S1 Parent/Carer Information Session

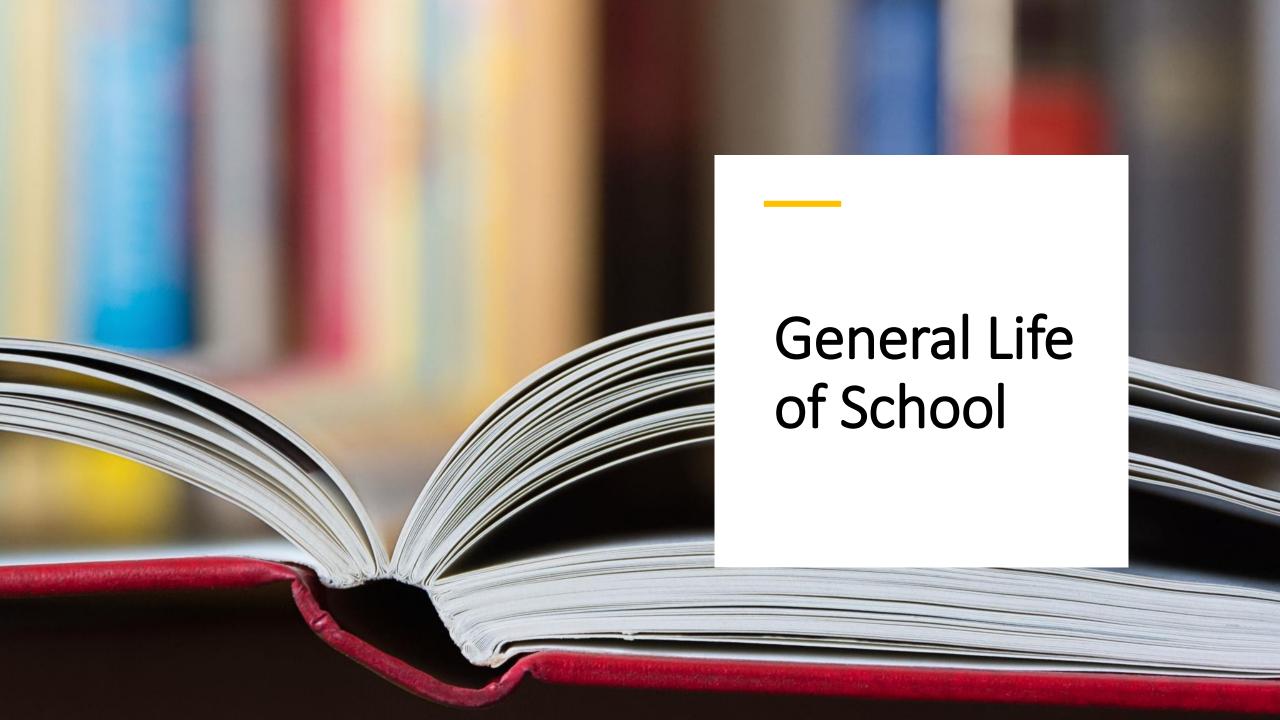
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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Together we thrive.



# Session Aims

- Parents have an awareness of what to expect in S1
- Parents build knowledge on S1 school life to support young person's journey
- Answer this year's parental questions





# School Day

Open from 8am Warning Bell – 8:45am

We encourage parents/students - park and stride to alleviate traffic

### Attendance

#### **Attendance Procedure (options)**

- Use Parent Portal
- Call school office from 8am
- Email school office

Dental Appointments etc.

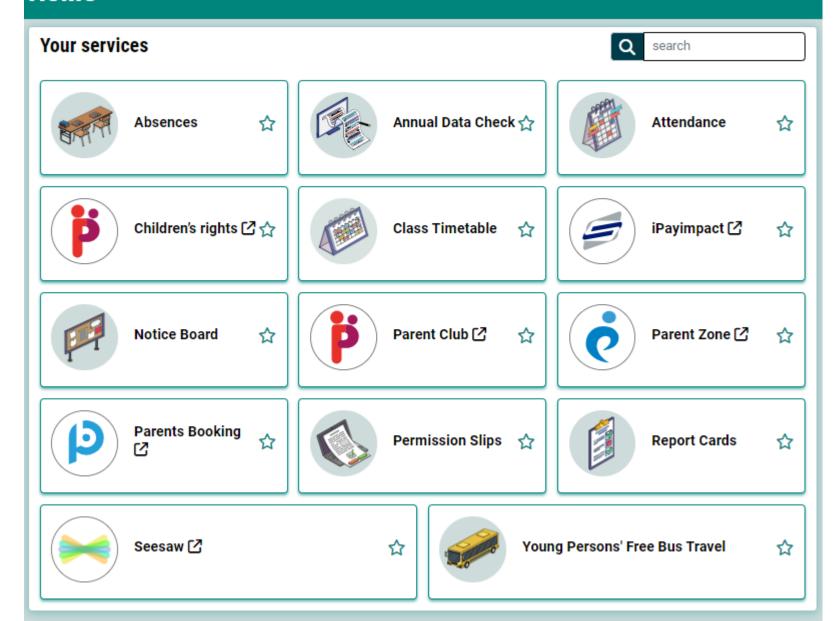
- Same methods as above
- Notify as soon as you can



