



CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

# Parents' Newsletter

## Head Teacher's Letter

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As announced in the last Parents' Newsletter, the AGM of our Parent Council took place on 28th September. It was a very enjoyable evening as it was a great opportunity for us to hear from groups of young people about what was happening in school. Chloe Bond, Dylan Candlin and Shaun Cairns, all from S1, reported back about the new P7/S1 transition programme which centred on Kodu, a game design software programme. Jack McKinlay (S2) explained about the Mario Kart Project which forms the core of the S1 ICT

course, Holly Stanley and Erin McLeod (S2) talked about their S1 Citizenship course, in particular their fundraising efforts to sponsor children in Africa to be able to go to school. Rebecca Forbes (S6) talked about Advanced Higher, splitting her class time between CHS and St Peter's. The pupils spoke with great confidence and fluency and were a tremendous credit to their families. Unfortunately, there were only 6 parents at the AGM, the same 6 parents who usually come along. It is such a shame that there is not

more interest in the school amongst parents/carers. The Parent Council meets every 6 weeks or so and discusses issues of concern to the school. Attending these meetings is a great way of supporting us and making sure that we benefit from a wide range of advice. Could you please find some time to support us? The next meeting is Wednesday, 9th November 6.45 -8.15pm in the conference room. It would be great to see you there.

Best Wishes,  
Stewart Young

## Timekeeping

Unfortunately, latecoming has proved to be an issue for some of our pupils. This year our record is slightly better but there is still a cause for concern.

If your child is beginning to develop a bit of a latecoming habit, please help us to break it now.

1. **How can young people learn if they are not in class on time?**
2. **How can we report positively on a young person if he/she is persistently late?**
3. **What kind of impression does poor timekeeping give?**



## S4 Prelims

If your son/daughter is in S4 and is about to sit prelim examinations, please follow this advice.

The Standard Grade prelims which start on **Monday 12th December** are fast approaching. If your son/daughter is in S4, these examinations are incredibly important.

- ◇ **They provide practice for the actual Standard Grades in May.**
- ◇ **They provide a fallback position in case for some reason we have to appeal for a pupil who does not perform well in the May examinations.**

**The results are used as the basis for S5 subject choice.**

As parents/guardians, now answer these questions honestly:

- ◇ **Is your son/daughter working hard?**

- ◇ **Is he/she doing all his/her homework?**
- ◇ **Does he/she have a study plan?**
- ◇ **Is he/she revising work from S3 and S4?**
- ◇ **Were you happy with the contents of the Interim Monitoring?**

Your answer to all of these questions should be a resounding YES! If not, your son/daughter has to get down to work without delay.

Please provide your son/daughter with all the support he/she needs at this crucial point in his/her school career. If you have any doubts about any homework or study-related issue, please contact your child's Pastoral Care teacher to ask for clarification.

Finally, how do you know that your son/daughter is working hard? Check for yourself! Don't take his/her word for it!

*'So many life opportunities are created by strong SOA examination results'*



Please note : The school will not be able to provide basic equipment such as calculators for these examinations. Pupils need their own. Please make sure that your child has all the necessary basic equipment well before these examinations start.

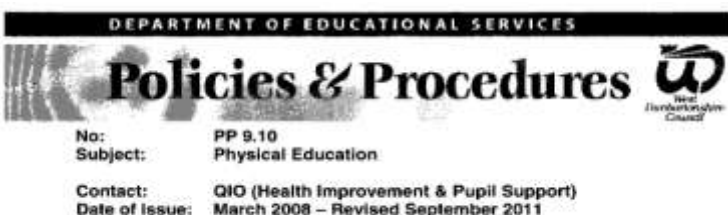
## WDC Policies - Uniform & Physical Education

WDC has issued updated policies on School Uniform and Physical Education. Both appear on the school website @

[www.clydebankhigh.org.uk](http://www.clydebankhigh.org.uk).



