

Abercorn News



January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

This has once again been a very busy month for all of the pupils and staff in Abercorn and everyone is looking forward to their mid-term break. This term our senior pupils and staff have been working hard toward their SQA qualifications. We are awaiting feedback from SQA for the two departments that had their work verified with other departments busy preparing for SOA to visit us before the end of March.

As always the pupils have been involved in a variety of activities including cross country and numerous outings. Our football team is continuing to play very well and are currently joint top of the league. Well done to the players and coaches!!!

I am delighted to announce that we have won Glasgow City Council's Determined to Animate Competition for the third consecutive year. This year they were given a brief relating to European Championships that take place in our city this summer. Mrs Couper worked tirelessly to create "An Emrah Tale" which is a masterpiece. It has been so well received that it will be shown in all Glasgow schools over the coming months – well done everyone!!

Over the next few months parents of S2 and S3 pupils will be invited to a information session to discuss SQA qualifications and the opportunities that our young people will have to personalise their curriculum. I realise that this is a stressful time for parents, staff and young people however our young people enjoy the opportunity to personalise their curriculum and achieve success.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mr Baird is moving on to pastures new. As many of you know Mr Baird has worked tirelessly for the school and all of our pupils over the last 10 years, he has been an excellent teacher and ambassador for Abercorn and he will be a great loss to our school. I would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication and I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success in his new school.

Please continue to follow us on Twitter: @AbercornSecSch. This will keep you up to date on all of the events, outings and activities we are arranging.

Patricia McGowan

Mid Term Holiday Monday & Tuesday, 12-13 February Inset Day Wednesday, 14 February

Dates for your Diary (February 2018)

S4 Reviews taking place throughout the month – appointments will be advised individually

Tuesday 6 th February	S4 to college recruitment event at Banqueting Hall, City Chambers
Monday 12 th February	Mid-term Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	Mid-term holiday
Wednesday 14 th February	In-Service day
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	S4 Work Experience/Work Awareness Week
Wednesday 28 th February	Finance workshop for parents
March	
Thursday 2 nd March	S3 Trip to Theatre Royal – Of Mice and Men
Thursday 1 st March	Parent's Evening 4.15pm – 7.15pm
Monday 5 th March	Buttery fundraising dinner (see attached leaflet)

S4 Work Experience/Work Awareness



Our S4 pupils will be experiencing the world of work during the week beginning 19th February. A number of pupils will be on a week-long placement with an employer and the others will be visiting a

few different workplaces throughout the week to gain an awareness of the different employment opportunities available. Parents will receive more detailed information in due course.

Tennent's Training Academy

A group of young people studying Home Economics attended a recent workshop at the Tennent's Training Academy where they had the opportunity to decorate cupcakes in a commercial kitchen setting. They had an absolutely fantastic time and were delighted with the very professional looking pizzas they produced. Our thanks go to the Tennent's Training Academy for facilitating this visit and for their continued support.

Coding Club

A number of young people are taking part in an after school coding club. A mix of pupils are working with ComputerXplorers and Glasgow University to develop coding knowledge and understanding. This builds on the skills for learning, life and work. The program they are using is Kudo.

Residential Trips

Our planning and preparation is well under way for the residential trips we have coming up in the next few months. Our S1's are going to Auchengillan with some senior pupils. A mixed group are off to London Monday 4th June to Wednesday 6th June; another mixed group are off to Spain Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th June and a further mixed group are heading skiing in Italy in December. Deposits have now been taken for all trips and further payments are required. As always you can pay these up if you prefer. Please get in touch if you require further information.

Determined to Animate 2018

We are delighted to share with you the news that we have once again been successful in the Determined to Animate competition, winning Best Animation for the 3rd year in a row. Our animation "An Emrah Tale" took inspiration from the 2018 European Championships due to be held in Glasgow this summer and show Emrah whose Xbox controller has broken leading him to remember all the clubs his teachers had suggested he could attend. The point of the animation is to show the many different ways to have fun and make friends that don't involve being online. Since winning the award we have been approached by the organization overseeing Physical Education in Glasgow, who were so impressed by the message of the film, to ask permission to show the animation in all schools. Well done to Mrs Couper and her team for all their hard work creating the animation.

Artwork Exhibition



Three Senior pupils, Rocky Singh, Jaskaran Minhas and Connor Paterson, have artwork on display in The Glasgow Art Club 'Small Works'

Exhibition. Rocky was awarded a 'Highly Commended in Mixed Media Award' for his Self-Portrait Print Collage. Well done!! The exhibition includes work by senior pupils from: Bishopbriggs Acad, Hamilton College, St Ninian's High, Hutchiesons' Grammar, Abercorn Secondary, Kelvinside Acad, The High School of Glasgow, Clydebank High, Holyrood Sec, St Andrews Sec, Hollybrook Academy & St Mary's Kenmure. Please pop along to see it if you can.

Glasgow Life Museum workshops

Our young people have again been participating in a number of the museum workshops offered by Glasgow life this month. S3 took part in an ipad trail of the People's Palace looking for information. 2A and 2B visited Kelvinhall for a workshop on the history of animation where they were able to create their own animations from the past. The workshops are excellent learning experiences for our young people and we are grateful to Glasgow Life and the Glasgow Museum service who continue to support us to access these opportunities.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Mr Baird, William Mitten and Sean Hughes recently visited Auschwitz in Poland to learn more about the concentration camp there and the events that took place during the Holocaust. To share what they have learned Mr Baird and the boys chose to create a visual display as a backdrop to an assembly. On Holocaust Education Day they gathered the school community together. Well done to both boys who have done so well throughout the experience, their presentation was very moving and thought provoking.



Coming Soon



On Monday 5th March 2018, as part of Two Fat Ladies at the Buttery's 10th year celebrations, they have offered to hold a fund raising dinner to generate funds for Abercorn Secondary School.

They will showcase their food in a *Deliciously Decadent* 6 course tasting menu.

Fizz and canapes on arrival. Coffee and Petit Fours to finish.

More details to follow.