# parentsportal.scot

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### Report Absences



Report an Absence

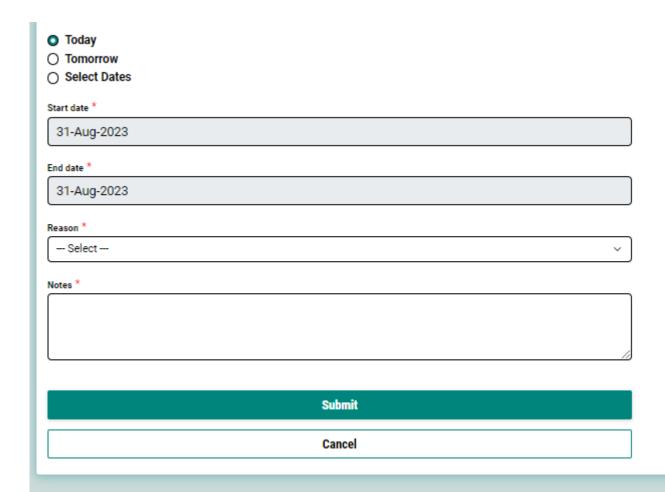
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Month List

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



Any problems with Parent Portal please give our school office a call.

# Attendance is the biggest factor in Pupil Attainment

# WHAT DO ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES MEAN?









O days absent 10 days absent 19 days absent 38 days absent

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# BEING ON TIME MATTERS







9 full school days lost



20 full school days lost



30 full school days lost

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### **Cashless Catering**

- All S1s have been issued with PIN
- Any problems email the school office
- Reinforce at home to be careful with PIN number
- Main Meal, Soup, Cold Sandwich, Cold Baguette, Water, Flavoured Milk
- Lunch menu can be found on Parent
   Portal 3 week rotation







# Places to go at lunchtime...

- Social area
- Outside seating areas
  - Back of school
  - Front of school
  - Quadrangle
- On pitch for football
- A club
- Learning Support Resource quiet room (see Guidance team)



### Lockers

- Most locker keys have now been distributed – Thomson House will get these as soon as possible.
- Problem with locker
  - School Assistants room

### **School Uniform**

### Thank you – S1 look great!

- No trainers
- Blazers are key element of uniform

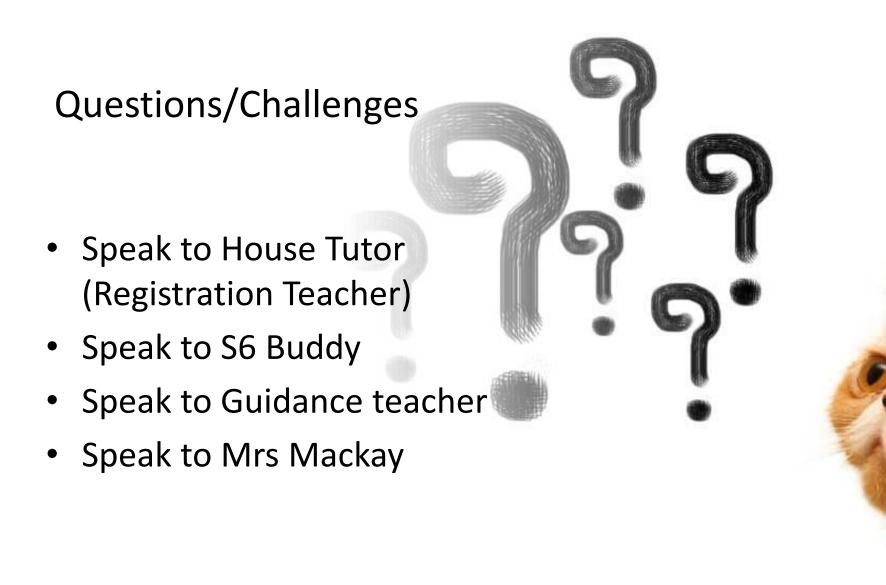
### Winter Challenges

- Outdoor jackets are removed when enter building
- Coat hooks in each classroom
- Appropriate footwear for winter can be worn

Some change footwear for pitch







# **BURNS**

Mr Rushworth



Mrs Penman



Mr McNair



**KELVIN** 

Mrs Ramage

# **Our Amazing** Guidance **Team**



Miss McSherry



Mrs Dawson



Mr Wilson



### How Guidance Team support S1?

- Key port of call for pupils and parents
- PSE classes
- Learning conversations to ensure students fulfil potential
- Monitoring and tracking of attendance and timekeeping
- Working with wider pupil support team





Everyone has a Senior Buddy.