As always, everything you need to know about the school can be found on our website



# University Tuition

## Letter Received from Niall Bradley, Head of UK & EU recruitment at The University of Edinburgh



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September 2011

FAO Head Teacher/Principal

Dear Colleague

### University tuition fees for Scottish domiciled students

Following changes to the undergraduate tuition fee arrangements in England and Wales, the Scottish Government has announced proposed changes to fee arrangements for students from the rest of the UK (RUK) outside Scotland.

I realise that, given recent media coverage and the queries we are receiving, there is some confusion as to the position of Scottish domiciled students.

In the interests of ensuring that applicants are as well informed as possible, I am writing to confirm the new fee arrangements do not affect eligible\* Scottish domiciled students attending schools or colleges in Scotland or elsewhere in the UK. I would be grateful if you could convey this message to your staff, students and their parents.

The Scottish Government, via the Students Awards Agency Scotland, will continue to cover the tuition fees of eligible\* Scottish-domiciled, full-time, first degree students attending Scottish higher education institutions.

While the fee arrangements for Scottish domiciled students coming to Edinburgh have not changed, I am pleased to confirm that we will be expanding our existing range of access and accommodation bursaries to help provide living cost support to more of these students. Details are available at:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/fees-finance/bursaries-scholarships>

The University's Scholarships and Student Funding Service will be happy to answer questions at:

Scholarships and Student Funding Services  
 Tel: 0131 651 4070 Email: [scholarships@ed.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@ed.ac.uk)

For further info about studying at Edinburgh please visit [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate) or contact Student Recruitment & Admissions at:

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Yours sincerely

Niall Bradley  
 Head of UK & EU recruitment

\* Details of the current eligibility conditions are available at [www.saas.gov.uk/student\\_support/scottish\\_inside/2001\\_or\\_later/eligibility.htm](http://www.saas.gov.uk/student_support/scottish_inside/2001_or_later/eligibility.htm)



# Winter months in Physical Education

Now that winter is fast approaching, can we take this opportunity to ask you to ensure that your son or daughter has suitable clothing with them on a day when they are timetabled for an outdoor PE lesson.

We believe it is important that pupils experience outdoor activity - even if the weather is not very pleasant - and will take classes outside whenever possible.

If the pupil is wearing suitable clothing then this can still be an enjoyable experience. A complete change of clothing with a tracksuit, light waterproof jacket and perhaps a hat and gloves would ensure that your child stayed comfortable even in the worst of weather. A towel may also be a sensible addition.



**Thankyou**  
**Mr Chudleigh PT Physical Education**

## Raising Attainment

As a school we have never been complacent in any way. Where we have identified a relative “weakness”, we have set out to address it. When it comes to attainment (i.e. exam results), we always take our responsibilities seriously. This year the SMT decided to visit schools in other local authority areas to see if we could find out any good practice that we could adopt in Clydebank High School. We visited 5 schools in total and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Some of the key raising attainment features that we are using this year are the following:

- **A** number of our pupils, even in the senior school, continue to be unclear about the kind of career path that they would like to follow. In our view, young people work better when they have a specific goal or target in mind. As a result, we are going to run an Employability Workshop, especially for S4 pupils, to help them focus on possible careers and hopefully raise their aspirations. An interesting American survey showed young people with a clear goal perform better in school than those who do not.
- **M**any of our pupils tell us that they are not sure how best to study. While study skills have formed a large part of our Social Education programme, there is clearly still a need for us to do more. Newly devised study skills workshops are in the pipeline for S4 - S6!
- **W**e are also about to introduce a new Literacy workshop for senior pupils, with the specific aim of helping our young people to answer different types of exam questions and to structure their answers in a logical and grammatically correct way.
- **T**eaching exam technique, i.e. how to answer exam questions, has always been a key part to our classroom work. This year we are hoping to introduce SQA workshops in every examinable subject, led by SQA markers both from within Clydebank High and beyond.
- **O**ver the years we have developed a wide - scale mentoring programme for S4 - S6 pupils. This involves staff working on a one-to-one basis with pupils, helping them with issues of particular importance to them. This might be exam technique, study skills, literacy skills. This year 33 staff have volunteered to help S4 pupils, SMT will also work with S4 pupils, Pastoral Care will focus on S5, Mrs Grumball and Mr Young will focus on S6. This intensive one-to-one work will increase our chances of exam success.
- **A**s every year, the school will offer a full programme of Supported Study. This programme allows pupils to attend extra after-school and lunch time classes where they can focus on the more difficult aspects of the course to date. It is a great way to revise effectively and receive more direct help from the teacher. All senior pupils are expected to attend all Supported Study sessions in all of their subjects.

