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Hyndland News

September 2018



Welcome to a new session here in Hyndland Secondary School.

We hope you had a very enjoyable summer and took full advantage of the glorious weather here in Scotland.

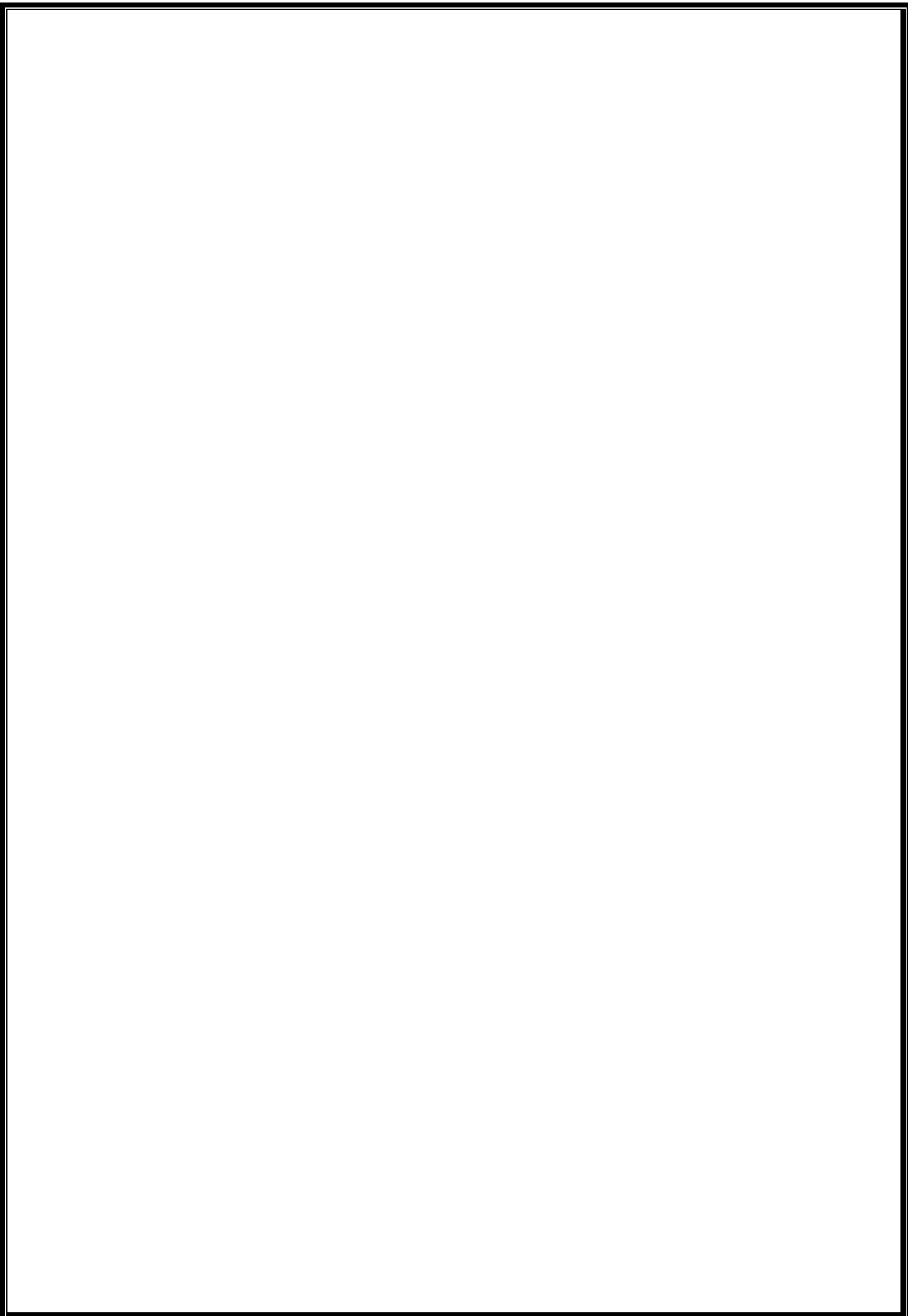
It has been a busy start to term so far. As it always is in Hyndland!

