

# Hyndland News



**November 2016**

Welcome to the November Hyndland News.

I hope you all had an enjoyable October break and are ready for what is always a very busy term in Hyndland.

November is traditionally a month in Hyndland Secondary School when a large amount of money is raised for various charities. Plans are underway for participation in Children in Need with a range of activities to raise money being organised including a staff / pupil football match – always a popular event. A number of male staff are also participating in Movember – so watch out for a few interesting moustaches appearing over the coming weeks.

Christmas is fast approaching and tickets will soon be going on sale for our Christmas Concert which will take place in Hyndland Parish Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00pm followed by Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016. We hope that you are able to join us for one of these evenings. The standard of performance is always outstanding and they really do get you into the Christmas Spirit.

Our Parent Council is also organising a Quiz Evening on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Hyndland Bowling Club. Tickets will be on sale from the school office or members of the Parent Council at a cost of £5.00. All money raised will be used to support young people in Hyndland and they would love to see as many people as possible coming along.

We will soon be launching our annual appeal for food stuffs etc for the Whiteinch Foodbank. This charity supports families in need in our local community and we hope that you are able to contribute in any way you can.

Thank you

Maura McNeil  
Head Teacher

## Primary Transition Information – Session 2016-2017

Our Primary transition calendar for this session is already well under way with a number of teaching staff involved in the delivery of lessons in our four cluster primary schools. Members of our Maths and English Departments have been involved in delivering lessons in the primary schools and feedback from both the schools and pupils has been extremely positive. We held our first information session for primary 7 parents and carers on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Airlie Theatre – the purpose of this event was to share some basic information on the transition programme with parents and carers as well as providing an overview on the role of Pastoral Care in the transition process. We also showed a video which some of our Senior Media students had filmed for us which featured many of our current S1 pupils talking about their experience with the transition from primary to secondary last year as well as their thoughts of S1 so far.

Our first main event for primary 7 children at Hyndland took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Over 140 children attended this event led by the PE Department. The focus of this event was to encourage team building and allow the children from the four different primary schools to get together and meet. The children undertook many different challenges in teams which included building a tower from their training shoes as well as passing a ball around the group without using their hands. Lots of fun and imaginative ways were on display! The final game involved human bingo which again encouraged the children to talk to their peers from the other schools. We were absolutely delighted with how well engaged the children were during this task and thank them for trying so hard with every task set. We are also very grateful to our Senior Student Sports Ambassadors who helped with the event, and particularly to Ms Moore and the PE Department for organising and leading the full event.



The next event for parents/carers will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March starting at 6pm in the Airlie Theatre. This event will allow both the children and parents/carers to take a tour of the facilities here at Hyndland as well as experiencing some work that our S1 students undertake in different curriculum areas. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers and children along to this event.



## S6 Leadership – Medics Against Violence –

### MAV Interns Programme comes to Hyndland



Medics Against Violence is a charity which encourages medical professionals to be involved in work to prevent violence. It currently operates a schools programme which sees volunteer health care professionals deliver anti-violence lessons in schools. Medics Against Violence has been a part of the PSE programme at Hyndland for many years now and we very much appreciate their input. A new initiative that the charity has been working on is a programme called 'MAV Interns'. This involves the charity training senior students in schools to deliver PSE lessons to their younger peers on a range of issues which include; consequences of violence, staying safe, alcohol and its associated dangers, risks and triggers for violence and violence and society. The MAV Intern programme has been delivered in one school in Scotland and we are delighted to announce that Hyndland Secondary School will be the second school in Scotland, and the first school in Glasgow, to launch this programme.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November our training programme will begin which will see some students in S6 attend 6 training events with MAV volunteers which will include Christine Goodall (Senior Clinical Lecturer at Glasgow Dental Hospital) as well as representatives from the medical profession, the Violence Reduction Unit and Police to name but a few. Following the training our S6 MAV Interns will then deliver these powerful messages to younger students within the PSE programme. Look out for further information and updates in future editions of the Hyndland News about our progress with the project.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people at Hyndland! In the meantime you can find out more about the work of Medics Against Violence on their website [www.medicsagainstviolence.co.uk](http://www.medicsagainstviolence.co.uk)



## CAREERS INPUT / EMPLOYABILITY UPDATE – THE SENIOR PHASE



### Careers Advisor – Kate McMahon

A reminder to parents/carers and students that our Careers Advisor, Kate McMahon is based in Hyndland Secondary School full-time. Kate works for Skills Development Scotland. Kate can be found in the library and students are welcome to attend the drop-in sessions which run each Lunchtime in the library from 1pm onwards. If any parent/carer wishes to contact Kate, please call the school office and they can direct your call. As well as running drop-in career sessions, she is regularly involved with the PSE programme for all year groups. A key role that Kate also plays is holding one-to-one career management meetings with students in the senior phase. Kate will regularly meet and discuss career plans and aspirations with our students. She also works closely with targeted students at key points in the year – she is currently supporting a number of our young people who are considering leaving school at Christmas and applying to College. From January onwards Kate will be involved in our College Application Workshops and Apprenticeship Workshops for all summer leavers.



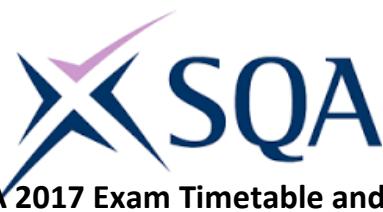
### 2016 Apprenticeship Show

On 11<sup>th</sup> October a group of students in S5 and S6 attended the Scottish Apprenticeship Show at the Concert Hall. A number of companies and organisations attended this event and showcased information about their apprenticeship programmes. Kate McMahon and Fiona Campbell attended this event with our students. The students were very positive about the event and were able to talk to a number of employees about apprenticeship applications and suitability as well as collecting application packs for future reference. Well done to our young people who attended – they were a credit to the school as usual.

