



# ST MUNGO'S UPDATE: 9

Weekly Update to Parents/Carers during the School Closure



## MESSAGE FROM MR PHEE, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was so good to see pupils return to school and following their timetable and chatting with friends. There was a great buzz around the school and in classrooms. I had actually forgotten we have our own school hoodie; pupils look great in these and they go really well with the black trousers or skirt. These can still be ordered from the school – please use the link for instructions if you would like to purchase one.

Our pupils responded exceptionally well to the 2m rule and the wearing of face masks. Even in the social space at intervals, pupils always observed guidelines. I would like to seek your support if your child is a senior student, please encourage them to carry out a lateral flow test twice a week.

On Friday, we had some groups of senior pupils continuing with practical work related to SQA courses. Staff reported that having pupils for a whole day is really helpful and that the pupils who are in are making good progress.

Feedback from the recent virtual Parents' Evening was very positive although there were a few technical issues – these seemed to be mainly with staff being in the building. As our wi-fi upgrade has not yet taken place, we are moving the next Parent Evening to a Wednesday to give staff time to travel home for a 4.30pm start. If all goes well on the second Parents' Evening we will host another two before the end of the session.

Stephen Phee, Head Teacher



## DIGITAL POSTBOX: w.b. 22 March 2021



The following communication will be sent to pupils and/or parents/carers this weeks

**Mon 22 March** - Opportunities: Update to S4 - S6 students

**Mon 22 March** - Student survey link sent

**Tuesday 23 March** - Lateral Flow Test Letter (S1 - S3 parents)

**Tuesday 23 March** - Parent/Carer survey link sent

**Wednesday 24 March** - SQA update and key dates

Quick Links



Twitter



Email (scroll down)



Website

## THIS WEEK'S TIMETABLE - All year groups

TIMETABLED CLASSES – WEEK BEGINNING 22 MARCH 2021				
Monday 22 March	Tuesday 23 March	Wednesday 24 March	Thursday 25 March	Friday 26 March
Ogilvie House Margaret House	Columba House <u>Ninian</u> House	Andrew House Kentigern House	Ogilvie House Margaret House	Targeted SQA practical support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should follow their usual timetable, whether in school or at home.</li> <li>We hope that students can have their timetabled teacher, but on occasion this might not be possible due to smaller class sizes and 2 metre distancing <a href="#">regulations</a></li> <li>The HUB continues to be <a href="#">open</a> each day for children of key workers/identified pupils</li> <li>Friday is for SQA practical work. Students will be contacted by FHS if they should come in.</li> </ul>				

## ADDITIONAL SQA QUALITY ASSURANCE DAYS - All year groups

Upcoming key dates are summarised at the end of this communication, but please note **two SQA Quality Assurance Days (7 & 8 June)** have just been confirmed which you may not have been aware of. These are two additional days to support staff and ensure predicted grades meet national standards. **Pupils do not attend school on these days.**

## STAFFING UPDATE

We would like to officially welcome two new members of staff to St. Mungo's:

**Music Teacher** - Ms E Chouliara

**Support for Learning Assistant** - Mrs Lesley Liddell

## WELLBEING SUPPORT GUIDE



This week's focus is:

**Returning to school**  
TO VIEW THE SWAY, [CLICK HERE](#)



## CONSORTIA ARRANGEMENTS - S4 - S6 students

Students should not attend consortia SCHOOLS until we return from the Easter Holidays (schools are operating different recovery plans).

**Students should be attending COLLEGE classes as usual**

## RiffHard Competition

Patrick Campbell, S6 is a finalist in the RiffHard Competition where he wrote a song based on a riff provided. Well done Patrick and we will see how you get on!

## Key Dates for parents/carers: March – June 2021



Monday 15 Mar – Thu 1 April

Thursday 1 April

**Friday 2 – Sunday 18 April**

Monday 19 April

Wednesday 28 April

Monday 3 May

Thursday 6 May

**Thursday 6 May**

**Friday 7 May**

Thursday 20 May

Wednesday 26 May

Thursday 27 May

**Monday 7 June**

**Tuesday 8 June**

Wednesday 9 June

Friday 25 June

S4 & S5 Course Choice interviews

S3 Tracking Report sent to parents/carers

*Easter Holidays*

All students return to St. Mungo's full-time \*

S5 & S6 Parents' Evening (virtual)