Our S1 pupils are settling in very well and finding their way around the campus. Their visit to Barcaple went exceptionally well and there will be further details in the next edition of the Hyndland News. They have also been very enthusiastic in signing up for the very wide range of extra-curricular activities after their “freshers” event last week. If your child hasn’t signed up yet then there are details on our website of all the clubs – please encourage them to become involved.

We were delighted with the performance of our Senior Pupils in the recent SQA exams. Congratulations to all for the hard work and effort that went into achieving these results. Pupils have now settled into their S5-6 courses and are already working extremely hard for the next set of exams. If you want to hear more about our exam results then please come along to the next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, 9th October 2018 at 7.00pm in the school library. All parents / carers are welcome to attend.

Details of our Parents’ Evenings etc. can be found at the back of this edition and I look forward to welcoming you at a forthcoming event and for your continued support during what I am sure will be another busy and exciting year here in Hyndland Secondary School!

Maura McNeil
Head Teacher





Live at Lunch

When: @ 1pm on...

- Tuesday 4th September
- Tuesday 2nd October
- Tuesday 6th November
- Tuesday 4th December
- Tuesday 22nd January

Where: Airlie Theatre

Who: All staff and pupils are warmly invited to come along and watch for free.

- Anyone learning an instrument in or out of school can sign up to perform. Come to the music base to sign up.



COUNSELLING SERVICE:

Franny Mawditt is our school counsellor and is based in Hyndland every Monday and Wednesday throughout term time. Counselling is where you have the opportunity to talk about whatever you want – sometimes it can help to talk to someone totally outside of your situation. Counselling is also confidential which means we don't report back to teachers, family or friends. The only time we would break confidentiality is if you or others are in danger.

If you want to meet with the counsellor you can:

- Leave a text message on 07875 861202 on a Monday or Wednesday
- Ask your Pastoral Care Teacher or PST Tutor to make you an appointment
- Leave a note in the office for Franny



HYNDLAND LGBT+ GROUP

Before summer, a group of staff and pupils took part in a training afternoon delivered by LGBT Youth Scotland as part of our effort to achieve the Bronze LGBT Charter Award. Hyndland Secondary is committed to being a welcoming environment to everyone and we have formed an LGBT+ Group to help achieve this.

The first meeting of Hyndland's LGBT+ Group took place on Thursday the 6th of September in L210 at 1.00pm and they will continue to meet fortnightly after that. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND DANCE DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a lovely Summer!

Bringing valuables to school.

Our changing rooms in P.E. will always be locked during lessons; however young people still need to be very vigilant with their personal belongings. If you bring expensive items to school then you need to take care of these items and keep them safe.

P.E. Kit

You must come prepared with P.E. kit. It is a Glasgow City Council policy that our young people must get changed for P.E. Please come prepared with shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings and an appropriate top. No football colours please and tops that cover stomachs.

Thank you very much and we look forward to working with you all.

PERSONAL SUPPORT TIME

This year, personal support time has got off to a great start! In S1-3, PST classes have been taking part in 'getting to know you' and teambuilding tasks. These activities are designed to reinforce the relationships within PST classes and strengthen house identity. Here you can see Mr Tulloch's class trying to pass a clap around the room as quickly as possible – working as a team to take less time each time! Moving forward, the ever-popular numeracy ninjas will soon begin. This is a quick fire math activity designed to improve and consolidate mental math skills. As the year progresses we will be developing our literacy skills and furthering our understanding of the causes and consequences of child poverty in UK and how this can impact on the rights of young people. You can stay up-to-date with all things PST by following us @HyndlandPST



MATHS STARS

Congratulations to Anna Yeadon 5T1 who gained full marks in the National 5 exam and to Anna McMeekin 6K2 who gained full marks in the Higher exam. A fantastic result-well done girls!

