

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter. This is always a very difficult term for staff and pupils. SQA examinations and the internal assessments for the new Nationals contribute to the increase in pace for everyone. We have a number of awards and qualifications currently being prepared for verification. We will continue to support pupils over the next few months to ensure that they reach their full potential in this SQA qualification diet.

So far we have had 21 new S1 pupils confirmed as joining us in August 2019. They have had the opportunity over this last term to spend a number of afternoons learning the routines of Abercorn – they and their parents/carers will be a great addition to our Abercorn community.

This has been a busy term with new staff joining and a number of staff within the school taking on additional responsibilities. I would like to thank you all for the welcome both you and our children have given to our new staff members who are proving to be a great asset to our school.

I would like to thank you all very much for your continued support during this school term. Our Parents' Evenings, Annual Reviews and School Servicess have all been very well attended once again this session. Your generosity this term is very much appreciated, you and your children have supported a number of fundraising events both for our own school (school prom fundraising) and for the wider community including international world book day and Comic Relief.

As you will see from the dates for your diary section next term is already filling up and will prove to be an extremely busy term (really no change from the norm!!). Not only do we have a number of Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions we also have a further three residential trips taking our pupils to Aviemore to compete in the National Disability Shinty Competition as well as to Blairvadach and Spain.

I hope that you all had a very pleasant spring break will give everyone the opportunity to recharge their batteries and come back refreshed for the new term. Although it is important to remind everyone that our Easter weekend is not included in this break and we only return to school for four days and then we are closed for a long weekend.

Patrícía McGowan



Dates for your Diary (Summer term 2019)

Thursday 28 th March	S2 Apprentice Final
Friday 29 th March	Dance-a-thon – School Prom Fundraising
Friday 29 th March	School closes at 2.30 pm
April	
Monday 15 th April	School reopens for the summer term
Tuesday 16 th April	Pop UK Day – Easter theme (tbc)
Wednesday 17 th April	P7 Transition afternoon
Wednesday 17 th April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
Thursday 18 th April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
Wednesday 24 th April	Science Centre Visit Cyber Security Theme
Wednesday 24 th April	P7 Transition afternoon
Thursday 25 th April	Shinty team to National Competition in Aviemore
Thursday 25 th April	NATIONAL 5 ADMINISTRATION AND IT EXAM
Friday 26 th April	SDS Football Toryglen
May	
Wednesday 1 st May	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Wednesday 1 st May	National 3 Hospitality Class to City Markets (Fruit and Fresh) for workplace
	visit
Thursday 2 nd May	Bingo Night
Wednesday 8 th May	Young Chemical Ambassadors Day at Strathclyde University
Thursday 9 th May	NATIONAL 5 ENGLISH EXAM
Wednesday 15 th May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze walking expedition
Friday 17 th May	Football tournament at Kilpatrick School
Tuesday 21 st May	S4 to Crowne Plaza for workplace visit
Wednesday 22 nd May	NATIONAL 5 COMPUTING SCIENCE EXAM
Thursday 23 rd May	Barclays Insight Trip
Tuesday 28 th May	P7 Transition full day
Wednesday 29 th May	P7 Transition full day
Wednesday 29 th May	BT Skills for Work Event
June	
Thursday 6 th June	Salters Chemistry Festival at Strathclyde University
Monday 10 th June to Friday	Residential trip to Blairvadach
14 th June	
Saturday 15 th June	Spanish Trip
Tuesday 11 th June	Pride Life event at City Halls
Wednesday 19 th June	3D to Social Enterprise Awards Ceremony in Edinburgh
Thursday 21 st June	Annual Awards Ceremony
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Bingo Night

Our senior pupils are currently preparing for a residential trip to Spain in June and to help towards the costs they have organized



a bingo night to take place on Thursday 2nd May. Tickets will be £5 and are available from Miss Campbell. All pupils

going on the trip are expected to attend to help raise funds.

College Tasters

Our S4/5/6 pupils have recently begun attending college for taster sessions with a view to being accepted for a course next session, these tasters will continue after our Spring Break. This is an excellent opportunity for them to get a chance to look around the college and get an idea of what the course entails. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Shields.

Special Olympics World Games



Congratulations to Bella Van Velsen who recently returned from representing Great Britain at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi. She competed in a number of gymnastics events and has been proudly displaying the many ribbons she won! Well done Bella! And congratulations also to former pupils Alistair Kemley and Justine Kerr

who were also representing Great Britain. Alistair won a silver and a bronze medal in gymnastics and Justine won Bronze in the women's basketball final.

Languages outings



Our S3 language learners



Spanish learners had tapas in Malaga Tapas and Scots Language learners visited the Pipers Tryst for fish and chips. A great opportunity to sample the culture of the language they are learning.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day with a Booky Breakfast where all young people enjoyed a story during breakfast. We had a



number of genre's on offer and young people chose the one they were most interested in hearing. We raised £36.00.

International Women's Day

On Thursday 7th March Miss Walsh took a group of girls to City Chambers to celebrate International Women's Day. They heard from some inspirational speakers and had the opportunity to chat with other girls from across the city.

Op Theatre Live

A number of senior pupils attended a STEM learning event where they had the opportunity to find out about medical procedures. After gowning up they were then helped to



perform surgery on organs. Although some found it "gross" all agreed it was fascinating