut tops are not acceptable. Proper training shoes that support and protect feet should be worn.

Other Information:

The wearing of jewellery should be kept to a minimum as it can be a Health and Safety risk. Make up should be minimal in keeping with the formal standards of the school. Hair accessories should be black.

We appreciate that this information is prescriptive. This is to ensure that there is no ambiguity as to what is acceptable with regard to school uniform. The school supplier provides a very cost effective package for our school.

Uniform may also be purchased from reputable stores, or supermarkets which also provide an appropriate range of school wear. High Street fashion retailers do not provide appropriate Turnbull High school uniform. If you are in any doubt please contact the school before purchasing.

Cost of the School Day

Whether you have an S1 or S6, the costs associated with school can mount up. Yet many working parents are missing out on £1,000s of easy help. Here are a few areas where parents and young people can receive support.

Clothing Grant

Parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure that their children have adequate footwear and clothing to take full advantage of the education provided at school. East Dunbartonshire Council will assist parents/carers in meeting this responsibility by providing a grant to enable parents/carers to purchase appropriate school clothing for their children. The current grant is at least **£100** per child per school year, which will be paid by cheque. Clothing grant payments will normally be paid to parents/carers who are in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction (Not Discount) or Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) Universal Credit or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit. Any other claims will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Further information can be found in the link below: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Alternatively please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher for more information or to request a paper copy of the application form.

Free School Meals

Since 5th January 2015, all P1-P3 pupils are entitled to a Free School Meal.

In addition, Free School Meals will be granted to all other pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of either Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit or Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) or Universal Credit or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. Pupils are eligible to apply for free school meals in their own right if they are aged 16 to 18, and receive one of these benefits. Payments are uploaded to the Cashless Catering system on a daily basis so there is anonymity for free school lunch pupils but allows top ups for other purchases. Further information can be found in the link below:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Alternatively please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher for more information or to request a paper copy of the application form.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs) provide financial support to eligible 16 to 19 year olds who want to continue learning.

To be eligible, you have to meet the following criteria:

Residency

You need to have what's known as 'ordinary residence' to be eligible for EMA.

Ordinary residence means you live in one place, but there is a complicated set of rules that decide whether you're ordinarily resident in Scotland, with different arrangements in place for different immigration statuses.

Contact your local authority or bursary office for more information on whether you're eligible.

Household income

Your household income will also determine if you're eligible for EMA. Household income is the income of your parent(s) or carer(s) who live with you.

To qualify, households with one dependent child must be earning £24,421 per year or less, and households with more than one dependent child must be earning £26,884 or less, before tax.

More information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/education-maintenance-allowance>

Alternatively if you would like more information or a paper copy of the forms contact Mr Mitchell (DHT).

Remote Learning: Parental Survey

We would like to thank you for taking the time to complete our Remote Learning Exit Survey. The number of responses were fantastic and we would like to share some of our successes with you.

Over the past months, we have been working hard to streamline our communications protocol and we are delighted that your positive feedback demonstrated that 97.7% of you who completed the survey agreed that communication from Turnbull High was clear and provided the information that you needed during remote learning. We are also delighted that 99.1% of those who completed the survey agreed that they felt supported by the school when they needed help or advice. This is very reassuring.

What worked well during remote learning?

The new time table with 2 subjects per day and a live lesson at the start of the morning & afternoon sessions has worked well. It has made a huge difference to the organisation of the day and a more realistic amount of work has been issued by teachers.
Easier to motivate students and more time for focus.

Implementation of MS Teams calls was a positive game changer as that face to face element had a powerful and positive impact. I am most impressed with the Turnbull staffs' responsiveness, resilience and agility with regards to adapting to change effectively and with pace in what has been an unprecedented time, and a more realistic amount of work has been issued by teachers.

It was a much more productive remote learning block than last March 2020. The change from 6 lessons a day to much fewer was more productive for S1. Lessons were better tailored and suited to an online medium and teachers for the most part were more directly engaged with their pupils. The virtual praise cards were an incentive especially for younger pupils.

We as a family are delighted with the way Turnbull high provided remote learning. Our son was guided and supported in every subject.

Remote Learning: Parental Survey

If we returned to remote learning, what could we do better?

This is not a criticism but the amount of work was at times overwhelming. I understand teachers cannot liaise with other departments on work issued and, whenever this was a problem, teachers, unanimously, understood in extending deadlines.

A lot of things due in on a Friday, more spread out. Also, sometimes quite late to put stuff on SMH leaving little preparation time for lesson.

WiFi problems have an impact.

More face-to-face engagement with the kids and if possible, Q & A drop-in virtual sessions / clinics although appreciate this may be onerous on staffing resources.

Please be assured that all your comments are valued and will be used to shape our teaching provision. However, as we come to the end of this challenging chapter, we would like to thank you, once again, for your continued support and advice. We feel privileged that we can move forward with strengthened relationships, working together, to support our young people.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

S3 GEOGRAPHERS TAKE ON THE REST OF THE UK!

During home learning, S3 Geography pupils worked in groups to complete the Micro Tyco Innovate award. Pupils identified a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal and developed an idea to address this goal.

When we returned to face to face teaching, each class pitched their ideas to each before a class vote selected a group to go forward to the Regional Final.

I am delighted to inform you that two of our groups were chosen from the Regional Final and are now in the UK wide National Final! Our two groups make up 6 finalists in total and were selected from thousands of presentations from across the UK.

Grace D and Eva O developed an idea of using leftover food from the School Canteen and Home Economics Department to supply food to soup kitchens or homeless shelters in the city. A group of pupil volunteers would make simple recipes or collate the leftover food to be distributed to food charities such as Kindness Homeless Street Team.