Encouraged to ask these students for help when needed.

Buddies visit in Registration over the next month.



# S1 Wellbeing Ambassadors







Kirsten Hunt

**Grace Humphries** 



## Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our job this year is to provide supports and opportunities that help everyone fulfill the SHANARRI indicators





## How can we do this?



# Awareness Raising events

**Daily wellbeing clubs** 

"Requests to chat"



# **Awareness Raising Events**



Throughout the year we aim to host a number of awareness raising events, starting with monthly assemblies, each with a different SHANARRI focus.

This month's focus will be "SAFE"



# Request to chat



Wellbeing Ambassadors are here to provide a listening ear and give you advice or support based on their experiences.

You can request to chat at anytime, in school or at home by clicking on the link on your year group teams page and completing the simple form.

Once you complete the form, one of us will reach out to you and find a time and space to grab you for chat.



# Wellbeing Ambassadors







Mrs Slavin
Principal Teacher
Learning Support
Resource(LSR)





Mrs Stevenson
Principal Teacher
Enhanced Learning
Resource(ELR)



### **Additional Support Needs**

- •All young people that have an Additional Support Need have a Universal Support Plan (USP), this was created from information shared from primary schools as well as pupils meeting with ASN staff.
- •All teaching staff are aware of additional support needs for those students they teach and will plan for the young people's needs.
- •Support for Learning Assistants(SLAs) are in classes to support.



### **Additional Support Needs**

- Numeracy/ Literacy support packs have been issued.
- •ICT sign out procedures have been shown to pupils who require ICT.
- Post Transition learning conversation with our young people will start mid-September, Guidance or ASN staff, USP will be updated.
- For young people with Action Plans, meetings will start end of September.



### **Learning Support Resource**

- Quiet space for regulation and support.
- •Small short targeted groups will run throughout the year

Dyslexia group

Communication groups

Reading and spelling groups

**Growth mindset** 

ICT support

Study skills and organisation



# The Secondary Journey

#### **Broad General Education (BGE)**

S1 – 15 subjects

S2 – 15 subjects

S3 – Choose 6 subjects

(English/Gaelic, Maths, Modern Language, RMPS, PE, PSE)

#### **Senior Phase**

S4 – Remain with S3 choices but reduce by one

S5/6 - Choose 5 Subjects (Higher, National 5, NPAs, Apprenticeships, College courses)

S6 – Choose 5 Subjects (Adv. Higher, Higher, National 5, NPAs, Apprenticeships, College Courses)



**BGE** (Broad General Education **S1-S3)** 



**Monitoring & Tracking** 

# **S1 Parents' Evenings**

In School - In Person	Online Parents Evening
Wednesday 26th November (16:10 - 19:00)	Tuesday 28th April (16:10 – 19:00)

# Derents Booking

# All Parent Meetings are Booked Online

- Swiftly choose your appointments (not available until we launch in late October)
- Allow the system to book the slots for you.
- We will send you instructions don't worry.

### **Overview of Monitoring & Tracking**

11th November (Effort + Behaviour + Homework) 9th March (Effort + Behaviour + Homework)

10th December (Effort + Behaviour + Homework + National & Individual Progress)

8th May (Effort + Behaviour + Homework + National & Individual Progress)



