

14th January 2022



Arran  
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## NOTE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

It's always a dreich time of year after the Christmas break, with grey days that haven't quite lengthened. In school, however, I'm pleased to say that things are moving along briskly.

Our wider achievement afternoon rotas have changed, the options process has started in preparation for our new timetable and our seniors are still on track for exams with the prelims starting this month.

We are also looking forward to welcoming the new staff that I told you about in the last newsletter; a new(ish) RE teacher and a teacher of Learning Support.

The continuation of restrictions due to Covid is frustrating but it is heartening to see both staff and pupils making the very most of the situation and sustaining a very resilient approach to the situation. We continue to plan optimistically for a hopefully not too distant future. The situation is undoubtedly a fast moving one and we will endeavour to keep you up to date with any changes. I hope you received my letter this week which summarises the letter sent to you by North Ayrshire Council.

If you have any queries, please phone us and we will find an answer.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing weekend.



## NOTE FROM MRS BUNTING

Hello, and I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I have a number of things to update you on :

### COVID-19 Update:

Yet again there have been alterations to the self-isolation and testing advice. Mrs Foster sent out a letter earlier in the week covering this but just in case you did not receive it the key points are as follows:

### CHILDREN WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS

- Children and young people **over the age of 5 and under the age of 18 years and 4 months** who are contacts of positive cases are no longer required to self-isolate if they have not experienced any fever (for 48 hours) and have 1 negative LFT negative test. They should follow the advice for fully vaccinated adults and complete daily LFTs for 7 days (see below). They should still self-isolate if they test positive or if they have any symptoms. **ANYONE WHO TESTS POSITIVE**
- If you test positive you will be advised to self-isolate for 10 days, however if you have 2 negative LFT results starting no earlier than days 6 and 7 (must be 24 hours apart) and upload these results, AND you have had no fever in previous 48 hours then you can end isolation after day 7. If LFT results are positive you should continue to isolate until you have had 2 consecutive negative results 24 hours apart up to 10 days.

In addition to the above, can I please ask for your attention to the following guidance from NHS Ayrshire and Arran and the changes outlined in the FM speech:-

- Please continue to test regularly using Lateral Flow Devices – these should only be used if you have **no symptoms** at all.
- Updated guidance means that LFTs can now be used even if you have tested positive in the last 90 days. Please upload all LFT results, positive and negative. This is an essential part of the process. It is now possible to create a household account which makes the recording of results quick and easy.
- If you have any potential **symptoms** of Covid (cough, temperature, loss or change to taste or smell and wider cold-like symptoms including runny nose, sore throat or headache) then you must not rely on a LFT result and **must book a PCR test**. You should isolate while you wait for the results of the PCR. You should not attend school if you have symptoms and a negative LFT – only a PCR should be used for symptoms.
- You can book a PCR test even if you have tested positive in the last 90 days if you have new symptoms.
- If you test positive on LFT you must upload the result immediately to the gov.uk portal (details included with all tests) and inform the school. It is essential that LFT results are uploaded to the portal. You should self-isolate following the latest guidance. If you test positive on LFT and have **no symptoms, you do not now require to have a confirmatory PCR test**. You should isolate immediately and report the result so that close contacts can be contacted and you can receive advice as quickly as possible. The positive LFT test is the positive result and you will be contacted by text/email by Test and Protect and asked to complete the online form. This process can only take place if you have uploaded your test result.

Should there be further changes announced later in the month, I will ensure you are informed as quickly as possible.

Pupils who are needing to self-isolate, and are well enough to engage with education, will have access to work through online portals e.g. Satchel One, Microsoft Teams & Google Classroom. Work will only be provided for those identified by Test & Protect. Work will not be provided for pupils whose parents elect to remove them from school.