*May Holiday. No students in school*

S4 Tracking Reports sent home

*In-Service Day. No students in school*

*In-Service Day. No students in school*

S1 Tracking Report sent home to parents/carers

S3 Parents' Evening (virtual)\*\*

S2 Tracking Report sent home to parents/carers

*SQA Quality Assurance Day. No students in school*

*SQA Quality Assurance Day. No students in school*

S1 Parents' Evening (virtual)\*\*

*Last day of school - Summer Holidays begin*

\* accurate at time of publication – subject to change following Government updates

\*\* subject to successful 2nd trial of virtual parents' evening

### EASTER SCHOOL - NATIONAL OFFER FROM E-SGOIL - S4 - S6

We are not running an Easter School similar to previous years, however e-Sgoil are offering sessions on a national basis

e-Sgoil is offering an Easter programme of real-time, interactive webinars covering National 4 to Advanced Higher, for Scottish learners in the Senior Phase. The programme is not designed to deliver whole course content but will focus on key aspects of the subject(s) and hints and tips on how to be successful in assessments. They will be delivering over 60 courses offering 3 webinars each, over 2 weeks. **The focus for the webinars will be on helping pupils succeed in SQA assessments.** Key dates are:



**Week 1: 6th - 9th April & Week 2: 12th – 15th April**

**Click here to book your Easter School place now**

Webinars will use a 'flipped learning' approach. This means that learners will have access/expected to complete online resources prior to attending each webinar. Teachers have been sourced all over Scotland. Resources will be posted in the Webinar teams and they will either be SQA past papers or assessments as well as any relevant materials from West OS and the Supported Learning materials from NeLO.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are fully aware of the added financial pressures that COVID-19 has brought to many families and as a result, many might be eligible for Free School Meals and a Clothing Grant payment of up to £120 to help with uniform costs. **Click here to apply**

You can apply for both Free Meals and Clothing Grant through Falkirk Council's website or **clicking here**. Please note that you do not need to apply if in receipt already.



Students who turn 16 on or before 30 September will not be eligible for the Clothing Grant, but can apply for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) which can provide a weekly allowance (paid directly to students) of up to £30 per week. **Click here to apply**

Falkirk Council has recently introduced online ordering to allow anyone who need period products to logon and request them. Products will be delivered directly. **Click here to order**

### WELL DONE & CONGRATULATIONS



Massive congratulations to Craig Eddie who was crowned 'The Voice Champion: 2021' on Saturday night finishing with his own self penned song 'Come Waste my Time' which shot straight to No.1 in the iTunes chart. The whole St. Mungo's community wish him every success in his future music career - well done Craig!



**Well done to the following students who submitted successful applications to work with Active Schools:**

**Young People's Sports Panel:**

Sara Stevenson (S4) & Amy Millar (S4)

**Falkirk Girl's Forum:**

Holly Milne (S4) & Charlotte Horne (S3)



## CAREER ADVISER APPOINTMENTS - S4 - S6 students

Lorna and Iain, St. Mungo's Careers Advisers want to send a reminder to students that they are still here to help and can be contacted using the email address below.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with all the opportunities available in relation to school, volunteering, college, university, apprenticeships or employment please follow us on our twitter page @DWYStMungos1

[lorna.maclaughlin@sds.co.uk](mailto:lorna.maclaughlin@sds.co.uk)

## THIS WEEK'S OFFER FROM ESGOIL - All year groups

Here are quick links to see what is on offer from e-Sgoil this week. This work should supplement work given by class teachers and not replace it. Remember that you need to register to sign up for sessions.

Please click on the links below for evening or daytime study support sessions.



**DAYTIME**  
Sessions

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**EVENING**  
Sessions

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**LOCKDOWN LIVE**  
Sessions

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**DYWVLIVE**  
Sessions

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## SCHOLAR

This new resource, 'Studying for SQA Qualifications using SCHOLAR', has been created to show learners how to use SCHOLAR in their studies as they work towards National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher qualifications. The video is suitable for learners with no prior experience of SCHOLAR, but may also be of benefit to learners with summative assessments or assessments approaching who would like to use the interactive course materials and automatically marked, end of topic and end of unit assessments for consolidation and revision.

[Click here for the link](#)

If learners have lost their SCHOLAR password, contact Mr McKay



## SQA UPDATE

Miss Jess will be in contact with parents/carers this week outlining the Alternative Curriculum Model for this year's SQA assessment arrangements.



Miss Jess will also summarise the main SQA processes and key dates.