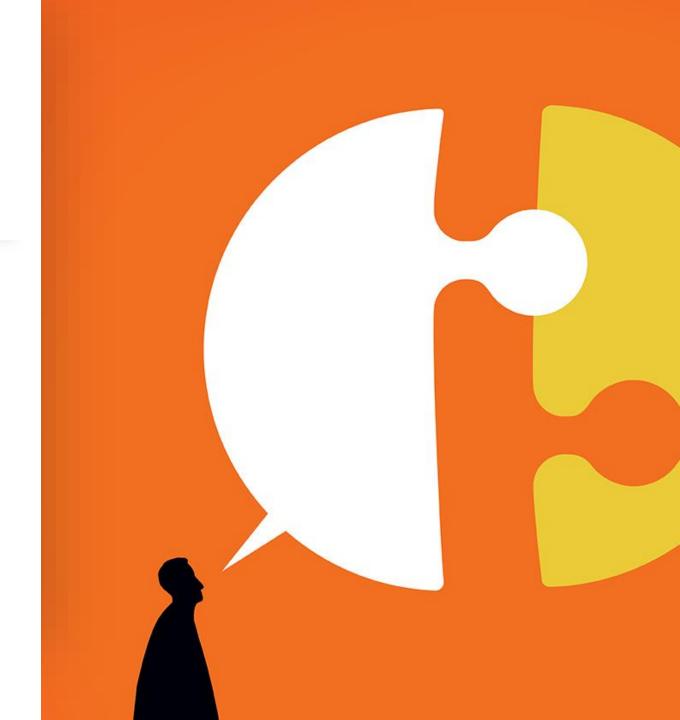


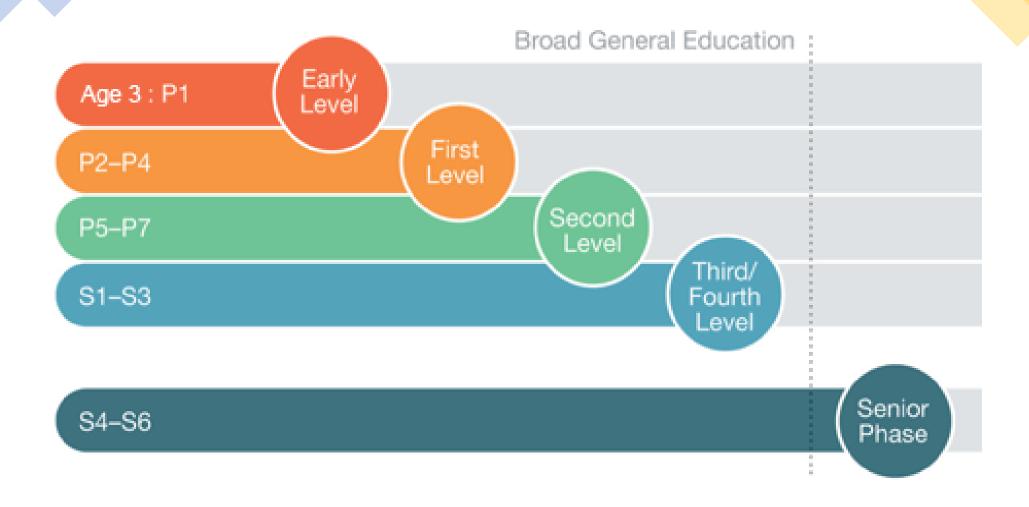
### **Key Terms- Ratings**

Effort	Behaviour	Homework		
1 Always works conscientiously	1 Always behaves well	1 Always makes a good attempt		
2 Usually works conscientiously	2 Usually behaves well	2 Usually makes a good attempt		
Making some effort but capable of more	3 Some improvements required	Occasionally makes a good attempt		
4 Rarely puts in the effort to make good progress	4 Serious concerns	4 Rarely makes a good attempt		

### **Key Terms- National Progress Curriculum for Excellence**

- Progress rating based on National Milestones (Level 1 - 4)
- Based on evidence of pupil progression through the benchmarks and on overall professional judgement of staff
- Considers <u>Breadth</u> of learning across Experiences & Outcomes, <u>Challenge</u>, <u>Application</u> of knowledge





# S1 NATIONAL PROGRESS Progress 1 Making good progress at level 3 or beyond; if current progress is maintained learner will achieve level 3 by the end of S2 or before Progress 2 Making progress at level 3; if current progress is maintained learner is expected to achieve level 3 by the end of S2 Progress 3 Making some progress at level 3; if current progress is maintained, with support, learner should achieve level 3 by the end of S2 Progress 4 Making progress at level 1/2; learner will require support to achieve level 2 at the end of S2

### **Key Terms Individual Progress (Most Important)**

- Scale 1-4
- Based on professional judgement and whether a pupil is reaching potential

