

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Health and Safety

Pupils and staff are working hard to follow the new health and hygiene measures. We are very pleased with the number of young people who do not need to be reminded to wear masks and sanitise their hands. We continue to reinforce our procedures regularly and link them in to our three key school rule- ready, respectful and responsible. S6 Captains, Cara and Kiera, produced a short film about mask wearing has been shown on our screens and at Daily Personal Support.

Staffing

Miss Stevenson, Teacher of Biology has begun her new post. We have appointed Mrs Anderson, currently teaching in West Dunbartonshire, to replace her. She will begin on 6 November. The school has been allocated two Covid Recovery teachers. Mrs McIloney is with us full time and Mrs Weir on Mondays and Tuesdays. They are funded from the Scottish Government commitment to support schools during the pandemic. Their role is to support children who may have made limited progress as a result of the lockdown. We are using them flexibly to allow subject specialist teachers to provide consolidation periods.

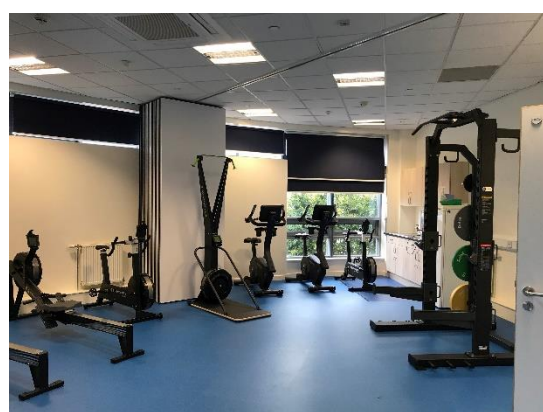
Kyle Skills Academy

Due to the restrictions, lack of college provision and possible disruptions, our Skills Academy will run with selected groups of S2 and S3 rather than our S4 this session (with the exception of Cyber Security). Our staff have been trained and will deliver the courses themselves. All pupils will work towards SQA Personal Development award and the Prince's Trust Achieve award, both at SCQF level 5. We have been fortunate to receive further funding for our programme of vocational skills courses from the Princes Trust and DYW Ayrshire and are adding Fashion and Textiles to our offer this year. The courses running this year are:

- Cyber Centurions – cyber security and ethical hacking (NPA at level 5 or 6) led by Computing dept
- Hospitality – Barista training
- Coaching Academy - Sports and Recreation
- Beauty – hair styling and nail care
- Fashion and Textiles – led by the Art dept

Fitness Suite

At long last our fitness suite in the annexe is complete. We now have a state-of-the-art gym and are just waiting for the restrictions to be relaxed so that we can use it!





School Trips

Since our last meeting, the refunds for the Big Day Out that was cancelled in May have been issued. The ski trip, due to go in January has been cancelled. Families will receive a full refund because the flights were cancelled by the airline. Although this is disappointing for those due to go on the trip, it is the safest option under the circumstances. There will be no school trips, either local or residential, until further notice.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 9 October 2020 – school closes at 2.50pm for the October holiday

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 October 2020 – In-service days

Tuesday 27 October 2020 – Parent Council Forum/AGM