

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 30 September 2025

Theme of the Month – Dignity and Respect

The theme of the month for September has been Dignity and Respect. The UNCRC Rights of the Child promote the dignity and worth of every child so we have had a focus on what treating someone with dignity means. At Daily Personal Support, pupils have been looking at our Rights Charter and discussing scenarios from school life and whether dignity is being respected or ignored. It has also given us the opportunity to revisit our anti-bullying policy with all pupils.

Air Show STEM Event

On 2 September, S2 pupils were offered the chance to attend a STEM event linked to the Ayr show. Around 60 pupils went along to see demonstrations and meet engineering businesses. Those who attended found it really worthwhile.

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. All S1 have 'class buddies', S6 House Captains who join them in Daily Personal Support 3 times a week. Some young people have one to one buddies who meet up with them during the week and attend at least one of their classes with them. The Buddy Breakfasts were a great opportunity for getting to know their class mates and their buddies better.

Achievement Tracking

This month during PSE, pupils have been completing a Wider Achievement quiz to provide an overview of engagement in and out with school activities. A majority of our pupils participate in school activities (e.g. 52% take part in our sports teams or clubs) but we also know that many of them are involved outside of school and achieving very highly. We will update the data at two points in the year and use it to celebrate achievement and to identify young people who are not participating in anything to see if there is something with support they may like to join or try. We will continue to invite parents to share their child's achievements with the school too.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 26 September, Mrs Galloway and the other Heads of House) along with our S6 House Captains organised a coffee morning for staff and a bake sale and Barista stall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Our S3 Barista Group stepped up to serve (and wash up) in their first event this year. We raised over £530. Many thanks to everyone who baked or donated!

Upcoming events

Wed 1 October – BGE Open Evening (P7 to S2)
Wed 7/Thu 8 Oct – School Show – Sister Act Jnr 7pm
Friday 10 October – school closes at 2.50pm for the October holiday
Monday 20 October – In-service day
Thursday 23 October – S1 Parents' Evening

Next meeting of Parent Council - Tuesday 28 October