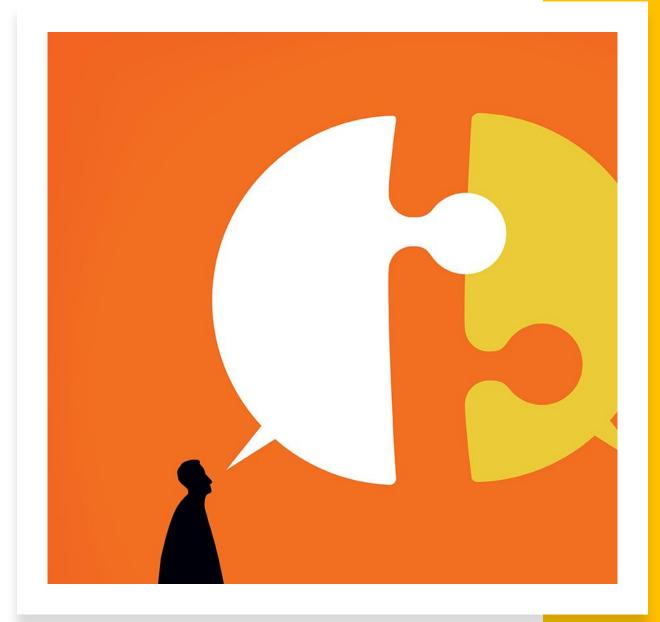
**1** = In line

2 = In line most of the time

3 = In line some of the time

4 = not in line

 Linked to Effort, Behaviour, Homework as well as other factors



INDIVID	UAL PROGRESS
Progress 1	Based on the teacher's knowledge of the young person's prior learning and attainment, the learner's progress is:
	✓ in line with their potential
Progress 2	Based on the teacher's knowledge of the young person's prior learning and attainment, the learner's progress is:
	✓ in line with their potential most of the time
Progress 3	Based on the teacher's knowledge of the young person's prior learning and attainment, the learner's progress is:
	✓in line with their potential some of the time
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Progress 4	Based on the teacher's knowledge of the young person's prior learning and attainment, the learner's progress is:
	✓ not in line with their potential

### Learner Conversation

A meaningful conversation between pupils and teachers to discuss;

- School experience
- Strengths and areas for improvement
- o *Progress*
- Career aspirations





### Our PPR policy is set up to support positive classroom behaviours



We care about relationships because it is the key to learning

"better relationships, better behaviour, better learning"

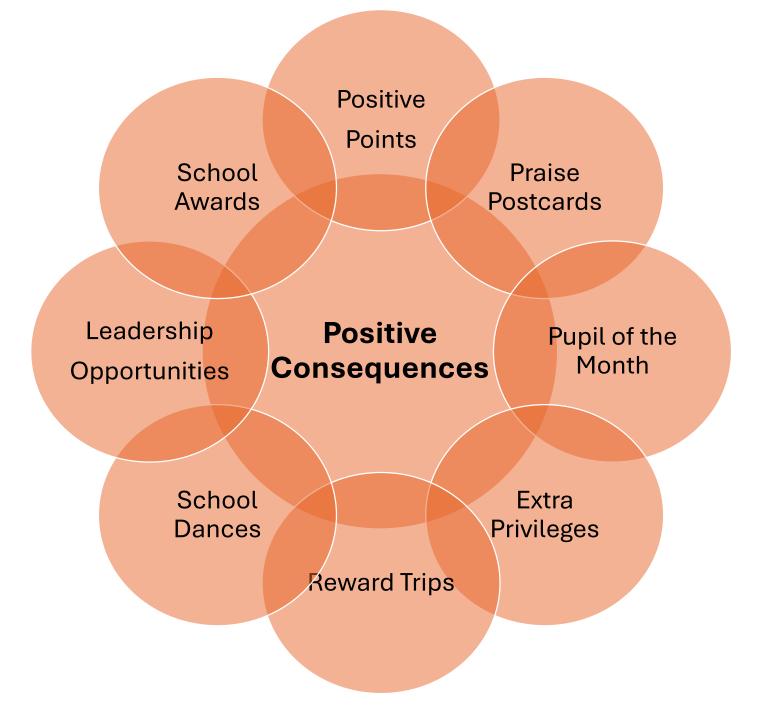
We communicate clearly through verbal and non-verbal interactions

We are calm, firm, and fair

We have targeted approaches to meet the needs of individuals

We have well established and consistent routines and transitions

We help teach students positive interactions and behaviours





#### MADE THE WRONG CHOICE?

Non-verbal Warning(s)

Verbal Warning(s)

Moved Swapped

Restorative Conversation

Negative Point Principal Teacher Involvement

Guidance Teacher Involvement

Year Head Involvement

### **Nurture Relationships**

- Celebrate student achievement
- Recognise specific efforts
- Positive reinforcement
- Award points and badges in line with school vision and values
- Clear lines of communication between pupils and staff and parents
- Help us manage behaviour patterns
- Learn from mistakes support to make more positive choices
- All are linked to our school values.





### Monday

Basketball	Mr McCue	All	Monday	After School	Gym 2/ Gameshall
Bike & Maintenance Club	Mr Moore	All	Monday	After school	G119
Ceilidh Band	Mr Ratcliff-Young	All	Monday	<b>Lunch Time</b>	G084
Chess Club	Mr Ogilvie	All	Monday	<b>Lunch Time</b>	
<b>Composition/Song Writing</b>	Mrs McGonagle	All	Monday	<b>After School</b>	Go83
<b>Deck Building Games Club</b>	Mr Young	All	Monday	<b>Lunch Time</b>	S017
Fitness	Mr McQuade	All	Monday	<b>Lunch Time</b>	Fitness Suite
Micro-Tyco	Miss King & Miss Richmond	<b>S1-S3</b>	Monday	Lunch Time	F051
Mindful Monday Club	Mrs McGinn & Mrs Duncan	<b>S1-S2</b>	Monday	<b>Lunch Time</b>	G148
Spotlight: (podcast)	Mrs Gray	All	Monday	<b>Lunch Time</b>	G101
Volleyball	Mr Johnson	All	Monday	After School	Gym 1/ Gameshall
Wellbeing - Chill + Chat	S5 Wellbeing Ambassadors	All	Monday	LunchTime	F047