### **SQA Update:**

The SQA are closely monitoring the public health situation. Across the country there have been high levels of staff and pupil absenteeism which is having an impact on continuity of education, particularly in the Senior Phase. Currently we are still on Scenario One which means the exam diet proposed for May 2022 is planning to run but, if the current levels of disruption continue it is likely that they will move to Scenario 2. The SQA have this week issued a blog for parents detailing this which is accessible via:

[https://blogs.sqa.org.uk/qualifications2022/supporting-learners-as-covid-disruption-continues-a-message-for-parents-and-carers/?utm\\_source=sqanews&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=nq2022&utm\\_content=NQ2022&mk\\_tok=NTA1LVICSC0zMDAAAAGB8yPEArBpw0RbnfigO3XO8za5GJi7858HMsXnq70J36DdnyZH95KlxiNjgTIHpxwtfQYYF9xeOvT0gn7lwnVqUeTVF0Mtjv85vnma0XvB](https://blogs.sqa.org.uk/qualifications2022/supporting-learners-as-covid-disruption-continues-a-message-for-parents-and-carers/?utm_source=sqanews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nq2022&utm_content=NQ2022&mk_tok=NTA1LVICSC0zMDAAAAGB8yPEArBpw0RbnfigO3XO8za5GJi7858HMsXnq70J36DdnyZH95KlxiNjgTIHpxwtfQYYF9xeOvT0gn7lwnVqUeTVF0Mtjv85vnma0XvB)

### **Prelims:**

Prelims will run as planned. They are due to start on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> January and finish on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. We are very fortunate with the space available to us and this allows pupils to be well-spaced out during exams. I have been able to keep the numbers in the Theatre to under 35 at any time; pupils will sit in excess of 2m apart and there is suitable ventilation. For the Nat 5 Maths exam, pupils will be located in the Games Hall which will allow for the additional social distancing. Prelim timetables are available to pupils electronically through Microsoft Teams and are attached to this newsletter; individual timetables will be issued to pupils next week.

### **S2 into S3 Options:**

The S2 into S3 options form and options booklet has been distributed by email. There is a virtual information evening 7pm-8pm on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January which will provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions about the options process. The meeting is accessible through VScene via this link:

<https://app.vscene.net/r/YzVUf5JP5I>

You will be prompted for a PIN – this is 1234.

The S2 Options handbook and the link to the S2 Options Microsoft Form can also be found on the S2 tile in TEAMS.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKWspIzDa6wNAr-XIBYyuvopUN1E5Uk9KN1NFUVhSVEJRF1WQ0hVVTNJSi4u>



### **Arran High School Parent Council AGM**

The Arran High School Parent Council are holding its AGM on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Due to current regulations, the meeting has to be held online. This will be through VScene and can be joined via:

<https://app.vscene.net/r/SR92KEvJXB>

The meeting starts at 7pm.

## **Free Bus Travel 5-21 year olds**

### **Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme**

All 5-21 year olds resident in Scotland are eligible from 31 January 2022 for Young Persons' Free Bus Travel, using a National Entitlement Card with the free bus travel product on it. Without this, you will be unable to travel for free on bus services in Scotland.

You can apply for a card by using the following link:

<https://getyournec.scot/nec/>

### **Where can Free Bus Travel be used?**

Cardholders with the free bus travel product on it will be able to access free bus travel on registered bus services across Scotland including a very limited number of local cross-border services from the south of Scotland into northern England.

### **What card do I need and how do I apply for a National Entitlement Card?**

#### **Who can apply?**

You can apply for a National Entitlement Card for free bus travel yourself if you are aged 16+. A parent or guardian is required to apply for all children under 16 years old if they want Young Persons' Free Bus Travel or Disabled Concessionary Travel.

#### **How to apply**

To make an application you'll need to:

- Sign in using a mygovscot myaccount. If you don't have one already you can register during the application process.
- Provide proofs to verify your identity, and address as well as the identity of your child if you're making an application for a child under the age of 16.

#### **Accepted proof of identity accepted:**

- Photocard driving licence
- Passport

#### **Accepted proof of address accepted (which must be current or dated within the last 3 months):**

- Home Utility Bill (e.g. Gas, Electricity, Land Line Telephone)
- Council Tax Bill (current financial year)
- Council / Housing Association Rent Book / Statement / Letter
- Bank or Mortgage Statement
- Credit Card Statement
- Television Licence
- HMRC Letter
- DWP Letter / Disability Entitlement Letter
- Occupational Pension Letter
- Letter from Care or Residential Home
- Letter from Local Authority confirming that you are resident within the council area
- Award of Child Benefit Letter
- Letter from school / university / college
- Letter from NHS Scotland e.g. Flu/COVID 19 vaccination letter





## Music News

Congratulations to Annie, Annie, Rosie, Daisy and Harry who all passed their Grade 4 Traditional Fiddle with Merit and Distinction at their recent exams.