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*This intensive one-to-one work will increase our chances of exam success*

*Senior pupils are expected to attend all Supported Study*

# Scottish Stem Cell Network outreach programme

Mr Young was delighted to receive this letter from  
 Professor Philip A Dyer OBE PhD  
 FRCPATH  
 Professor in Transplantation Science.



## Pupils' Achievements

**Letter received from Bill Muirhead, Education Development Manager  
 Coca-Cola Enterprises Ltd**

Congratulations, I am writing to let you know that the students behind GB Flame soft drink have made it through to this year's Scotland Real Business Challenge Final. At the final your students will have the opportunity of working alongside Coca-Cola business mentors on

**Well Done 1A3**

Scott McInnes & Rhysce McKenzie recently took part in a Basketball competition coming in second place.

Shaun Cairns won an important Rugby match with a massive score of 35 - 3.

**Clydebank Artwall**

Thanks to the talented pupils at CHS, SPTA and local residents, the fabulous Artwall at Spencer Street Garages is now complete.

Take the time to go along and have a look.

**Fantastic**

Alexander McVicar 4D1 recently achieved best personal time of 30.4 seconds for swimming 50 metres Butterfly.

## Silver Surfers

A group of S3 Standard grade Modern Studies pupils held a Silver Surfers afternoon on Tuesday 4th October. The group were delighted to welcome around 20 older members of the local community to the school to learn how to work technology such as computers, laptops, cameras and mobile phones.

The pupils offered one-to-one tuition with an older person for around two hours. The Silver Surfers were soon clicking away, learning how to send emails, and how to attach pictures to their emails to send to family who lived far away. They also learned keyboard and mouse skills so that they could surf the internet and use websites such as NHS 24, search for bus timetables and shop online.

The afternoon was rounded off with refreshments served by our pupils with the help of the Home Economics department.

The teachers and visitors who attended the workshop were all hugely impressed by the responsibility and confidence shown by the pupils involved. Every Silver Surfer asked if there would be another workshop! Every pupil also said they enjoyed the afternoon and would like to have the experience again.

We hope that every visitor enjoyed the workshop and we wish them 'Happy Surfing' in the future.

By **Heather Murray 3C3**  
**Meghan Stewart 3C1**



# Bute House - Roll of Honour

**BUTE Roll of Honour**  
SQA Results - August 2011

**Outstanding S4 Results**

8 Credit Standard Grades:	Katie Fletcher
	Sarah Kennedy
7 Credit Standard Grades:	Douglas Greig
	Beth McManus
6 Credits plus an Int 2 A:	Alexandra Harper

**Outstanding S5/6 Results**

5 A-pass Higher:	Heather McLarty
5 Higher:	Amy Cranney
	Emma McNally
	Laura Ferrier
	Kay McCubbin

**Outstanding S5/6 Results**

4 Higher:	Jenna Henry
3 Higher:	Katrina Hunter



As you know, we always do our best to find out and publish pupil successes. However, this is not always an easy task as our young people can be very bashful and don't always want to be noticed! In spite of this, during Bute House Assemblies we show the Bute Roll of Honour which highlights in abbreviated form the achievements of Bute pupils.