WELL DONE

Four of our excellent young mathematicians took part in the Glasgow Schools' Maths Challenge in June. Mairi Ferguson 2T, Beth McKelvie 2L2, Thomas Sinclair 2K2 and Soham Surve 2L1 represented Hyndland against 30 other schools at an event in Lourdes Secondary. Well done folks!

NATIONAL SUCCESS

Well done to Alexander Goss-Pastor 3T1, who was selected to take part in the invitation-only UK Mathematics Trust Kangaroo Challenge 2018, passing with Distinction. We are so proud of your achievement and hope that your medal has pride of place at home!

RESOURCE HUNT!

Have you noticed textbooks under the bed? Calculators being used as coasters? We would be grateful if you could ask your child to return any books or calculators that may have found their way home last session-Thank you!

THE PLAY'S THE THING!

Our annual trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon was enjoyed by 30 pupils from second to sixth year. We visited many places of interest including: Anne Hathaway's cottage; Shakespeare's birthplace and the Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried. Furthermore, we were lucky enough to visit an interactive exhibition called 'The Play's the Thing' at the Royal Shakespeare Company. This exhibition had costumes from previous productions and pupils were able to try these on with a virtual mirror! But the play really was the thing when we watched two fantastic productions at the RSC. 'Romeo and Juliet' was a stripped back modern account of the classic tale of star-crossed lovers whereas 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' was a lavish cross between TOWIE and Elizabethan England! For updates on our next Stratford-Upon-Avon trip don't forget to follow us @HyndlandEnglish





Attendance at Hyndland



At Hyndland Secondary School we are fully committed to help each and every one of our learners achieve their full potential. One important ingredient to success at school is excellent attendance. We are extremely proud of the high standards which our young people meet and are grateful of the support which we receive from parents/carers with regards to maintaining excellent levels of attendance across our school.



Every school day counts:



100% attendance	=	0 days missed	=	Best chance to succeed
95% attendance	=	9 days of absence missed in a school year	=	1 week and 4 days of learning missed
90% attendance	=	19 days of absence missed in a school year	=	3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
85% attendance	=	27 days of absence missed in a school year	=	5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed
80% attendance	=	36 days of absence in a school year	=	7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed
75% attendance	=	45 days of absence in a school year	=	9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed

There is much we can achieve by working together to maintain high levels of attendance. Please remember to call the school and speak to your young person's Pastoral Care Teacher if you would like any information or advice regarding attendance.

Hyndland Secondary School Website Update

An area of focus that our Parent Council is continuing to focus on is communication and ways in which they can help support the school to enhance communications with parents. As a result a number of parents from the Parent Council have volunteered to continue to help update our school website. If you have not visited our school website recently please do so – we have now added in a new section on the top menu bar called ‘Year Group Info’ which will hopefully direct parents to an area that is particularly relevant to their child. All letters and communication will be posted on here such as letters issued about parents meetings, trips etc which will hopefully help to improve communication. On our website the school Twitter feed also appears – please remember to follow us on Twitter or Facebook if you have not already done so. Many thanks to those parents who are now helping to update the website with a particular thanks to Tracy McKelvie and Colin Hamilton for the huge amount of time and work they have committed to this project to date.



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@Hyndland_ML

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@HyndlandSecDTE

@Hyndland_Maths

@HyndBusComp



S1 & S2 Summer Reward Trips

On Monday 25th June five coaches packed full of S1 and S2 students headed out on our Summer Reward Trips to celebrate and congratulate the efforts of our young people during the session. Students were given a choice of attending a trip to M & Ds Amusement Park, Blairdrummond Safari Park on a trip to the ten pin bowling and cinema at Glasgow Quay. Luckily the sun was shining and all students who attended had a great time. Both the school staff who accompanied them but also many staff from the various locations commented on the excellent behaviour and attitude shown by our students. Well done to all who attended! Our Summer Reward Trips next year will take place on Thursday 27th June!