### Tuesday

Chamber Woodwinds	Mr Ratcliff-Young	All	Tuesday	Lunch Time	G084
Chess Club	Mr Tonner	All	Tuesday	Lunch Time	F027
Creative Writing Club	Mrs Bloomfield	S1-S3	Tuesday	Lunch Time	F015
Fitness	Mr McQuade	all	Tuesday	Lunch Time	Fitness Suite
Guitar Club	Miss Poole	S1-3	Tuesday	Lunch Time	G083
Jigsaw Club	Miss Sharp	S1-S3	Tuesday	Lunch Time	F005
Junior Homework Club	Miss King & Miss Richmond	S1-S3	Tuesday	After School	F051
LGBT Pupil Group	Miss Duncan & Mr Young	All	Tuesday	Lunch Tlme	S017
Netball	Miss Gibson	S <sub>1</sub>	Tuesday	After School	Games Hall / Gyms
War Games Club	Mr Young	All	Tuesday	After School	S017
Wellbeing - Homework Space	S5 Wellbeing Ambassadors	All	Tuesday	LunchTime	F047
Beginner Sign Language Club	Miss McGee	All	Tuesday	Lunch Time	SO29

### Wednesday

Art club	Miss Feeney	S1&S2	Wednesday	Lunch Time	F031
Club Gàidhlig	Mrs Macfarlane	All	Wednesday	Lunch Time	F026
Comic Book Club	Mrs Smith	S1-S3	Wednesday	After School	F018 Library
Fitness	Mr McQuade	all	Wednesday	Lunch Time	Fitness Suite
Music Technology Club	Miss Poole	S1-4	Wednesday	Lunch Time	G084
Nail Club	Miss Dunbar	S1-3	Wednesday	Lunchtime	M001
Orchestra	Mrs Kennedy	All	Wednesday	After School	G068
Shinty Club	Mr More	All	Wednesday	After School	Pe/Pitches
String Ensemble	Mrs Kennedy	All	Wednesday	Lunch Time	G083
Wellbeing - Guided Meditation	S5 Wellbeing Ambassadors	All	Wednesday	LunchTime	F047
Wind Band	Mr Arnott	All	Wednesday	Lunch Time	G068
Badminton	Mr Marshall	All	Wednesday	Lunch Time	Gameshall
Dance	Miss Channer	S1&S2	Wednesday	Lunch Time	Gym2
Jolly Geographers	Miss Gilfillan	All	Wednesday	LunchTime	F049
The Bishy Bulletin	English	All	Wednesday	Luncht Time	F012

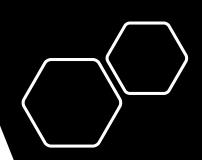
### Thursday

BGE Band	Mrs McGonagle	S1/2	Thursday	Lunch Time	G087
Breakfast Club	Mr McCue	All	Thursday	AM 07:30 - 08:30	PE
Girls Football	Miss King & Miss Richmond	S1-S4	Thursday	After School	PE/Pitches
History Club	Miss Kerr & Miss Scott	All	Thursday	Lunch Time	F050
Junior Drama Club	Miss Jones/ Miss Park	S1/2/3	Thursday	Lunch Time	Go68
Public Speaking Team	Mrs Gray	All	Thursday	Lunch Time	G101
Rubix Cube Club	Mrs Dawson (S5 pupils will lead)	all	Thursday	lunchtime	G109
Saxophone Ensemble	Mr Ratcliff-Young	All	Thursday	Lunch Tlme	G084
Table Tennis	Mr Murdoch	All	Thursday	Lunch Time	Gym 2
Wellbeing - Study Space	S5 Wellbeing Ambassadors	All	Thursday	LunchTime	F047
Wool Club	Dr Alexander	All	Thursday	Lunch Time	Fo55

### Friday

Choir	Mr Ratcliff-Young	All	Friday	Lunch Time	G068
Cricket	Mr McCue	All	Friday	Lunch Time	Gameshall
Fitness	Mr McQuade	all	Friday	Lunch Time	Fitness Suite
Games Club	Mr Barry	All	Friday	Lunch Tlme	S003
Quiz Club	Mr Young	All	Friday	Lunch Time	S017
Science Club	Miss Marek-Johnston/Miss McGee	S4/5	Eriday	Lunch time	Social
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Wellbeing - Quiet Room	S5 Wellbeing Ambassadors	All	Friday	LunchTime	F047





**Bishopbriggs Academy** 

**Overnight Sportathon** 

Friday 19th September to

Saturday 20th September 2025

8.30pm to 7.00am

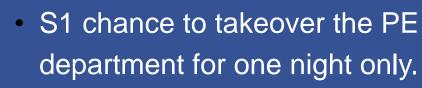


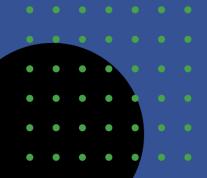
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 Sponsored event to raise money for the school fund and the PE department for new equipment.

