

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 30 January 2024

Winter Assessment Diet

A few exams took place before Christmas and were well attended. The next sitting of assessments started on 9 January and finished last week. These assessments provide valuable evidence about progress and prepare pupils for the formality of the final exams. Parents can expect full reports on 6 February.

January Theme of the Month – Our Future – Careers

This month in Daily Personal Support, pupils have been spending time looking at career families and using the tools on SDS's My World of Work website to find out more about their strengths and skills. This is timed to tie in with the beginning of the options process for S2 to S5 which began last week with assemblies. It also aligns with the South Ayrshire Futures Careers Event taking place at the Racecourse on 7 February.

Options Information

This took place on 25 January on Zoom. We had current and former pupils talking about their learner journeys. Susan Wood, our Careers Adviser, talked about the support she can offer and gave an overview of the job market in South Ayrshire. The event was well attended and despite technical issues went well! The slides from the evening are available on the school website with the options forms.

Upcoming Events

Tues 6 February	S3 Parent Evening
Tues 6 February	S4/5/6 Tracking Report
Wed 7 February	South Ayrshire Futures Careers Event at Racecourse
Mon 12 February	Holiday
Tues 13 February	In-service Day

Theme of the month for February is **Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 The Fragility of Freedom** to tie in with our work to get our UNCRC silver award and our LGBT charter.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 February 2024