Faith O, Anna H and Skye H focussed on zero poverty by hosting a range of events such as bake sales, non-uniform days and stationary sales to buy educational resources to send to children in countries having difficulty accessing education. Not only would these events take place at Turnbull High School, but the girl's idea aimed to have these events running on the same day in school across East Dunbartonshire!



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

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A massive congratulations to our finalist groups and to all the S3 Geography pupils who participated in the Micro Tyco Innovate Award. It was a pleasure seeing your creativity and team works skills to develop your idea.

The 2021 National Finalists are:

Coombe Girl's School, South-West London
Bourne End Academy, Bourne End
Turnbull High School, Glasgow
Turnbull High School, Glasgow
Queen Anne's School, Reading
Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, Bucks

Congratulations to our National Finalists!

**Winner of the National Final will be announced
on Wednesday 23rd June 2021**



SCIENCE : BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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Eco Action Group



As a school we are looking to gain our next Green Flag Award from Eco-Schools Scotland.

Eco-Schools is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world with 19.5 million children, young people and educators engaged worldwide in 67 different countries.

Eco-Schools is operated internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful in Scotland.

Completing a Green Flag Application is recognised by the Green Flag Award - a visible indication of our school's commitment to Learning for Sustainability and an internationally recognised accreditation for excellence in sustainable education. Please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/education-and-learning/eco-schools/>

The process of gaining a Green Flag Award should be pupil-led so the first step in the journey is to set up an Eco Action Group made up of pupils from S1-6.

If you would like to be part of this group then please complete the application in the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKQ51a08hX2BLsGDLqgvxJTRUMktZS1g4VVY4QTJOVzdW SjlGSktVUkEyUy4u>

If you have any questions please contact Mr Broadley in Biology.

SCIENCE : PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

Exploring the dark side of the universe

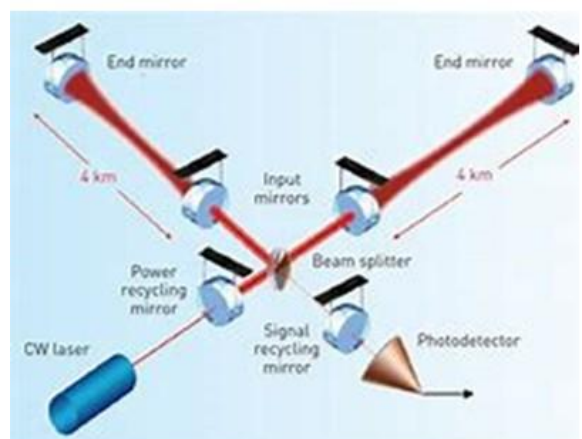
During lockdown, we managed to arrange an online lecture with Professor Martin A. Hendry MBE FRSE FInstP FRAS, Professor of Gravitational Astrophysics and Cosmology in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Glasgow.

Turnbull High School Higher and Advanced Higher Physics pupils were invited to the online TEAMS session. Additionally, as this was such a great opportunity, we invited pupils and teachers from across EDC to attend. In the end nearly 100 people signed in to engage with the session.

The talk was on exploring the dark side of the universe. As an adviser to the SQA, he was able to pitch the talk at a level that was accessible to the pupils and to take them on a journey to the leading edge of physics knowledge on the Big Bang and the latest theories on dark energy and matter.

Additionally he discussed his involvement in gravitational wave experiments (LIGO) that led to recent breakthroughs in this area (and a NOBEL prize for the team in 2017).

Pupil feedback was very positive and it enabled pupils to get a glimpse of physics beyond school – all without leaving their houses!



LIGO Gravitational Wave Detector

UK MOUNTAIN BIKE RACING COMPETITION

Patrick and Beatrix K - 6th place

Congratulations to both Patrick and Beatrix who competed in the first UK National Mountain Bike Competition of 2021 (and 2020!) in Cornwall at the start of June and both achieved a personal best of 6th place in their respective races.

Patrick is delighted with this personal best, especially in achieving this while completing his Advanced Highers.

Beatrix has made this outstanding achievement through her personal dedication to daily training and mental focus which has enabled her to deliver this personal best performance, just ahead of the Youth European Championships on 3rd July.

Well done to both pupils and we look forward to hearing how Beatrix performs in the European Championships.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
June	End of Term	Thu 24 June 2021—1.00pm
TERM 1		
August	Pupils return	Thu 12 August 2021
	PTA Meeting	24 August 2021 (7.00 pm)
	Senior Phase Parent Information Evening	Wed 25 August 2021 (6:00 pm) (TEAMS)
September	Careers Event (S3-S6)	Wed 1 September 2021 (7:00 pm)— TBC
	P7 Open Evening	Tue 7 September 2021— TBC
	SHRE Info Evening	Tue 14 September 2021 (6:30 pm)
	Parent Forum and PTA AGM	Tue 14 September 2021 (7:00 pm)
	S1 Welcome Mass	Wed 15 September 2021 (7:00 pm) — TBC
	Senior Awards Ceremony	Wed 22 September 2021 (7:00 pm) — TBC
	September Weekend	Fri 24 September and Mon 27 September 2021 (Inclusive)
October	PTA Meeting	Tue 5 October 2021 (7:00 pm)
	In-Service Day	Fri 8 October 2021
	October Break	Mon 11 October to Fri 15 October 2020 (Inclusive)
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PLEASE NOTE		
Some of the above dates are subject to change due to possible on-going COVID restrictions		