



HEEDIE'S HELLO

# Parent / Carer Newsletter



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# Welcome Back!

by Mr Anderson (HT)

A warm welcome back to school! I hope you had a well-rested summer break. We finished a very busy session on a high with a number of events that allowed our young people to showcase talents and celebrate successes.

We had a moving Leavers' ceremony, a busy Awards Night, and of course our annual Sports Day (of which I would like to offer my congratulations to Oliver Andrews, now S3, who broke the long Jump record from 1966!) It fills me with pride to

see such motivated young people experiencing success.

We return, I hope, with the same motivation to achieve greatness. As you may have heard we have moved to a House system (more details on Page 4) and that brings lots of opportunities to better the links with parents, carers, staff and pupils and to promote a team ethos in the school.

Work hard, be your best and give 100% in everything you do.

Mr A.



Captaincy Team Announced!  
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House System revealed!  
Bella AIMS higher with the new House groups Arran, Iona, Mull and Skye. Page 4



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## Captaincy Team 2017-2018

In June each year we hold our Annual Hustings event. This sees our ambitious Senior pupils undertake a rigorous process to become members of a Senior Leadership Team. They help to drive the school forward representing the views of the student body and undertaking important duties both inside school and in our local community. Pupils submit application forms, answer questions in front of a Panel (made up from Senior Managers, the former Captains and a representative from the student body) and then present to the S5/6 cohort before they cast their votes.

Each year the positions are closely contested. The competition, determination and aspirations of our young people is inspiring. Positions include School Captains & Vice captaincy, Sport and Health Captain & Vices, Head Prefect and in light of our new House System, we now have 4 House Captaincy positions.

In a battle for School Captaincy, 4 males and 4 female candidates went head to head. Congratulations to all of our confident pupils who completed the process. We are delighted to

announce the School Captains for 2017/18 are **JUNIOR KALOKOH** and **RACHEL BAIN**. They will be ably supported by Vice Captains **MEGAN PENNIE**, **AIDAN DELANEY** and **ANUSHAN THIRIPUVANAN** as they undertake their duties. **CHLOE MARSHALL**, a Young Ambassador for Glasgow takes up the position of Sport and Health Captain with **LEWIS MULLAN** and **MORGAN MCBURNIE** supporting in their position as her Vice captains. **ALEX MCALANEY** was appointed as Head Prefect. Alex will have a team of 24 prefects to lead to success as they offer an invaluable support to staff and students around the school.

Finally, we introduce our new house captains **HASSAN ALI**, **BUSHRA NAEEM**, **STEPHANIE BOYD** and **MICHAEL AID**.

Mr Anderson commented "I have no doubt this is going to be a great year and I wish Junior and Rachel every success as they lead this fantastic team of young people and help drive the school forward!"

### WANT TO RAISE AN ISSUE?

Speak to any member of the captaincy team at Interval or Lunchtimes. The team wear Gold ties and we have badges on our blazers to help identify us. Captains meet once a week to discuss issues and suggestions from pupils and staff.

**JUNIOR & RACHEL**  
School Captains



# Sport and Health Council

by Chloe Marshall, S&H Captain

Hi! I am delighted to kick off this new term as the Sport and Health Captain. I welcome Lewis and Morgan to the team and all of our S&H council reps. We are looking to kick start the year with the same momentum we had created at the end of the Summer term.

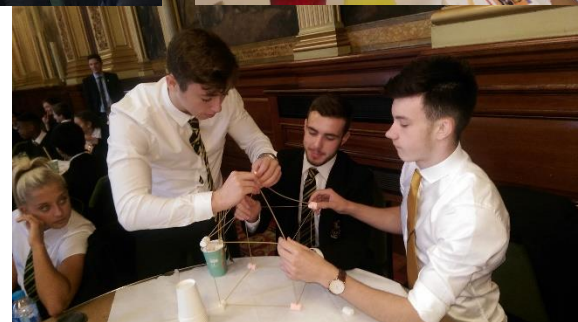
Our hard work on the pitch strategy continues this year as we campaign alongside our Parent Council to secure better outdoor facilities at the school. We are one of a handful of schools in Glasgow who still have old blaes pitches that continue to flood regularly and leave us with a substandard experience in PE and at after school clubs. We will continue to report on any updates.



to look at the data on some of the Mental and Physical Health issues – more details coming soon!

We have already had our first meeting with the Parent Council and in partnership we are launching a number of family events and sporting challenges to help raise money for the school fund. We have linked them to the new House System and we need your support ... GET INVOLVED!!!

*FAMILY FUN DAY CHALLENGE - COMING IN OCTOBER ... More info to follow! Look out for adverts on the school website, Twitter and school bulletin*



Following Health Summit, we are also going



## DISCOVER OUR INSPIRATION...



Beautiful Arran!