## STUDENT SURVEY

We have devised a student survey and we would be grateful if you could encourage your child/ren to complete this and support us in making improvements to the learner's experience/s.

The survey is now live and will remain open until Wednesday 31.03.21.

The survey is broken down into 3 sections:

- 1. Students experience of remote learning
- 2. What students learned about themselves as learners/skills developed
- 3. How we can support students when they return to school on a more regular basis

Once findings are collated and analysed, we will publish a summary and next steps.

A link to a parent/carer survey will be sent tomorrow (Tuesday 23 March).

The pupil survey can be accessed [using this link](#) or scanning the QR code (right)



## REMEMBER!

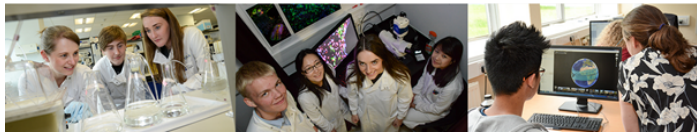
These events have been previously advertised in the weekly update and are still live. Deadline dates and instruction links are included.

### SCIENCE INSIGHTS - Current S5 students

Science Insights is an exciting work experience programme designed to give 5th year high school pupils a real insight into the work and life of research scientists.

Science Insights Online provides an opportunity for 60 high school pupils to spend a week of their summer holidays following a varied programme of online activities hosted by staff and students from four different University of Edinburgh campuses, gaining a real insight into research and work in many different areas of biological, biomedical and animal sciences.

[Click here for more details if interested.](#)



### SPORTS COUNCIL APPLICATION - ALL YEARS

The Sports Council is a group of like minded students who are passionate about participating in and/or leading in sport and physical activity.

Pupils in the Sports Council often work alongside the PE department and Active Schools to provide sporting opportunities within the school cluster primary schools and the local community.

Applications are now open and [view this SWAY](#) for more details. Please contact Miss Park if you want to find out more before applying.

[Closing date for applying is Friday 26 March.](#)

### JUNIOR BAKE-OFF - AGED 9 - 15

Junior Bake Off is looking for budding bakers aged between 9-15, to take part in Series 7!

For more info or to apply online, please [go to this site](#) for more information on the application process.

[Applications close Sunday 28 March.](#)



### LENT - OUR LITTLE SCIAF BOX CAMPAIGN

At this time of the year, during Lent, our school promotes and supports the work of one of our key partners, SCIAF.

In the current circumstances, the needs of those that SCIAF supports across the world has only been compounded by the pandemic. We want to continue to support SCIAF through this Lent, particularly as the UK government has committed to doubling donations received.



The easiest and most efficient way for this to be done is through JustGiving: click on the SCIAF image (above) to donate. Thank you, Mr Young

### SQA 'WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW' - S4, S5 & S6 students

What you need to know for 2021  
National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher



SQA has created an information booklet outlining 'What you need to know for 2021 - National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher' qualifications. This includes further details on how results will be arrived at and about the quality assurance process for this year. **This will be posted to pupils directly.**

[Click here to access the booklet](#)

### National Parent Forum of Scotland: SQA Q & A session

The National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPF) is hosting a webinar with SQA on [Thursday 25 March](#). Sign up if you have any questions about exams, assessments or coursework.

[Click here to register a place.](#)

### REGISTER TO VOTE - OVER 16S

5 minutes is all it takes to register to vote in the upcoming Scottish elections. [Click here to register.](#)

### ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER? - YOUNG SCOT UPDATE



Those aged 11-18 who care for family or friends get free access @YoungScot incredible young carer package. A simple sign-up and young carers can quickly start claiming vouchers & freebies & entering draws for amazing prizes.

[Click here for more details](#)

### FREE COURSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS - ALL YEAR GROUPS



Reed features a wide range of free courses, including classroom based courses, online courses and distance learning courses. Eligibility for each course may vary, so look out for costs. The courses using this link are all free.

[click here](#)



### The Skills Toolkit

Free courses to help you learn new skills or get a new job. Learn about:

- practical maths
- computer essentials
- personal growth and wellbeing
- business and finance
- digital design and marketing
- computer science and coding

[click here](#)





# SUPPORTING ONLINE LEARNING AT HOME



## NEED RESOURCES?

If you require resources to support learning at home (jotters, paper, pens, colouring pencils etc.) please contact Mr McKay on:  
 stuart.mckay@falkirk.gov.uk  
 and he will support you fully.