For your interest I have printed the details for the last 2 House assemblies. Other House details will follow!



**BUTE Roll of Honour**  
October 2011

Last Session:  
**BUTE = SPORTS CHAMPIONS!!**  
... Let's do it again this year!

**Sporting Achievements**

Jon Scullion:	Training with St Mirren
Fraser James:	Kilpatrick FC
Aiden Higgins:	Kilpatrick FC
Jack Carson:	Milngavie Wanderers

**S1 Football Teams:**

Cameron Reith  
Ryan Brown  
Jack Henderson  
Martin McInnes  
Kyle McKay

**Dancing:**

Lauren Johnston	Khiara Shepherd
Courtney Robb	Gemma Watson
Samantha McMillan	Courtney Walker
Eve McGinlay	Victoria Hunter
Caitlin Mooney	

**Other Achievements:**

Boxing:	Brain Aird
Charity Abseil:	Sam Currie
Violin / Orchestra:	Emily Spence

CHS - Musical

**Clear your diaries for June and make a special note:**

# Clydebank High Presents



# 13th, 14th & 15th June 2012

## Comenius Assistant Host Schools Project

The European Community organises the Comenius Programme. The Comenius Programme is named after Jan Amos Comenius (1592-1670), often considered the father of modern education. The Comenius programme is aimed at schools, colleges and local authorities across Europe.

### Comenius has two main objectives:

- ◆ to develop knowledge and understanding among young people and education staff of the diversity of European cultures and languages, and the value of this diversity
- ◆ to help young people to acquire basic life skills and competences for their personal development, for future employment and for active European citizenship

Each year schools throughout the UK are invited to apply to host teachers or trainee teachers from one of 32 other UK countries, except countries whose language is already taught in the school. Across the UK 200 schools applied and only 3 Scottish secondary schools were chosen, including Clydebanks High School.

We are delighted to host Miss Meryem Kiyamaz who is from Turkey. She teaches English in a secondary school in the northern Turkish town of Bartin. The key aim of Miss Kiyamaz's work with us is to raise awareness of the language and culture of Turkey among all those associated with Clydebanks High School.

Miss Kiyamaz will work with the Home Economics department to teach our S1 pupils how to cook a range of Turkish dishes. As she does this, she will be introducing pupils to some basic Turkish words and phrases which could be used when ordering food in a Turkish restaurant.

Miss Kiyamaz will also work with the Modern Studies department where she will teach S3 and S5/6 classes on the workings of the Turkish political system. She will also explain why Turkey is working to become a member of the European Union.

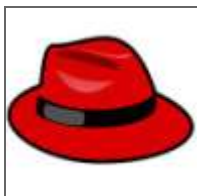
Finally, Miss Kiyamaz is offering after-school classes in basic Turkish. These will be of benefit to any pupil who wishes to expand their language skills and particularly to those who may be planning a family holiday to Turkey in the next few years. Miss Kiyamaz is also keen to make these language classes available to any staff or parents who may be interested in learning some basic Turkish.



## Wear A Hat Day

Clydebanks High has raised approximately £200 from 'Wear A Hat Day'.

This money will be used, through World Vision, to sponsor 2 African children enabling them to go to school.



## Morrison's "Let's Grow" Vouchers

If you have any Morrison's "Let's Grow" vouchers please hand them in to the School Office. The vouchers are issued until the end of October and would help us to obtain items for the school garden.



