

Abercorn News



January 2020

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 have received feedback from SQA for one department that had their work verified and we are pleased to report that we have received very positive feedback.

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 well - well done to the players and coaches!!!

Over the next few months parents of S2 and S3 pupils will be invited to an 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/carers, staff and young people however our young people enjoy the opportunity to personalise their curriculum and achieve success.

We are very happy to welcome Mr Baird back to our school community, he has returned as a teacher of Health and Wellbeing and I am sure you will going with we in making him fell very welcome.

We are all looking forward to our mid-term break and we hope the weather will improve when we return. The following few months will be very busy for everyone in school as we have 3 residential trips organised, although all of the pupils involved will have a lovely time it means that there will also be timetable changes for those remaining in school.

Included with this newsletter is a letter inviting S1, S5 and S6 parents/carers to our parents' evening on Thursday, 28 February. Please return this letter by Friday, 15 February to allow appointment times to be allocated.

Mid Term Holiday Inset Day – Friday, 7th February Monday & Tuesday, 10-11 February Inset Day Wednesday, 12 February

Patricia McGowan

S4 Work Experience/Work Awareness



Our S4 pupils will be experiencing the world of work during the week beginning 2nd March. 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.

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 create a food product 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.

Social Enterprise

S4 and S6 pupils studying business have created a Social Enterprise called "Tartan Treats". They have been selling Scottish products – Irn Bru Gift Packs and Tartan Christmas cards to raise money for Marie Curie. They are now extending that to offer a Valentines Card delivery. They were recently visited by Louise from the Social Enterprise Academy who thought they had great ideas and she has invited them to take their business plan to the Glasgow's Dragons Den event in the City Chambers next month. We wish them luck in the competition.

Holocaust Memorial Day



We recently had Fiona Brodie from Scottish Jewish Archives Centre who recently joined us to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day during assembly. Well done also to Callum McLaughlin and Kyle Martin who spoke so well about their experience when they visited Auschwitz with the Holocaust Education Trust.

Residential trips

A number of residential trips are being planned to take place over the next 12 months including Edinburgh (which will take in March 2020), London (which will take place in April

2020), Spain (which will take place in June 2020), Camas (which will take place September 2020) and



skiing in Italy (which will take place in December 2020).

We are delighted that so many young people have chosen to take part in these trips and are looking forward to them.

Payments towards these trips should now be made and we advise paying a small amount monthly to ensure you are not left with a big amount to pay at the one time.

If you would like any further information about any of the trips please contact the staff as follows:

Edinburgh— Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston Blairvadach — Mrs Mackenzie London — Mrs Logue and Mrs Johnston Spain— Miss Campbell Camas — Mr Dorrian Italy — Mr Leahy

Also bear in mind for Spain and Italy a current passport will be required.

We will also be sending home details regarding a trip to Blairvadach in March 2020 – watch this space for more information.

Bags 2 School

The Duke of Edinburgh group are coordinating a clothes collection with Bags 2 School to raise funds for residential trips. Please fill a bag with any clothes or textiles you no longer need and send them in.



Alternative Transport Contact Number

The transport co-ordination centre have provided an alternative number which is more suitable to call from a mobile. If you use a mobile phone and need to contact the transport co-ordination centre to query your child's transport you can call **0141 287 1056.** If you know your child will be absent and therefore not require a taxi please let them know but make sure you provide the sate you wish transport to restart.

Uniform

May we take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform in case you intend to purchase new items over the holidays. As you know the Abercorn School Uniform consists of:

- White Shirt, buttoned
- School tie
- Black cardigan/jumper
- Black Skirt or trousers
- Black shoes or trainers
- Black Blazer

Pupils are **not** permitted to wear football colours, hooded jumpers, leggings or coloured trainers.

Dates for your Diary (February 2020)

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

February 2020	
Thursday 6 th February	S5/6 Technologies to GFT to see The Social Network
Friday 7 th February	In-Set Day
Monday 10 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 11 th February	Holiday
Wednesday 12 th February	In-Set Day
Friday 14 th February	S3/4 STEM Camp
Friday 14 th February	Spanish Trip Parents Meeting with Miss Campbell
Wednesday 19 th February	Safer Internet Day Assembly (whole school)
Thursday 20 th February	West of Scotland Cross Country at Airdrie Sports Centre
Friday 21 st February	Science Centre Workshop
Friday 21 st February	Football League at Toryglen Regional Football Centre
Thursday 27 th February	Parents' Evening for S1, S4 and S6
March 2020	
Monday 2 nd –Friday 6 th	Work Experience/Work Awareness
Monday 9 th March	Edinburgh Trip Parents Meeting 11.30-12.30
Tuesday 10 th March	Parkview Primary pupils in Science with S1
Monday 16 th March	London Trip Parents Meeting 11.30- 12.30
Wednesday 18 th March	Caldercuilt Primary pupils in Science with S1
Friday 20 th March	Football League at Toryglen Regional Football Centre
Monday 23 rd March	Music pupils to RSNO Concert Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th	Residential Trip to Edinburgh
Monday 30 th – Friday 3 rd April	Residential Trip to Blairvadach
April 2020	
Wednesday 1 st April	World Curling Championships 9.00 – 11.30
Friday 3 rd April	Dance-a-thon Fundraiser for Prom
Friday 3 rd April	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens
Tuesday 21 st – Thursday 23 rd	Residential Trip to London



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