

Christmas Special!



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CHRISTMAS IS FINALLY HERE!

We have finally made it to the Christmas break this year – my advent calendar only has a couple of days to go with the late finish! Looking back, what a term this has been. We have been able to be in school all term, focusing on our work whilst dealing with all the effects of the pandemic. I'd like to say a big thank you to all members of staff who have worked incredibly hard to keep delivering this vital service in difficult circumstances. To add to our woes Storm Arwen swept through the school, as through our community, causing havoc as it went. It's a testament to the fantastic support from AMEY, SBEP and SBC colleagues that all areas affected are now up and running again. These challenges to our resilience as a school and community have been testing but our young people are again coming through with flying colours! We will all be glad of some time to refresh and recharge over the break, however, as circumstances allow.



Thanks to Louise and Hugo Sanders for donating our tree again this year. Although this year's tree is a little wonky (like this year!) we really appreciate this kind gesture and have embraced the wonkiness!



The current guidance from the SQA is that exams will be taking place as normal in June. We have planned for a full set of prelims, alongside measures to ensure safety and distancing. We continue to develop alternative plans if these are needed. Currently the Scottish Government are committed to keeping all schools open at all costs. **Prelims** run from the 24th January to the 11th February. A **Study Zone** will operate as soon as we get back to school in January.

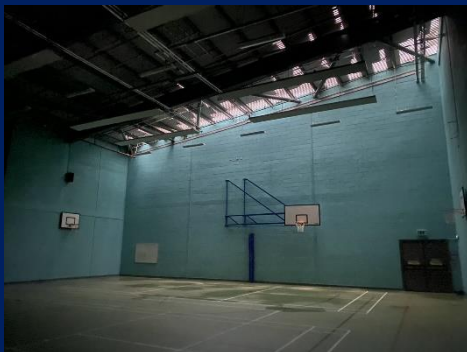


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Storm Arwen hit us hard!



With winds up to 111mph recording in the area, our Sports Hall took some major damage, losing much of the metal sheeting and insulation from its roof. In turn, this damaged the library roof and 6th year area. Our horticulture area was also affected. All temporary repairs have now been made and areas are now back in use.



It's crucial that over the Christmas period, we work with our young people to be responsible and safe. Key messages around vaccinations and booster jabs are important and we will continue to make these available at times in school as well as in the community. We continue to apply our safety measures in school with some success and thank you for providing masks every day – much appreciated!



It's crucial that we all look out for each others' health and wellbeing at this time. Generally, proper sleep, food and exercise can go a long way in this regard. Where extra help might be required over the holiday period Kooth and Togetherall (for Scottish-resident pupils) are two websites which may help with further advice and support.



For the first time we have been able to run our Parents' Evenings virtually. After some technical hitches the system works effectively through the Parents' Evening Booking portal. We are trying out various combinations of times and appointments to see what suits parents and staff alike. Once the S1 Parents' Evening on the 19th January is completed, we will be asking for your views and ideas to improve this further.

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