## UCAS APPLY 2017

# UCAS

Huge well done to our Early Applicants who have now completed their UCAS applications and are awaiting decisions regarding interviews and offers. We will be holding mock interviews for our early applicants during the month of November in order to support with them with the next stage of their application. The date that we are working towards as a school for the completion of all other UCAS applications is Friday 25 November and Pastoral Care are continuing to work closely with our UCAS students to achieve this target.



### **SQA 2017 Exam Timetable and My Coursework Booklet**



Please note that the 2017 SQA Exam Timetable can now be accessed from both our school website as well as the SQA website [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)

The exams are due to run from Tuesday 2 May to Friday 2 June 2017. Please also note that although the school is closed on 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May for a public holiday, exams will still run these days and the school will be open for exams. Students will be issued with individual timetables closer to the exam.

The SQA have also provided 'My Coursework Booklets' for all students in S4-S6 which have now been issued. This booklet contains some very useful advice for both students and parents/carers on coursework rules and advice. A copy can also be downloaded at [https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/SQA\\_Your\\_Coursework\\_2016-17.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA_Your_Coursework_2016-17.pdf)



### **University of Strathclyde Engineering Department – Visit to Hyndland – 26/10/16**

Two members of staff from the Engineering Faculty of the University of Strathclyde recently visited the school to talk to students in S5/6 who were interested in pursuing a career in Engineering. They provided a very informative talk about the range of courses available within the Faculty of Engineering at Strathclyde as well as discussing the range of careers incorporating Engineering. The presentations can be downloaded from our school website by following the link below. The students who attended the event found it very informative and asked some very insightful questions. We are very grateful to the University for coming into the school.

<http://www.hyndland->

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## **STRATFORD – UPON – AVON TRIP**

The English Department is organising a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. The trip will take place from **Thursday, August 24th to Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

The cost of the trip is **£250.00.**

We will travel by coach to Stratford, where we will stay two nights at the Alveston Youth Hostel.

We will attend two RSC performances as well as an RSC drama workshop. We will also enjoy some sightseeing—cultural and historical landmarks in the area.

Transportation, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), two nights' accommodation, theatre tickets and sightseeing excursions will all be included in the cost of the trip.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please **collect a consent form and** return it with a **£100 deposit** to Mr Johnston as soon as possible.

Space on the trip is limited—first come, first served!

### **Itinerary for the trip:**

#### **24.08.17**

06:00--Coach leaves Hyndland Secondary

14:00--coach arrives at hostel

15:00-18:00--travel by coach to Stratford, visit two locations (Anne Hathaway's cottage; Shakespeare's Birthplace)

19:00--dinner in hostel

20:00-23:00—games, sociable activities and general hilarity (Foosball tournament entry mandatory)

#### **25.08.17**

08:30-09:30--breakfast in hostel

10:00—coach to Stratford

11:00-12:30 sightseeing (on foot--church and gravesite, points of local interest)

12:30--13:30--lunch in Stratford

16:00-18:00--drama workshop

18:00—19:00 pre-theatre dinner in local restaurant

19:00--23:00 RSC performance—*Julius Caesar*

23:00—return by coach to hostel—lights out!

#### **26.08.17**

8:30-09:30--breakfast in hotel

09:30—go to Stratford

10:00-13:00— shopping time & lunch

13:30--16:00 matinee RSC performance—*Titus Andronicus*

16:00--coach collects group, departs for Glasgow

19:00—rest stop and dinner

23:00--coach arrives in Glasgow, parents and guardians collect pupils from school

Neil Johnston  
English Teacher

HYNDLAND HAPPENINGS (Including holiday and in-service dates for Session 2016/2017)	
Thursday 3 November 2016	S3 Parents Evening 4.15pm
Thursday 10 November	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Thursday 17 November 2016	S1 Parents Evening 4.15pm
Thursday 24 November 2016	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Thursday 1 December 2016	S4-6 Targeted Evening 4.15pm
Tuesday 6 December 2016	Choir Concert
Wednesday 7 December 2016	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 21 December 2016	School Closes
Thursday 5 January 2017	School Returns
Monday 16 – Friday 27 January 2017	S4-6 Prelims
Saturday 28 January – Saturday 4 February 2017	Ski Trip
Thursday 2 February 2017	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Friday 10 – Tuesday 14 February 2017	Mid Term Holiday
Wednesday 15 February 2017	In Service
Thursday 16 February 2017	S4 Parents Evening – 4.15pm
Thursday 23 February 2017	S2 Information Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 2 March 2017	S5/6 Parents Evening 4.15pm
Thursday 16 March 2017	P7 Information Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 30 March 2017	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Monday 3 – 17 April 2017	Spring Holiday
Thursday 20 April 2017	S2 Parents Evening 4.15pm
Monday 1 May 2017	May day Holiday
Thursday 4 May 2017	In-service – school open for SQA Exams only
Thursday 11 May 2017	S4/5 Information Evening 6.00pm
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May 2017	IDL Week
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May 2017	Blairvadach
Tuesday 24 May 2017	P7 Information Evening 6.00pm
Friday 26 & Monday 29 May 2017	May weekend Holiday (SQA Exams continue and school open for exams)
Thursday 1 June 2017	Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm Library
Friday 23 June 2017	Awards Ceremony
Monday 26 June 2017	Rewards Trips
Tuesday 27 June 2017	School Closes

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