ST MUNGO'S UPDATE

Weekly Update: Monday 17 January 2022

DIGITAL POSTBOX: w.b. 17 January 2022

The following communication has been sent to pupils and/or parents/carers recently

Mon 16 Jan 2022 - S2 Course Choice information to parents/carers

Wed 19 Jan 2022 - UCAS Next Steps presentation to parents/carers

Thur 20Jan 2022 - S5 and S6 Tracking 3 Report

Fri 21 Jan 2022 - S6 Leaver's Celebrations letter sent to parents/carers

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MESSAGE FROM MR PHEE, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although we have only been back for a matter of days it has been a busy start to the term. Some pupil are sitting their mid-terms and teachers and pupils are continuing with SQA courses. Senior Tracking Reports will be available soon and as senior pupils begin a big push to complete coursework.

We have also started the S2 Course Choice process and information for parents/carers is available on our website.

Our feast day was on the 13th January and we were so disappointed not to be able to hold a school Mass. On the day, I spoke to all pupils and they watched a powerpoint on St Mungo that was prepared by the RE department. In RE, pupils are watching a service prepared by Fr Jamie.

There are a few upcoming events to look out for. Our School based Police Officer is hosting an online session for parents on Internet Safety. Of you are worried about what your child may be accessing online or want to know how to keep your child safe please sign up. This term we also have three Parent Information Evenings and we will be in touch with relevant parents to support them to make appointments.

Check out our website for updates and information on the life of the school.

Stephen Phee, Head Teacher

FREE BUS TRAVEL APPLICATION - All Year Groups

From 31 January 2022, all young people living in Scotland aged between 5 and 21 years will be eligible for free bus travel within Scotland. Young people will need a National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot Card with the valid free travel entitlement with them whenever they want to take the bus – otherwise they have to pay. Students can apply immediately, however, in light of high levels of COVID-19, please only apply for the scheme at this point if it is essential that you, or your child travel.

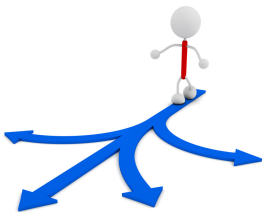
Learn more about how to apply by **clicking here**

COURSE CHOICE - Second Year

All S2 students will select 8 subjects from their current timetable that they want to study in greater depth in Third Year. Students have been learning about subjects, careers and destinations during their weekly PSE lessons with a foc

S2 PSE lesson focus:

- *What do I need for further study/jobs?*
- *What subjects do I like?*
- *What subjects am I good at?*
- *My World of Work – online portal and how to use it*



S2 Course Choice Timeline

Mon 10 Jan – Fri 4 Feb PSE lessons
Mon 17 Jan Subject presentations in class (except core, English, Maths & Languages)
Mon 24 Jan – Fri 4 Feb Course Choice interviews in school.
Course choice form will be issued and sent home
Mon 7 – Thu 10 Feb Course choice mop up (if absent for original interview)
Mon 13 June New Timetable starts

A parent/carer parent/carer SWAY presentation has been sent and is also available on the school website (under the Pathways section). Please view this before completing the course choice form as it contains important links, key dates etc. to support decisions.

PARENTS' SURVEY - Second Year

We would be grateful if you could complete our online survey relating to **Second Year students only** (click here or scan QR code left).

If required, there is space for you to provide any relevant information/queries and if you would like to receive a call back to discuss anything relating to your child's progress, please provide contact details where asked in the survey.

The survey is live and will close on **Friday 21 January 2022** with all information used to support school improvement.

INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL

CAREER ADVISER APPOINTMENTS - All Year Groups

We have 3 school based Career Advisers who offer 1:1 guidance and direction to individual students and/or support us in the delivery of group work to groups of students. Lorna, Brenna and Kirsty are based in the school library, where career leaflets & information is also available.

Should any pupil or parent/carer wish to make a careers appointment, please contact the following career adviser (by House):

CONTACT US

ANDREW & KENTIGERN HOUSE - kirsty.devlin@sds.co.uk
COLUMBA & OGILVIE HOUSE - brenna.harvey@sds.co.uk
MARGARET & NINIAN HOUSE - lorna.maclaughlan@sds.co.uk
click on name to email

Skills Development Scotland

USEFUL WEBSITES

Skills Development Scotland | My World of Work

click on the links

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS (FULL-TIME) - Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Year Summer 2022 Leavers

Applications for full-time courses starting in August 2022 open this week for Forth Valley and City of Glasgow Colleges. Applications can be made directly on their websites by clicking the icon (right). Often courses are filled on a 'first come, first serve' basis, so we advise that applications are submitted as soon as possible.