Congratulations to Alfie for achieving a Distinction in his Grade 1 also traditional Fiddle. Gillian Frame (teacher) is delighted with the results.



## Reminders & Forthcoming Events

- Please remember that it is important to inform the school office if your child is or going to absent.
- School will be closed to pupils on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February due to a staff in-service day.
- The school photographer is due to visit the High School on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February to take up to date school photos. Please if you wish to have your child photographed, please ensure that they are dressed in appropriate school uniform.
- There is a planned visit from the RAF as part of our Developing the Young Workforce curriculum for all senior pupils to access. This is planned to take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Reports due home this term will be to:  
S3 Full Report – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
S2 Tracking & Monitoring Report – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
S1 Tracking & Monitoring Report - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- World Cancer Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Red Nose Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

## Pleas

We would like to gather a list of names of people who could offer Maths tuition to pupils for extra support. If you would like to be on this list, please contact the school office. The information we would require would be your contact details and what level of Maths you feel you could offer.

We are also looking for rental accommodation for new teachers. If you know of or have accommodation to offer, please get in touch.

## CH-ARRAN-GE

During December, the four houses of Arran HS battled it out to win the first University Ch-Arran-ge Quiz with Mrs Foster acting as our own version of Jeremy Paxman.

In the semi -finals, Iorsa defeated Shuraig in a close contest whilst Sannox edged out Rosa. This left Iorsa to face Sannox in the final on the last day of term.

All the S6s were in the theatre to support their classmates and Mrs Bunting live streamed the contest to the rest of the school.

In the end, Iorsa had a comfortable victory over Sannox to win the trophy and house points.

Congratulations to both teams for an entertaining contest.