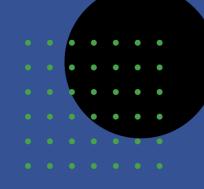
> Participate in a range of sporting activities throughout the night from basketball to midnight dodgeball and many many more!!!







### When is the Sportathon?





### How can I get involved?

 You must complete a consent form and return it to the PE Department.

> You must also bring a suggested donation of £10 to confirm your place.

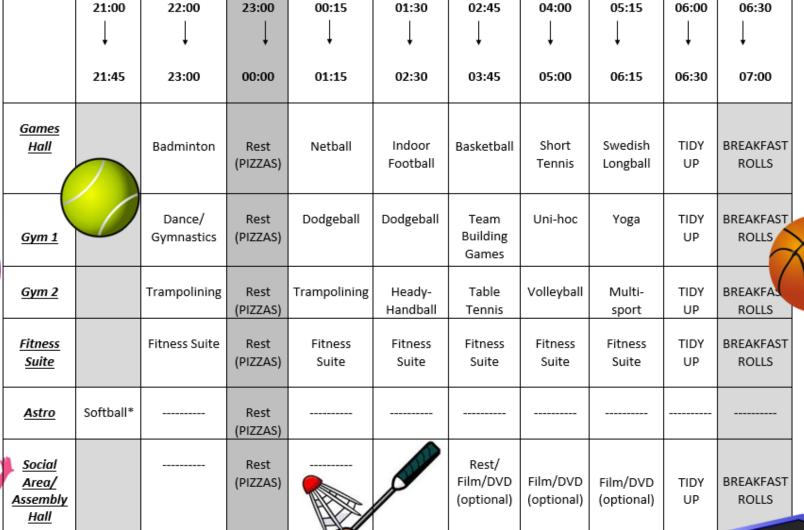
> > When you return your permission form you may collect a sponsor form and begin raising funds





### **Bishopbriggs Academy S1**

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You Asked About... Mobile Phones & ICT

### Mobile Phones & Bishopbriggs Academy

- Pupils do not need a phone to learn.
- If monitoring a medical condition students have permission at any time during day/lesson.
- Pupils using phones irresponsibly may be asked to place their mobile phone on the teacher's desk for the remainder of the period.
- The class teacher can decide whether to return the mobile phone to the pupil at the end of the period or to pass it to the relevant year head.

#### However...

- We do support moderate & positive use of mobile phones in the classroom.
- Students will be given an alternative if they do not have a smartphone.





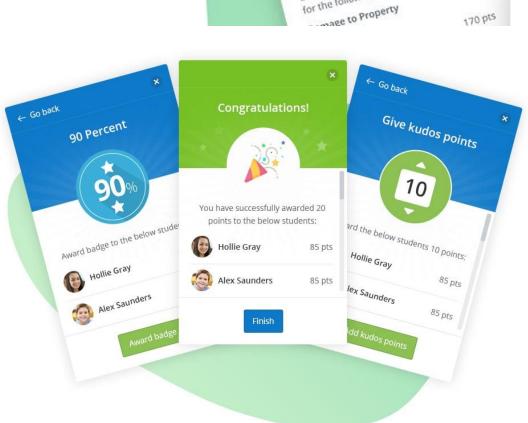
### ICT & Bishopbriggs Academy

Click below for a tutorial on our key elements of digital learning

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZBZeMRtIW4

### Behaviour Points

- Positive
- Negative
- Badges to come!



