

Educational Services

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Dear Parent/Carer

S1 and S2 OPEN EVENING – WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2024 FROM 4.30PM TO 6.30PM

I would like to invite you to an open evening on Wednesday 2 October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. The event will allow you to meet teachers and hear about the learning that goes on in each department. We work in partnership with families and are keen to build relationships and make parents feel part of our school community. Everyone is very welcome.

- The evening will begin at 4.30pm but it is an informal event and you can arrive and leave when it suits you. It will be less rushed than a parent evening with more time to engage with staff and look at pupil work.
- Senior pupils will be on hand to show you round and answer any questions.
- Staff in each department plan to share information with you, showcase learning and provide demonstrations of practical activities. Pupils will also be present to talk about their experiences.

The following information sessions will also be running – no need to book – just turn up at the allocated time.

	What?	When?	Where?
Literacy	In S1 and S2, pupils develop the ability to manipulate language for effect. This workshop will introduce one of the creative writing skills taught to S1 and S2 learners: creating setting.	4.45 – 5.00 pm Repeated at 5.55 – 6.10 pm	English 4
Numeracy	Join the Maths dept to hear about how you can support your child's learning.	5.00 – 5.15 pm Repeated at 6.10 – 6.25 pm	Maths 2
Keeping your child safe on social media	This session will outline the most common types of social media pupils use and share ways for parents to keep their child safe when they are using these platforms.	5.30 – 5.55 pm	Dining Hall
How to navigate Glow, Microsoft Teams and One Note	Pupils use Microsoft Teams on Glow as part of their learning. This session will explain how pupils access Teams and how teachers use it to support learning.	Drop-in	Computing 1
Dyslexia	"Educate Me" is a short film about dyslexia and the experiences shared by many learners with dyslexia throughout the Scottish education system. The film was a year in the making, using a predominantly dyslexic crew.	6.00 – 6.25 pm	PS1
Dyslexia	Presentation - What is Dyslexia? This PowerPoint is also being shown to all S1 pupils in during Dyslexia Awareness Week.	4.35 – 5.00 pm	PS2

We will also have the following information stands throughout the evening.

Young Carer	Display and information on activities and supports	School Foyer
Parentsportal ParentPay and School Meals	Office staff will be available to provide up-to-date information on how to register for the apps we use such as Parentsportal, Parents pay and Expressions. They can also provide guidance on how to access the Vericool app for pre-ordering school meals.	School Foyer
Financial Services	Funding and information about financial support available for parents and carers provided by South Ayrshire's Information and Advice Hub	Library

I hope you will be able to join us for this open evening. If you are unable to make it for 4.30pm, please join us when you can to visit the departments and talk to staff. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the school.

Best wishes



Mary Byrne
Head Teacher