Primary Transition News – Session 2018/2019

Up-coming events / dates regarding Primary-Secondary Transition

September onwards

From September to January, the Science and English Departments will be working in our learning community primary schools. Staff will be working with Primary 7 classes on literacy and technologies based learning to help support the transition to secondary school.

Thursday 4th October 6pm

Primary 7 Open Evening - open to all parents/carers and primary 7 students. This event allows parents and primary 7 children to step into the life of a first year pupil at Hyndland Secondary School. Departments will showcase work undertaken in the S1 curriculum and current S1 students will be on hand to answer any questions about the school as well as providing practical demonstrations of the skills they have learnt so far at Hyndland.

Thursday 14th March 6pm

Primary 7 Information Evening at Hyndland Secondary School – begins at **6pm** in the Airlie Theatre – this evening is open to all parents/carers and primary 7 students. This will provide information about the transition process and the S1 curriculum here at Hyndland.

Tues 21st & Wed 22nd May

Primary 7 Induction Days at Hyndland Secondary School

Wednesday 22nd May 6pm

Primary 7 Information Evening – Airlie Theatre for all parents/carers and primary 7 students

We very much look forward to welcoming parents/carers and primary 7 students to Hyndland during this coming session. If you have any questions about the primary/secondary transition programme please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Forrester at Hyndland Secondary School who will be happy to answer any questions.



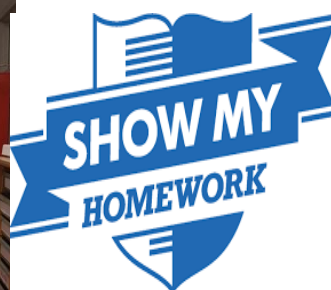
S1 Family Learning Evening – Thursday 23rd August 2018

Our first information evening for the new session was held on Thursday 23rd August for parents and carers of our new S1 cohort. Many thanks to all who attended on the evening – we were delighted welcome those who were able to come along. The format of the evening was slightly different to that of previous information evenings and included 4 family learning based workshops as follows;

1. How to support your child in Numeracy and Maths – Mr Shields – Principal Teacher Maths & Numeracy
2. How to support your child with homework using Show my Homework – Mr Furniss – Principal Teacher of Business & Computing
3. The S1 Barcaple Residential Experience – Ms Burns – Teacher of Geography / Associate Pastoral Care
4. How to keep your children safe on-line – Ms Fulton and Ms Ralston from the Business & Computing Department

All presentations from the evening are available to download on our school website at www.hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk

The next event on the school calendar for S1 parents/carers will be our S1 parents meeting due to take place on Tuesday 13th November – more information will follow soon about this.



Hyndland Expedition 2018 - Ecuador and Galapagos experience

Following two years of preparation, our Hyndland Expedition team, comprised of 19 young people and 4 staff, spent 2 weeks in South America over the summer carrying out scientific research in Ecuador & Galapagos. It was undoubtedly an experience that everyone involved will treasure for the rest of their lives and one they hope to share with the rest of the school community later in the session.

*In June of this year I was lucky enough to spend 2 weeks as part of the Hyndland Expedition exploring parts of the Amazon Rainforest in Ecuador as well as Snorkelling and kayaking in the Galápagos Islands. Both parts of the expedition could not have been more different. We spent the first week in one of the most remote and unexplored parts of the Amazon rainforest learning about the different types of Flora and Fauna by participating in surveys and lectures each day. On one of the days we climbed a canopy tower which allowed us to have a view over the whole rainforest where we saw toucans, parrots and many types of hummingbird, as well as this we were also able to see different types of monkey that inhabit the rainforest which was surreal. On the final day we trekked to the community where we met the local people who live in the rainforest and learned about the struggles they face with modern day issues such as oil drilling as well as preparing and eating the local cuisine. The second week of the expedition was spent in the magnificent Galápagos Islands where the majority week was spent in the highlands which turned out to have very similar weather to Scotland which was not ideal. However, when we returned to sea level it was sunny and hot which made snorkelling that much better as we saw many schools of fish, Galapagos sharks and even turtles just beneath us which was extraordinary. On the final day of exploring the islands we got very close to the corral getting extremely close to the sharks and even swam with Sea Lions. Looking back at the experience I feel immensely lucky and proud to have participated in the expedition. Seeing first hand the species that I had only ever seen on documentaries, visiting the Charles Darwin Centre to see tortoises that are over 100 years old as well as the afternoons we spent at the most beautiful and secluded beaches that were swarming with iguanas who call this extraordinary place their home. - **Jennifer Aitken***