## History Department Trips

# Berlin

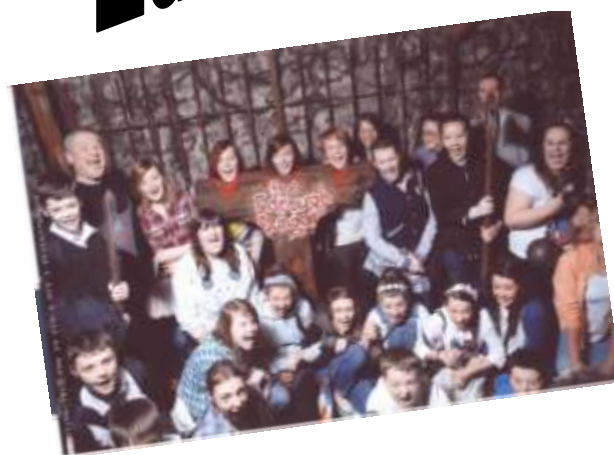


From the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Higher and Advanced Higher History pupils joined with pupils from St Peter the Apostle to travel to Germany and explore Berlin. We visited many important historical sites which the pupils had and would be studying, including a tour of the Topography of Terror which was located on the site of Gestapo Headquarters and charts their infamous activities throughout the Nazi period. Pupils also visited the Jewish Museum which examines the lives of those in the Jewish community before, during and after the events of the 1930s and 40s. We also toured the DDR museum which gave an insight into life on the East side of the Berlin Wall, before visiting the Reichstag building and shopping in the popular Ku'damme area. The pupils also visited the Wannsee Conference Centre where the Final Solution was discussed and planned and finally Sachsenhausen Concentration camp where the first political prisoners of Nazi Germany were sent. In the evenings, although exhausted(!), the pupils went bowling and travelled up the TV Tower for panoramic views of Berlin at night. The pupils all had a fantastic time and were commended for their maturity, interest and excellent sense of humour by all our guides and the staff at St Peter the Apostle.

In June we also travelled a little closer to home, to Edinburgh with 40 pupils from S1 to S6 to visit the Edinburgh Dungeons and Mary King's Close. Despite temporarily losing my hearing during the scares and screams in the dungeons we all had a fantastic time and even managed to enjoy some lovely wet summer weather in our nations capital. The pupils were given an introduction to some of Scotland's most notorious villains and the effects of the Black Death on Scotland in Edinburgh's underground city. Both tours were fantastic and the pupils had a great time.



# Edinburgh



## Next June....

In June 2012 we are taking a group of 45 pupils from S2-S4 to tour the Battlefields of France and Belgium. See our school website for more information and the itinerary.

Thanks to all pupils and staff involved in the trips for making them so successful and enjoyable!

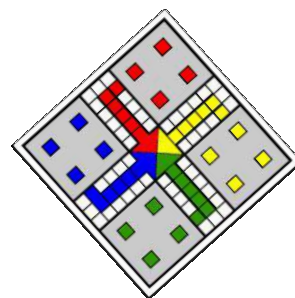
Mrs Ashley McGuffie PT of History

## Freshers' Fair

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Clydebank High School Freshers' Fair took place in the assembly hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The fair gives an opportunity for our youngsters to investigate the range of clubs and activities that are available for them outwith the classroom and to register their interest in joining them.

Around 30 clubs were represented at the fair ranging from traditional sporting pursuits such as rugby, football and netball through to music, games and toy making. A full list of activities can be found on the School website. The majority of these clubs and activities are kindly offered by staff within the school but increasingly our community partners are supporting our attempts to provide a broad range of experiences for our youngsters. Our thanks go out to Active Schools and our Campus police officer, Stephanie Park, as well as to school staff who give their time and expertise to this venture.

The school is keen to have as many of our youngsters involved in these clubs and activities so parental encouragement would be greatly appreciated. A dedicated notice board has been established in the school dining room to provide ongoing information to pupils. Many of the clubs and activities have vacancies so it is not too late for youngsters to join many of them, even where they have already started.



## Faraday

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 36 pupils, working in teams of six, took part in the national IET Faraday Challenge.

The teams had to design and build an automated drinks dispenser which would fill a cup to a set level, then deliver the cup to the edge of the table, within a set time limit.

There were lots of steps that had to be finished in order to complete the whole project including: initial design ideas, final prototype, budget management, materials choice, build quality and final testing of the device.

