

## HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 29 October 2024

### Theme of the Month – Ambition

The theme of the month for November is ambition – being ambitious for our world and what it could be like (justice, peace, equality). This follows on from our previous themes which were community and looking out for each other. It encourages us to looking beyond ourselves to the wider world and the positive impact we can have there. We will also link it in to our commemoration of Remembrance Day.

### S1 and S2 Open Evening

This event took place on Wednesday 2 October and was well attended. Staff in each department shared information about their courses, showcased learning and provided demonstrations of practical activities. Pupils were also present to talk about their experiences. There were workshops on literacy, numeracy, safe use of social media and dyslexia. The office staff were on hand to help parents register with ParentPay pr ParentPortal. There was a great atmosphere on the night and we got very positive feedback from those who attended.

### S1 Buddy Breakfasts

Huge congratulations to our House Captains who organised and led very successful Buddy Breakfasts for their Houses. This involved team building activities followed by breakfast with their S6 buddies and a chance to complete their 'Time Capsules' which they will not see again until the night of their S6 Prom. Some of the activities involved building towers with marshmallows and spaghetti; organising themselves into number order according to their address (without speaking!) and racing one another covered from top to toe in toilet paper. Devised by S6 and enjoyed by all!

### Staff Professional Learning

On the in-service day on 21 October, all staff attended a conference organised by South Ayrshire Council. Workshops included supporting learners who are neurodiverse, dyslexia inclusive practice, communication friendly environments, the use of AI in the classroom and Making Thinking Visible. In the afternoon, staff met up with their subject networks to share practice on preparing pupils for SQA exams. It was a very worthwhile day.

### Dyslexia Inclusive Practice Award (DIPA)

We are delighted to have achieved our DIPA Award. This has been a two year journey led by the Pupil Support dept.

### Upcoming events

7 November	Talent Show 7pm
11 November	Remembrance Day
11 – 15 Nov	Children in Need Week
12 November	S4 to S6 Reports issued
21 November	S4 Parents Evening
3 December	S5/6 Parents Evening

Next meeting of Parent Council - Tuesday 26 November