### Iorsa:

P Gren  
M Campbell  
A Bunting  
F McKinnon

### Sannox:

C Aitken  
J McCarthy  
F Miller  
L Currie

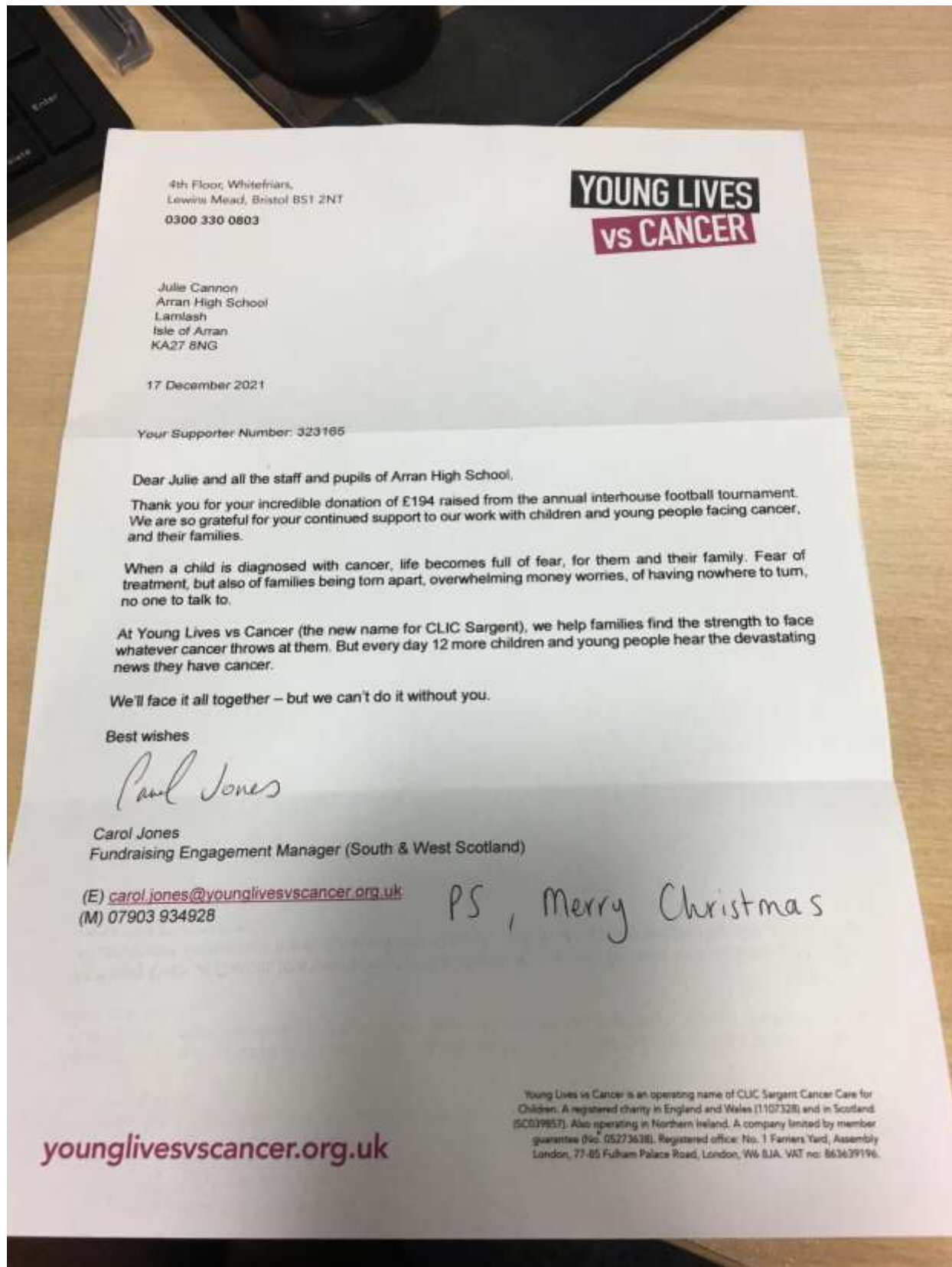






## Charity Fundraising

Over the last few months we have raised money for several charities within the school and we have received some lovely thankyou letters from these charities.



# THANK YOU

**Arran High School**  
for raising a fantastic  
**£352.87**



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# Arran High School

## Prelim Timetable 2022



*Please check times of all exams carefully and speak to Mrs Bunting should there be any issues.*

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

0920	1050	Hall	H	English	26	Paper 1 : Reading for UAE
1110	1155	Hall	H	English	26	Paper 2 : Critical Reading
0920	1050	Hall	AH	English	9	Paper 1: Literary Study
1110	1240	Hall	AH	English	9	Paper 2: Textual Analysis

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

0920	1020	Hall	N5	English	28 + 10	Paper 1 : Reading for UAE
1110	1155	Hall	N5	English	28-10	Paper 2 : Critical Reading
1415	1515	F04	H	Music	11	Listening Paper

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

0920	1220	Hall	AH	Chemistry	12	Question Paper
0920	1000	F16	H	Chemistry	14	Paper 1
1030	1250	F16	H	Chemistry	14	Paper 2
0920	1150	Hall	N5	Chemistry	18	Question Paper
1415	1500	F16	N5	Practical Cake Craft	7	Question Paper

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

0920	1020	Hall #1	AH	Mathematics	3	Paper 1 : Non-Calculator
1040	1240	Hall #1	AH	Mathematics	3	Paper 2 : Calculator
0920	1035	Hall #1	H	Mathematics	18	Paper 1 : Non-Calculator
1115	1245	Hall #1	H	Mathematics	18	Paper 2 : Calculator
0920	1035	Hall #2	N5	Mathematics	54	Paper 1 : Non-Calculator
1115	1305	Hall #2	N5	Mathematics	54	Paper 2 : Calculator

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

0920	1120	Hall	H	Psychology	10	Question Paper
0920	1050	Hall	N5	Psychology	10	Question Paper
0920	1140	Hall	N5	History	19	Question Paper
0920	1125	F16	N5	Geography	19	Question Paper
0920	1050	Hall	AH	German	1	Reading & Translation
1150	1320	F06	AH	German	1	Listening & Discursive Writing
1415	1530	F16	H	Art & Design	2	Question Paper

### Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

0920	1220	F16	AH	Biology	7	Question Paper
0920	1000	Hall	H	Biology	16	Paper 1
1020	1240	Hall	H	Biology	16	Paper 2
0920	1150	Hall	N5	Biology	17	Question Paper
1415	1515	Hall	N5	Art & Design	11	Question Paper

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

0920	1220	Hall	AH	Physics	2	Question Paper
0920	1005	Hall	H	Physics	13	Paper 1
1015	1230	Hall	H	Physics	13	Paper 2
0920	1150	Hall	N5	Physics	12	Question Paper
0920	1050	Hall	AH	Italian	2	Reading & Translation
1150	1320	F06	AH	Italian	2	Listening & Discursive Writing
0920	1135	Hall	AH	Design & Manufacture	2	Question Paper
0920	1135	Hall	H	Design & Manufacture	2	Question Paper
1415	1515	Hall	N5	Practical Cookery	7	Question Paper



### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

0920	1105	Hall	H	Modern Studies	1	Paper 1
1130	1245	Hall	H	Modern Studies	1	Paper 2
0920	1140	Hall	N5	Modern Studies	8	Question Paper
0920	1050	Hall	AH	French	1	Reading/Translation
0920	1120	Hall	H	French	2	Reading/Directed Writing
0920	1050	Hall	N5	French	7	Reading/Writing
1120	1150	F6	N5	French	7	Listening
1205	1235	F6	H	French	2	Listening
1415	1535	F6	AH	French	1	Listening & Discursive Writing
0920	1150	Hall	N5	Environmental Science	8	Question Paper
1415	1530	F5	AH	Music	6	Question Paper

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

0920	1120	Hall	N5	Graphic Communication	4	Question Paper
0920	1150	Hall	H	Graphic Communication	2	Question Paper
0920	1220	Hall	AH	History	3	Question Paper
0920	1050	Hall	H	History	4	British, European & World History
1120	1250	Hall	H	History	4	Scottish History
0920	1110	Hall	H	Geography	11	Physical & Human Environments
1130	1220	Hall	H	Geography	11	Global Issues & Geographical Skills
0920	1150	Hall	AH	Geography	1	Question Paper

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

0920	1150	F16	H	Physical Education	15	Question Paper
0920	1105	Hall	N5	Design & Manufacture	9	Question Paper
0920	1150	Hall	H	Computing	7	Question Paper
0920	1120	Hall	N5	Computing	8	Question Paper
1415	1500	F5	N5	Music	14	Question Paper

***In order to do your best, you must follow the SQA guidelines shown below:***

#### General

- ✓ arrive in good time – about **10 minutes** before the exam starts
- ✓ take the right equipment – **black or blue ink pens etc.**
- ✓ **check** you have been given the **correct exam question paper**
- ✓ complete **all your details** on the **front** of the question paper or answer booklet
- ✓ **read all instructions** and **listen carefully** for any announcements or additional instructions from the Invigilator – the person who supervises the exam
- ✓ remember to **cross out any rough work** that is **not** part of your answer
- ✓ put your **name** and **SCN** on **every piece of work** that you hand in – you can take your SCN card into the exam room
- ✓ if you feel **unwell**, **tell the Invigilator**
- ✓ **stay in the room until the exam is finished** – you may only leave early with the permission of the Invigilator

#### Conduct

- \* do not **copy** from someone else, or **share** your work with anyone else
- \* do not use **text language** or any **rude, abusive, offensive or discriminatory language** or **images** in your answers
- \* do not behave **disruptively** or cause a **disturbance** in the exam room
- \* do not **share equipment** with anyone else

**You must not have the following in your possession:**



Mobile phones



Electronic devices such as MP3 players, iPods, tablet or e-readers



Books, notes, dictionaries or papers



Personal calculators



Calculators – except in specified subjects



Electronic – except in specified subjects

**Use of electronic equipment must be authorised by SQA.**