*One of my favourite jungle memories is from my very first experience of the canopy tower. Before even climbing up the tower the views of the tree itself are quite spectacular, from its roots to the trees sheer height. After climbing up the never-ending stairs you are met with an even more breath-taking view of miles and miles of rainforest. Looking out over the canopy, while trying to catch a glimpse of magical birds of every colour is such a crazy cool thing and something I will never forget. However, my favourite part of the tower was when a bunch of students from Quito also came up to enjoy the view and make some new friends. We managed to get through the language barriers and had a really great experience of talking to the students and even singing some Taylor Swift and Amy Winehouse songs. It was such a strange, yet awesome moment to be way up in an Amazon tree watching out for bird's, while an Ecuadorian student sung "Back to Black", I will never ever forget it! - **Lucy Dykes***

*Diving was by far the best experience of the trip in the Galapagos Islands. At the beginning I had mixed emotions about it. I was very excited but also very nervous as I wasn't quite sure what to expect. However, our instructor eased my worries by showing us some techniques like breathing with the regulator, what to do if your goggles filled with water, how to talk with signals, etc. When I finally got in, after panicking about flipping backwards into the water the views were spectacular. There were many fish, sharks, sea lions and the coolest thing I saw was a gigantic turtle swimming about one meter away from me. When I then touch the seabed, I realised how amazing it felt to have this opportunity and truly got lost in the moment. This really made my expedition, as it exceeded my expectation and therefore I'm really thankful to have been given this opportunity. - **Maya Pereira James***



HYNDLAND HAPPENINGS (Including holiday and in-service dates for Session 2018/2019)

Friday 21 & Monday 24 September 2018	Holiday
Thursday 27 September 2018	S4 Study Skills
Thursday 4 October 2018	P7 Information Evening – 6.00pm
Tuesday 9 October 2018	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 12 October 2018	In- Service
Monday 15 – Friday 19 October 2018	Holiday
Wednesday 31 October 2018	S3 Parents Evening - 4.15pm
Tuesday 13 November 2018	S1 Parents Evening – 4.15pm
Wednesday 21 November 2018	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 29 November 2018	S4-6 Targeted Evening – 4.15pm
Tuesday 11 December 2018	Christmas Concert – 7.00pm
Wednesday 12 December 2018	Carols by Candlelight – 7.30pm
Wednesday 19 December 2018	End of Term Service
Friday 21 December 2018	School Closes
Monday 7 January 2019	School Returns
Monday 14 – Friday 25 January 2019	S4–6 Prelims
Thursday 24 January 2019	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 February 2019	Mid Term Holiday
Wednesday 13 February 2019	In-Service
Thursday 14 February 2019	S4 Parents Evening – 4.15pm
Thursday 21 February 2019	S2 & S5 & 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 26 February 2019	S5 & 6 Parents Evening – 4.15pm
Thursday 14 March 2019	P7 Information Evening
Tuesday 26 March 2019	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April 2019	Spring Holiday
Wednesday 17 April 2019	S2 Parents Evening – 4.15pm
Friday 19 & Monday 22 April 2019	Easter Holiday
Monday 6 May 2019	Holiday
Tuesday 7 May 2019	In Service
Monday 13 – Friday 17 May 2019	I.D.L. Week
Wednesday 22 May 2019	P7 Information Evening

Friday 24 & Monday 27 May 2019	Holiday
Wednesday 5 June 2019	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 26 June 2019	Awards Ceremony
Thursday 27 June 2019	Rewards Trip
Friday 28 June 2019	School Closes

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