College admissions procedures aim to treat everyone who applies fairly, so if students meet the entry qualifications for the course, and places are available, both colleges will either invite students to an interview or make a direct offer. You will find details of entry qualifications and selection criteria on the course information pages on college websites.

Mrs Pollock is the main school link to support college applications and she will repeat the lunchtime application workshops that she previously held in December.

FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE

Opens 12 noon on Monday 17 January 2022

CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE

Opens 12 noon on Wednesday 19 January 2022

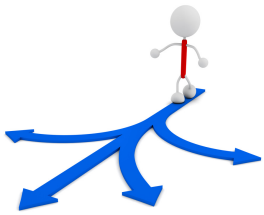
Click on the links to be taken to the college website

COURSE CHOICE UPDATE - Other Year Groups

Other year groups will be preparing during weekly PSE lessons to support course choice decisions. The relevant dates for S3, S4 and S5 students are:

Save the date

Year	Parents' Evening	Course Choice Interviews
Third	Wednesday 9 February	Thursday 17 February - Thursday 24 February
Fourth	Wednesday 2 February	Wednesday 16 February - Wednesday 23 February
Fifth	Wednesday 23 February	Monday 28 February - Friday 4 March



UCAS UPDATE - Fifth & Sixth Year applicants

All UCAS applications have been sent and many students are beginning to receive offers from their preferred institutions.
A follow up lesson was held with all applicants last week or this week, which focussed on understanding university offers, including accessing UCAS Extra and CLEARING. **This update will be sent to relevant parents/carers on Thursday 20 January.**

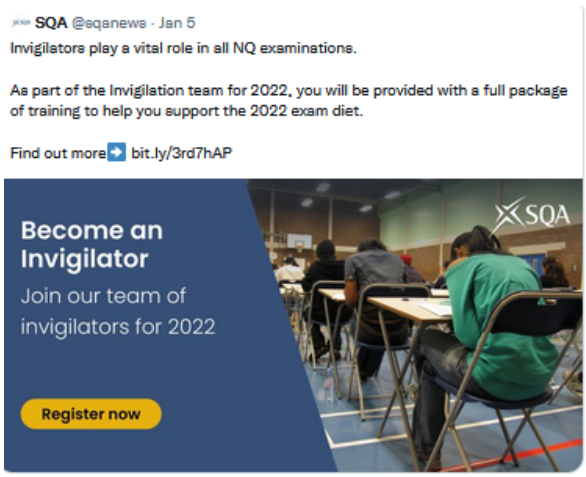
ST.MUNGO'S FEAST DAY

St Mungo's Day

On Thursday 13 January we celebrated the feast of our patron Saint, Mungo. Unfortunately, we were unable to celebrate a whole-school Mass.

All classes reflected through a presentation devised by Mr Young and Father Jamie from St Francis Xavier's has created a recorded school service which will be delivered this week.

INVIGILATORS REQUIRED



If anyone is interested in invigilating at St Mungo's in the Spring term please contact the school via email for further information on: stmungoshighschool@falkirk.gov.uk

ONLINE LEARNING: PARENTAL WEBINAR - All Years

PC Forsyth, our Campus Police Officer will deliver an online safety webinar for parents/carers on **Thursday 27 January at 2:00pm**. A link will be sent as soon as possible and another session will be timetabled later.

DEVELOPING OUR YOUNG WORKFORCE - VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCES ACROSS LEARNING

DYW @ St Mungo's @DYWStMungos1 · Oct 8

A fantastic site visit to the new Rosebank Distillery for some of our @StMungosFalkirk senior pupils interested in construction. Many thanks to Michael and Liam of ISG. #OpenDoors21 @DYW_ForthValley @OpenDoorsWeek

StMungosEnglishDept @StMungos_Eng · Sep 21

We cannot thank @SamMort9 enough for popping into @MrMcWEngClasses today to talk about her work with UNICEF, and further to give 'The Kite Runner' some context and background. #Afghanistan #thekiterunner #literature #Higher #english #UNICEF

Coffee, Career and a Chat

Mrs McMullan co-ordinated our "Coffee, Cake and a Career Chat!" offered to pupils in S4-6 Some supportive sessions included:

- **Engineering** with Stephen Roe
- **Law** with Sheana Campbell
- **The RAF** with Sergeant Angela Bell
- **Accountancy** with Mark Stewart

YOUR CHILD, THEIR FUTURE - S3 - S6 Parents

Young Professionals are hosting an Information Evening where some of the world's largest companies, including PwC (Finance), HSBC (Banking), M & S, Linklaters (Law) and many more on Thursday 3rd February at 6pm - 7.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity where students and their parents can hear about labour / job market information, how to prepare for job interviews and applications as well as being able to hear about some fantastic work experience opportunities.