You deducted 25 points!

for the following reason:

25 behaviour points have been deducted

Recent behaviour

**Excellent Effort** Thu, Feb 25th

**Excellent Attendance** Thu, Feb 25th

Damage to Property Fri, Feb 12th

w full breakdown

Event type		▼ Points count
Positive	Consistent Effort During Lesson (Effort)	1185
Positive	Contributing Well to Class (Resilience)	422
Positive	Engagement in class was very good.	374
Positive	Class Competition Winner (Effort)	252
Positive	Confident Performance (Resilience)	247
Positive	Helpful to peers/staff (Respect)	139
Positive	Act of Kindness (Respect)	104
Positive	Excellent demonstration (Effort)	98
Positive	Demonstrating Leadership (Effort)	92
Positive	Adapted Well to Change (Resilience)	71

Positive	Strong Performance (Effort)	66
Positive	Excellent Homework (Effort)	58
Positive	Reading Out Loud (Effort)	56
Positive	Asked for Help (Resilience)	56
Positive	Improved Effort in Class (Resilience)	51
Positive	Demonstrating Perseverance (Resilience)	47
Positive	Progress in Learning (Resilience)	42
Positive	Supportive Peer (Respect)	31
Positive	Helping to Build Relationships (Respect)	28
Positive	Using Initiative (Effort)	27
Positive	Bounced Back from Challenge (Resilience)	25

### satchel:

Together through education

www.teamsatchel.com

https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/5472638-student-video-guides

### Supporting your child online

Home / Parents Info / Supporting your child online

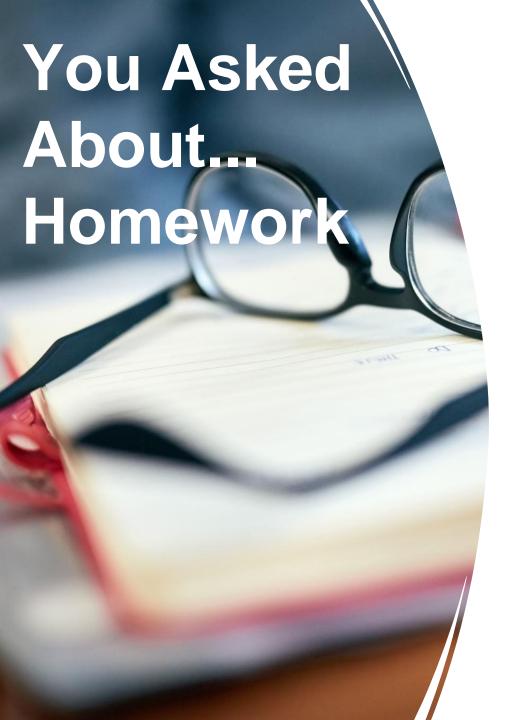
Click the link below for information on supporting your child online

Parent support and device controls

Sextortion info for Parents and Carers

Click here to access school website:

http://www.bishopbriggs.edunbarton.sch.uk/parents-info/supportingyour-child-online/



### What to Expect

- Jotters/Worksheets/Paper
- Creative projects could require various resources
- Laptop or PC also good for homework
- Phone is more difficult to complete homework on
- Approx 1.5 hours total a week various subjects at various times
- No set calendar of homework to allow learning flexibility

#### Parents - How Do I Get Involved?

- Register with Satchel
- Ensure emails are not in Junk Box
- Read Our Newsletters
- Respond to Parent Voice Questionnaires (we use your feedback)
- Attend family learning sessions
- Join Parent Council/school improvement
- Join PTFA/Fundraising



#### BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY

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### S1-3 FAMILY Wellbeing Event

Hear from some of Scotland's leading voices on mental health and wellbeing.



Julie Cameron
Associate Director of the
Mental Health Foundation



Dr Jala Rizeq Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology



Danny Gemmell Founder/Director of Be-inn Unity

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6-8.15pm

Good Body Image: We are more than what we look like
Julie Cameron

**Optimizing Future Thinking** 

Dr Jala Rizeq

Nurturing a Resilient Teenage Brain

Danny Gemmell

Scan to sign up















### What is the PTFA?



- The Parent Teacher and Families Association is a committee of parent volunteers working alongside the teachers, school and stakeholders of Bishopbriggs Academy. Our vision is to Enhance Our Academic and Extra-Curricular Programme for Our Young People.
- At present, we have over 70 clubs on offer across our school and hundreds of trips in place to enhance the education and wellbeing of our young people. We are determined to continue to offer these but we have NO FUNDING STREAM for these opportunities. As a committee, we have identified that our short-term goals will have the biggest long-term benefit for our young people. These include the purchase of a new school mini bus and sound system.

BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY PTFA



### Can you help?



• We are incredibly proud to be able to deliver our extensive extracurricular programme, thanks to our dedicated staff and driven young people. However, funding our clubs, projects, transportation and opportunities is becoming increasingly challenging. We are in need of your support.

#### Please support us by

- Making a one-off gift or set up a standing order today through our crowdfunding page on GOODHUB
- Download the EASYFUNDRAISING app for free
- Join our PTFA. Email Nicola Quigley today at <a href="mailto:ptfa@bishopbriggs.e-dunbarton.sch.uk">ptfa@bishopbriggs.e-dunbarton.sch.uk</a>
- Enquire about sponsorship















## Thank You For Listening

Any specific questions please email school office

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