## I.T. SUPPORT

Mr Penman and Mrs Rennie are available to offer IT advice. If a pupil requires support, please contact the relevant person below:

- DEVICE** - stuart.mckay@falkirk.gov.uk
- TEAMS** - gw16penmandaryl@glow.sch.uk
- TEAMS** - WLSherrie.Rennie@glow.sch.uk

## SUMMER LEAVER

If any S4/S5 pupils plan to leave school in Summer 2021, please complete the online form by [clicking here](#).  
 If you are undecided and would like more advice, please contact us using the form, or contact your Pastoral Head.

## EMA, FREE MEALS & CLOTHING GRANT - All pupils

There is information on the school website about community groups offering financial assistance to support families during the lockdown including:

- EMA (for students over 16 in low income families) - [click here](#)
- FREE MEALS & CLOTHING GRANT - [click here](#)

The RE Department has created a presentation to support Lent and Liturgy at home during this lockdown period. Please view the SWAY document to get some inspiration and ideas of many Lenten activities and prayers for you/your family. [Click here to view the SWAY presentation.](#)

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

*The website launch page will house resources designed to support and provide updates to pupils, parents and carers during this lockdown period.*

Here is a summary of the main sections:

1. SCHOOL INFORMATION/LETTERS
2. FALKIRK COUNCIL ADVICE and SUPPORT
3. NATIONAL ADVICE and SUPPORT
4. SQA UPDATES
5. SUPPORTING ONLINE LEARNING AT HOME
6. LOCAL SUPPORT and NETWORKS
7. PUPIL SECTION
8. PARENT/CARER SECTION
9. CONTACT DETAILS: SCHOOL STAFF
10. WEBSITES TO SUPPORT FAMILY LEARNING
11. MICROSOFT TEAMS & I.T. SUPPORT
12. LEAVER FORM (ONLINE)
13. RESOURCES TO SUPPORT PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS



## YEAR HEADS

**S1 & S2 Year Head** -  
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**S5 & S6 Year Head** -  
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**Pastoral Depute** -  
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**CONTACT US**



## ONLINE LEARNING SUPPORTS

This is a challenging time for everyone - Subject and whole school supports include:

SUBJECT TEACHER

WELLBEING CHECK-IN WITH PASTORAL STAFF

PUPIL SUPPORT CHECK- IN

SCHOLAR and SQA RESOURCES

BBC SCOTLAND: LOCKDOWN RESOURCES

E-SGOIL - NATIONAL RESOURCE SITE

PLANNING TOOLS/RESOURCES ON WEBSITE

WELLBEING SECTION ON WEBSITE

Further details/links are on our website.



## CONTACTING PASTORAL STAFF



### PT GIRFEC - S1 & 2 pupils (by year a & House)

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- S1 Columba - gw12mckelviecatherine@glow.sch.uk
- S2 Columba - gw12mckelviecatherine@glow.sch.uk
- S1 Kentigern - gw09downiesharon@glow.sch.uk
- S2 Kentigern - gw09mackayalison@glow.sch.uk
- S1 Margaret - gw11doranlisa@glow.sch.uk
- S2 Margaret - gw09cleghornjane@glow.sch.uk
- S1 Ninian - gw09palencarovajane@glow.sch.uk
- S2 Ninian - gw09rolloalison@glow.sch.uk
- S1 Ogilvie - gw09pollockjacqueline@glow.sch.uk
- S2 Ogilvie - gw12mckelviwcatherine@glow.sch.uk

### Pastoral Support (S3 - S6) & Pupil Support

- S3 Andrew** - gw09downiesharon@glow.sch.uk
- S3 Columba** - gw12mckelviecatherine@glow.sch.uk
- S3 Kentigern** - gw09mackayalison@glow.sch.uk
- S3 Margaret** - gw09cleghornjane@glow.sch.uk
- S3 Ninian** - gw09beveridgeford@glow.sch.uk
- S3 Ogilvie** - gw15mclearysarah@glow.sch.uk
- Andrew & Kentigern S4 - S6:** gw09mcpeakemairiclai@glow.sch.uk
- Columba & Ogilvie S4 - S6:** gw09pollockjacqueline@glow.sch.uk
- Margaret & Ninian S4 - S6:** gw11doranlisa@glow.sch.uk

**Pupil Support (Mrs Bell):** gw09campbellnicola@glow.sch.uk

**CONTACT US**