They will also be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world.The booking link can be found below, so please do sign up if you would like to attend.

The zoom link will be emailed to you nearer the time.
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Parents-Event

INTERESTED IN LAW?

If you're interested in a career in law, **Linklaters** are hosting their first big insight event taking place on **Wednesday 26th January from 5:00pm - 6:00pm**.

Linklaters is a leading global law firm headquartered in London, with revenues upwards of £1.5bn. With leading practices in Corporate, Finance, and Dispute Resolution, they combine legal expertise with a collaborative and innovative approach to help clients navigate constantly evolving markets and regulatory environments, pursuing opportunities and managing risk worldwide.

They will be given a general introduction to the company with the main focus of the event to discuss their Making Links competition. You will hear more about this during the session but briefly the competition gives you a chance to personally win £1,250, your school £3,000 as well as be a part of their Making Links Discovery programme which is an 18-month long work experience opportunity.

We'll be hearing from 3 of the past winners of this competition who will be coming along to tell us all about their experience with Linklaters and providing some insider tips on how to be best in with a chance of winning.

Taking part in this competition challenge will also of course give you something tremendous to put onto your CV.

Finally there will be a chance to ask any questions you may have to the panelists representing one of the country's most distinguished law organisations.

To sign up for the event click on the icon (right)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - 12 - 16 year olds

Find out more about the Parent Council or PTA

Want to find out more about the Parent Council or PTA?

Click on each icon to be taken to the PTA or Parent Council section of the school website

Parent Teacher Association

Parent Council

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings: 7:00pm

Thursday 27 January 2022
Thursday 3 March 2022
Thursday 26 May 2022

EMA, FREE MEALS & CLOTHING GRANT - All pupils

There is information on the school website offering support in relation to financial assistance available to support families and students including:

- EMA (for students over 16 in low income families) - click here
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS - click here
- SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANT - click here
- YOUNG CARERS GRANT - click here

YEAR HEADS

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S3 & S4 Year Head -

S5 & S6 Year Head -
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anne-marie.jess@falkirk.gov.uk

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Holidays & In-Service Days

Mid-Term Break: Fri 11 Feb & Mon 14 Feb 2022
In-Service Day: Tuesday 15 February 2022

First Year:
S1 Tracking : Thursday 24 February 2022

Second Year:
S2 Tracking: Thursday 3 March 2022
S2 Parents' Evening: Wed 12 January 2022
S2 Course Choice: Mon 24 – Fri – 28 Jan 2022

Third Year:
S3 Tracking: Thursday 3 February 2022
S3 Parents' Evening: Wed 9 February 2022
S3 Course Choice: Thu 17 – 24 Feb 2022

Fourth Year:
S4 Tracking: Thursday 27 January 2022
S4 Parents' Evening: Wed 2 February 2022
S4 Course Choice: Wed 16 – 23 Feb 2022
S4 Tracking: Thursday 10 March 2022
SQA confirmation letter- w.b. 28 March 2022

Fifth/Sixth Year:
S5/S6 Tracking: Thursday 20 January 2022
S5/S6 Parents' Evening: Wed 23 February 2022
S5 Course Choice: Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 March 2022
S5/S6 Tracking: Thursday 17 March 2022
SQA confirmation letter: w.b. 28 March 2022

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S2 Columba - gw09pollockjacqueline@glow.sch.uk
S1 Kentigern - gw09mackayalison@glow.sch.uk
S2 Kentigern - gw09downiesharon@glow.sch.uk
S1 Margaret - gw09palencarovajane@glow.sch.uk
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S3 Margaret - gw09palencarovajane@glow.sch.uk
S3 Ninian - gw09rolloalison@glow.sch.uk
S3 Ogilvie - gw15mclearysarah@glow.sch.uk
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