All pupils worked extremely hard and were a credit to the school.

At the end there were three teams who were very close to the overall lead.

The winning team members, with 120 points, were: Scott Elliot, Allan Craig, Michael Lipp, Cameron McKinnon, Jack Crawford and Reece Carlyle.

Currently Clydebank High sit top of the national rankings. The three top scoring teams nationally will compete in London next year for a £1000 prize, so fingers crossed!

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**Physics**

**IET FARADAY**

## S3 Football Round - up



The football team have a competitive match pencilled in for each week of term (normally Tues/Wed). When there is a free week we hold training sessions instead.

Although it is early in the season it is very encouraging to see the boys giving a great account of themselves and they are progressing very well as a team.

Opposing schools have commented positively on the sportsmanship of the team and this is a credit to the boys involved. We are hopeful for the coming season with the League cup and Scottish cup to play for.

Watch this space....



### Clydebank HS 2 v Knightswood 2 (League)

The opening game of the season saw Clydebank take on tough opponents Knightswood who have a history of producing strong teams. Clydebank started slowly and Knightswood took advantage by scoring two quick goals. However half time seemed to give the Clydebank boys a new lease of life. Captain Scott Holms rallied the troops and led a dominant display in the second half. Goals from Jamie Henry 3B1 and Ross Campbell 3A3 meant the points were shared, although Knightswood would have been relieved to get away with a draw after Clydebank's excellent second half performance.

**Man of the Match: Euan Urquhart 3A2**

### Clydebank HS 5 v Vale of Leven Academy 0 (Scottish Cup)

Clydebank were looking forward to this Scottish cup tie, and a chance to get one over their local rivals from the Vale of Leven.

Clydebank were untouchable on the day. Swift passing and fluid movement all over the field led to goals from Ross Campbell 3A3, Euan Urquhart 3A2, Aaron Graham 3A2 as well as a double for Chris McDonald 3B2.

Clydebank march onto the next round and a tie against either Boclair or Trinity HS.

**Man of the Match: Scott Holms 3C3**

### St Peter the Apostle 4 v Clydebank HS 0 (League)

St Peters reputation preceded them. As Scottish Cup champions this would prove to be the sternest of tests with St Peters having beaten all before them last season.

Clydebank showed a lot of courage and matched St Peters in a number of areas. Clydebank were without a couple of key players and up against a strong physical side, which proved a bit too much on the day.

**Man of the Match: Darren McKinley 3C2**



**S3 Football**

**Results**

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Monday 24th October	P7 CfE Information Evening
Monday 31st October	Halloween School Disco
Thursday 3rd November	Primary 7 Visit
Friday 4th November	Primary 7 Visit
Tuesday 15th November	S4 Parents' Evening (4 - 6.30pm)
Thursday 1st December	S5/6 Parents Evening (4 - 6.30pm)



**Scottish Learning Festival**

The following pupils represented Clydebank High School at West Dunbartonshire's stand at the Scottish Learning Festival on 21st September. Clydebank High were the only Secondary School represented at the local authority stand. The young people showcased the work they had undertaken during the Enhanced Transition Programme and the S1 Mario Kart Course that they study in Computing. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and anyone they spoke to commented on how knowledgeable and courteous they were. Well done.



**Jack Burrow 1A2, Shaun Cairns 1A3,  
 Daniel Kirkwood 1C1, Caitlin McNally 1C3  
 and Megan Neil 1C3**



**Queen's Diamond Jubilee Holiday**

Please note below the slight change to the May weekend holiday, to help celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The In Service Day and long weekend are as follows:

**Thursday 31 May 2012 - In Service Day**  
 Long weekend will follow and incorporate Tuesday 5th June for the Diamond Jubilee.  
 School will Re-open on Wednesday 6 June 2012.



**Contact with CHS**

Can we please ask when sending in any correspondence/notes that you include your child's full name and registration class.

**Many Thanks**