



## **Supported Work Experience**

A number of S4 pupils have completed supported work experience placements with the Future Works programme in recent weeks. All pupils have attended a 4 day placement with a job coach who supported them throughout. Placements ranged from the Botanic Gardens to Oxfam in Byres Road, Woodside Nursery, Woodside Library and Bield Housing Association and Day Care Centre. The job coaches reported back very positively on the attitude, and experiences of the pupils during their placements. In particular a number of the pupils displayed increased confidence as the week progressed. This was an excellent opportunity for some of our young people to experience the workplace with the support of an adult.

## **S4 Work Experience**

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February a larger number of S4 pupils will be out of school on a week-long work experience placement. They will undertake this placement independently, although all have been accompanied by a member of staff to visit the placement prior to the week beginning. Unfortunately this year has proved the hardest yet to secure enough placements and a small number of pupils will have to undertake their placements at a later date. This is due to the number of placements being made available to schools reducing each year and it is regrettable that we have not been able to accommodate all pupils within that week. Those who remain in school will undertake a programme of work awareness during that week where they will visit and have the opportunity to learn more about a variety of work places throughout the city.

## **S4 Work Awareness**

Those S4 who have already completed their work experience placements or who will complete placements at a later date will undertake a week of work awareness from week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. They will visit work places such as City Chambers, Novotel Hotel, Asda, Woodside Library, Kelvingrove Museum, Cowcaddens Fire Station and Pollok Park Country Rangers. These sessions will all be out of school so pupils should be appropriately dressed in full school uniform and with a warm waterproof jacket. For the Pollok park country rangers on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> appropriate footwear for walking through the park is also required.

## **Alton Towers**

A number of pupils in S3 and S4 have now been given a letter inviting them to take part in a residential trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers. This trip leaves on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30am and returns on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March around 5pm. During the trip pupils will visit Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Alton Towers and Old Trafford, home of Manchester United as well as staying in the Woodhey Hotel in Chester for 2 nights. Pupils are required to contribute £150 to the cost of this trip and should by now have paid their initial deposit of £30. The remainder of the cost can be paid as and when it suits parents in the run up to the trip. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Johnston or Mrs Logue.

## **Parents Evening**

Our second parents evening will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 4.30pm till 7.30pm.

## A Huge Thank You!

Before Christmas Mr Anderson asked parents and carers for donations for the Maryhill Food Bank and the response was absolutely fantastic. I'm afraid we lost count of exactly how many donations were made but when it came to transporting them over to the food bank we only just managed to fit them in the van! I would like to thank Julie Webster who came to Abercorn for the Christmas service to talk about the amazing work they do at the food bank as well as all of the families that gave so generously, your kindness makes a huge difference and is very much appreciated.

We would like to maintain the very positive relationship we have built with Julie and her team and will, therefore, be happy to receive any further donations which we can then arrange to have delivered to the food bank on a regular basis. These can be sent into school for the attention of Mr Anderson or the RE department.