Our partner Iona



Colourful Mull



Scenic Skye

# BELLA HOUSE SYSTEM LAUNCHES

by Senior Management Team

Bella's new House system has been launched at a series of House Assemblies. Staff and pupils had voted on the possible House names, with the Scottish Islands option winning out. This means that our 4 new Houses will be known as:

**Arran** (House colour – RED)  
DHT – Mrs Johnston  
PTPC - Mrs Morrison

**Iona** (House colour – PURPLE)

DHT – Mrs Watt  
PTPC – Miss Kennedy

**Mull** (House colour – YELLOW)  
DHT – Ms Cairns  
PTPC - Mr Ruiseil

**Skye** (House colour – WHITE)  
DHT – Mrs Patterson  
PTPC – Mrs Rashid

Every pupil and member of staff (with the exception of the Head Teacher) has been allocated to a House. The 4 Depute Head Teachers will function as Heads of their respective House and our team of House Captains and Prefects are in place. All pupils from the same family are now in the same House, meaning that parents/carers will have one point of contact from now on.

We will also be putting together a Calendar of House Activities and the idea will be to involve all pupils in a series of competitions and challenges throughout the year, in which they will be able to gain

House points. Points will also be awarded for things like excellent effort in terms of classwork, homework and so on.

You will be hearing much more about our new House system but we are confident that it will help to improve the communication between home and school as well as to make the whole atmosphere and spirit of the school even more positive.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Should you require to speak to a member of staff about any concerns with your child's education please call 0141 582 0030 and ask to speak to the DHT or PTPC for that House.

## ABSENCE REPORTING

Please remember to call Absence Line to inform the school about a planned absence or an illness 0141 287 0039

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**PE KIT REMINDER**

**Standard kit**

Change of trainers, t-shirt (no football tops allowed), Jogging bottoms/ shorts/ leggings.

**Swimming**

Full swimming costumes/swimming shorts. If your child wishes to wear long sleeve/t-shirt/shorts over the top of their swimsuit, they can do so.

**Outdoor activities**

In addition to the PE kit, pupils are encouraged to bring appropriate outdoor clothing to stay warm and dry as we will continue lessons in poor weather.

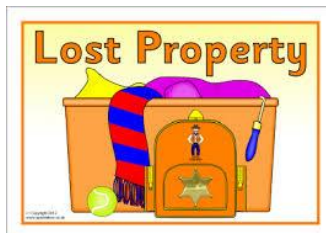


**"No Notes"**

The PE department run a "No Note" policy throughout the year. We trust our young people and a note is not required to confirm the issue.

We do however ask that pupils bring their PE kit on every occasion, even when they are not able to take part physically in a lesson, as they will be given roles and responsibilities outwith the physical element to ensure they are still able to take part in the teaching and learning of the class.

We thank all of our parents/carers in advance for their ongoing support and our young people for taking responsibility and being organised for lessons.



We understand that replacing school uniform and equipment is expensive and we do our best to assist pupils. It is helpful if all items of clothing are labelled as this allows us to reunite items with their owners!

There has been an increase in the number of items left in the PE department in particular. Our pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings.

If your child loses/leaves an item behind after PE classes, they should go and speak with the class teacher. They will be sent to check the area where they believe the property was left. The cleaners also kindly place all items left in the department onto the shelf outside the PE base.

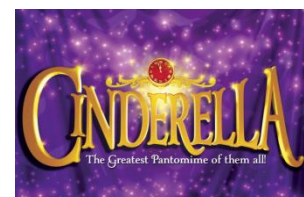
Lost property is held until "Donation Day", the last Friday of each month, when unclaimed items are donated to charity. There are signs up to remind pupils.

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**S2 Music Afterschool Club**

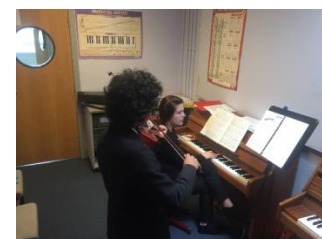


Every Monday from 3pm-4pm the Music Department will be open to S2 Pupils who want to play and learn instruments with friends. Instruments include Piano, Drums, Keyboard and Guitars. Brand new Chart songs just in! – See Mr Fraser in Music.



**Christmas Panto!**

Coming to the Bella Stage in December. Bella will be staging Cincerella this year for our Christmas Panto. Auditions will take place in the next few weeks! Keep an eye on the school bulletin for more information!



**Instrumental Tuition**

Instrumental Tuition is back up and running! All pupils who received lessons last year should attend as normal. S1 pupils have been given Instrumental Lesson Application Forms. Please return to Tutor teachers by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.