

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



January 2008

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Pat Scullion, Formal Depute Head Teacher and Head of School, who has been appointed to the post of Head Teacher of Stirling High School. Mrs Scullion leaves us on Friday 15 February, and there will be a staff meeting at the end of that school day.

Period times will change that afternoon (p4: 1.35-2.25 pm; p5: 2.25-3.20 pm), and school will close at 3.20 pm.

Arrangements will be made to supervise pupils who need to remain in school until our usual closing time of 3.40 pm. Please contact the school if you would like your child to be included.

I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Maura Thomson will become Acting Formal DHT and Head of School from Monday 18 February.

Timetable Restructure Next Session

This newsletter includes information about important changes to our timetable next session, and parents are invited to a meeting in school on Monday 18 February at 7.00 pm about these changes.

We are very keen to involve parents, so please read the attached letter.

Calendar for this Term

Mon 11 Feb	HOLIDAYS
Tue 12 Feb	
Wed 13 Feb	In Service Day
Fri 15 Feb	S4 Full Reports issued School closes at 3.20 for staff meeting.
Mon 18 Feb	Parents' Meeting: Timetable Restructure
Wed 20 Feb	S4 Parents' Evening
Mon 25 Feb	Deadline for S4 Subject Choice forms
Mon 3 Mar	S2 Assessments week
Tue 4 Mar	S5/6 Full Reports issued
Fri 7 Mar	Deadline for S5 Subject Choice forms
Tue 18 Mar	S2 Course Planning Evening
Thu 20 Mar	School closes at 3.40 pm for Easter weekend. Return Tue 25 March at 8.55 am
Fri 21 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
Mon 24 Mar	EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Mon 31 Mar	S1 Assessments week
Fri 4 Apr	School closes for Spring Holiday. Change of class times: 8.55 am – 1.15 pm: Pupils in classes 1.15 pm – 2.30 pm: Lunch break 2.30 pm: School closes
Mon 21 Apr	Return to school.

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Dealing with Litter Focus on Our School: 3-7 March

Most of the pupils in our school are very responsible and do not drop litter. They know that this is anti-social. It spoils our environment and it spoils the school's relationship with our neighbours. We include the issue of Litter in our Personal and Social Education programmes, and it is also discussed at assemblies. We also have an Eco Committee who promote respect for our environment.

However, as you know, there are too many pupils who thoughtlessly (or deliberately) leave a mess behind them, expecting someone else to clean up.

The City Council has a programme of Enforcement involving Fixed Penalty Notices (**Penalty = £50**) for leaving litter, and all secondary schools will be targeted. During the week before this happens, the issue of litter enforcement will be high profile in school.

During the week 3-7 March, Enforcement Officers will focus on the area around King's Park Secondary. This is what will happen:

- At least Two Enforcement Officers will work with school staff in patrolling areas which have the greatest problem.
- Pupils caught dropping litter will be required to give their name, address and date of birth to the officer. It is an offence not to provide this information. They will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. The Penalty is £50.
- The Enforcement Officers will write to parents informing them of the Fixed Penalty Notice.
- If the Penalty (£50) is not paid, the process is:
 - A reminder letter will be sent.
 - A case conference will be called, considering sanctions such as a police visit.
 - Referral to the Reporter to the Children's Panel.

This is a strong message, and we look forward to parents' support.

Our Website

Our website has been revitalised and is up and running again! Go to

www.kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk

Suggestions and offers of help will be very welcome.

Welcome to King's Park Secondary School



Charities

- **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Congratulations to the S6 Charities Committee for their fantastic work in raising £2,500 for Children in Need.

- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT and SANTATHON**

Large sums were also collected through the Christmas Concert and Santathon – still counting!

- **BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS PROJECT**



Thank you to all pupils, families and local residents who contributed to the Big Brothers and Sisters programme of the charity Glasgow the Caring City. Members of the S6 Community Committee collected items of clothing, toiletries and stationery which will be taken by local people to countries in need.

- **CHARITY CD**

S6 pupil Claire Philip has released 'My Love Is Like A Red, Red Rose' - a charity CD in aid of the Royal Marines' Loss and Legacy Appeal, in partnership with Glasgow the Caring City.

The Loss and Legacy Appeal is a new appeal to support the loved ones of Royal Marines who have given their lives in service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This moving performance by Claire, arranged by Mark Campbell, instrumental teacher, includes guitar accompaniment by Mr Campbell and violin accompaniment by another instrumental teacher Ms Bommer Pacewicz.

The CD also includes 'Skye At Last' by Blair Douglas, the ex-Runrig multi-instrumentalist and composer.



Copies of the CD, price £3.50, are now on sale from the Music department. If you want to hear the CD, go to

<http://glasgowthecaringcity.moonfruit.com>



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25 January 2008

Dear Parent/Carer

CHANGE TO TIMETABLE STRUCTURE FROM SESSION 2008-09 INVITATION TO MEETING OF THE PARENT FORUM – MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7 PM

I should like to invite you to a meeting of parents on Monday 18 February at 7.00 pm in King's Park Secondary School, as part of the consultation process in our move to a new timetable structure next session.

To explain – you may know that Glasgow's Education Services has five declared objectives which schools are to provide within our timetable structure. These are:

1. increased time allocation for physical education S1-S4 (also Scottish Government policy);
2. equalisation of teaching time for S5/S6 courses (at present English and Mathematics have more time);
3. increased time allocation for literacy and numeracy in S1-S4;
4. enhanced provision for pastoral care/tutor time;
5. efficient use of teaching time resources (especially important as we aim to provide a good range of subject choices for our pupils).

Glasgow's policy is that schools will move to a 33-period week timetable model in order to meet these objectives. Some schools have already done this, and others are required to do so from August 2008. The 33-period model can be configured in different ways, but each period lasts 50 minutes, and there are 'long' days and 'short' days. So the timing of the school day will change. Naturally we are keen to involve parents in the process of deciding what the new timetable will look like.

King's Park Secondary School's timetable structure of 25 periods per week (with week 1/week 2) has been in place for many years. However, it is not possible to sustain this model any longer, and we need to change. A working group have been looking at the issue. Ms Janie Munro, Chair of the Parent Council, represents parents on this group.

We would like to use the period between now and 5 March to consult pupils, parents, staff and other stakeholders on how the new structure will work. We will involve pupils through year group assemblies and discussion in Pupil Councils and focus groups.

At the parents' evening on 18 February I will give a presentation about the changes and there will be an opportunity for discussion. Your comments are invited by Wednesday 5 March.

If you wish more information before the meeting, please look at our website www.kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk. Go to the menu 'News and Events' and choose 'Timetable Restructure'. If you wish more information before the meeting but do not have access to our website, please contact me for a paper copy of the information. Even if you are unable to attend the Parent Forum meeting on 18 February, I would encourage you to send me your comments by Wednesday 5 March. The working group will look at all the responses, then will be in touch with you about the format of our new timetable.

If you wish to speak to me before 18 February, please contact me at school. Thank you.

Kind Regards

Mrs Margaret Barr
Head Teacher

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