



Summer Newsletter 2022

Head Teacher Welcome

Welcome to the final newsletter of session 2021/22.

It is wonderful to be returning to something resembling normality. We have already been able to start inviting parents and carers back into our building for events and holding activities which for the last two years have been put on hold.

I am delighted to be planning next year's calendar with some of our regular fixtures making a reappearance.

This newsletter will share the highlights of the last few months. A separate document will be sent out recognising the achievements of some of our young people in and beyond school this year.

I wish you all a lovely summer, here's hoping the rain stays away and thank you for your support throughout this school year.

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Retiring Staff

At the end of this session, six long-term members of the Gleniffer Staff Team are retiring. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for their service to our community and wish them the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement. Some pupils have interviewed each of these members of staff to find out a bit more about their careers.

Mr Thomson - Music Department



1. When did you start teaching and where?

Port Glasgow High School in 1982.

2. How long have you taught in Gleniffer High School?

33 years

3. What's your funniest memory?

a) Pupil learned to play "Take the A Train" by Duke Ellington. I asked pupil if he knew who wrote it and they said the Duke of Wellington..... Met the ex pupil 20 years later and asked them about the Duke of Wellington and was promptly told where to go....all in good humour of course!

b) John Neilston school has a loose door handle and people got stuck in the staffroom leaving about 50 pupils in the gym hall alone. They had to lower someone out of the window, which was a 20 foot drop, holding on to each other in a line to make sure no one fell. Health and safety wouldn't allow that these days!

4. What will you miss most?

Interacting with staff and pupils.

5. What will you be doing on 16th August when pupils return?

Having a lie in and booking cheap holidays.

Mr MacCuish - Mathematics Department



1. When did you start teaching and where?

1993 Castlehead High School

2. How long have you taught in Gleniffer High School?

18 years

3. What's your funniest memory?

The first day I had a first year class and I was going over classroom rules etc and one boy asked me "Sir, how do you keep your head so shiny?" So I told him "Pledge and Mr Sheen."

4. What will you miss most?

The kids

5. What will you be doing on 16th August when pupils return?

Thinking about what I'm going to do now I'm not busy working!

Mrs Quinn - PT Modern Languages



1. When did you start teaching and where?

1987 Breadalbane Academy

2. How long have you taught in Gleniffer High School?

28 years

3. What's your funniest memory?

Pupils say things in a different language that can mean something else completely!

4. What will you miss most?

Pupils and staff

5. What will you be doing on 16th August when pupils return?

Having a lie in and relaxing day.

Miss Feggans - Depute Head Teacher Thornly House



1. When did you start teaching and where?

14th August 1985 in Earnock High School, Hamilton

2. How long have you taught in Gleniffer High School?

15 years

3. What's your funniest memory?

It's funny the things that keep you going through difficult days. One that sticks out is a pupil appearing at my office with a tap from a sink with a pie attached to it. Totally Bizarre!

4. What will you miss most?

People definitely. Students and staff, lots of fabulous people.

5. What will you be doing on 16th August when pupils return?

Going out for lunch with my retired friends.

Mrs Prentice - Depute Head Teacher Brodie House



1. When did you start teaching and where?

1983 in Dumbarton Academy

2. How long have you taught in Gleniffer High School?

30 years

3. What's your funniest memory?

CarniMalawi, I just love the rides and can't stop laughing when I'm on them. Makes other folk stare quite a bit right enough.

4. What will you miss most?

Craic with the teachers and pupils.

5. What will you be doing on 16th August when pupils return?

Still sleeping no alarm going off.

Mrs Sangster - Depute Head Teacher Moredun House



1. When did you start teaching and where?

1995, Crookston Castle Pollock

2. How long have you taught in Gleniffer High School?

21 years

3. What's your funniest memory?

A boy at CarniMalawi who said he was having the best day of his life, all day long on the Alton Towers and Blackpool trips and the boy who told me he didn't know what intimidating was so I stood on a table to be bigger than him and show him. He just went a wwwwww.....aye get you now!

4. What will you miss most?

People and the buzz of school, always being busy. The friends I made and kids.

5. What will you be doing on 16th August when pupils return?

Going out for lunch with my husband.

SQA Update



Given the uncertainty in the last two years, there was always going to be some trepidation around SQA exams. I am pleased to say they ran smoothly and we didn't hear too much controversy from pupils as they spilled out the exam hall and rooms. Congratulations to the S4-6 pupils who completed their SQA courses, whether internally assessed or through a final exam. I have to thank staff who worked with young people tirelessly throughout the year to ensure they were fully prepared and confident walking into the room.

Now it is the waiting game! Learners can sign up to receive their results by SMS on Tuesday 9th August, if they can't wait for the mail to arrive on the same day. A small group of staff will be in school on Tuesday 9th August and the morning of Wednesday 10th August to offer support with requests for appeals. Should you need an appointment to speak to someone about an appeal (usually over the phone) please call the school office on 0300 300 1313.

Young people who wish to change subjects based on SQA results, can also make an appointment during these times and we can see them in the building or have a phone consultation to discuss their options.

There will be no staff available on Thursday 11th August for appeals or options, however some members of SLT will be available on the first in-service day, Friday 12th August.

Parent Council & PTA



At the end of last year we made the decision to join the Parent Council and PTA due to low numbers. The group have met online throughout the year and finally got to meet in-person on 6th June for our final meeting of the session. At the start of the school year we recruit for new members of both Parent Council & PTA. I will send out a link at the start of the year but thought it might be useful to share the function of each group.

Parent Council

The Parent Council helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter, and where they feel confident and comfortable putting them forward. They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. They do not get involved in individual matters relating to children or staff in the school. I attend all Parent Council meetings and give a HT report. I also invite other staff or pupils to attend to share information about the work of the school. Occasionally some parents or carers will contact the Chair of the Parent Council to request information about specific aspects of work in the school.

PTA

The PTA is a group of parents and carers who organise activities or events to support the work of the school. Some of the fundraising activities have led to improvements in the school library, contribution to S6 Leavers' Dance, contribution to awards ceremonies, development of our learning hub or supporting sporting events. I attend all PTA meetings and work alongside members on fundraising projects.

Next year we hope to recruit new members for each body. We will initially all meet together, but hope that with enough support from the parent body we will be able to operate as two distinct groups.

An invite to both Parent Council and PTA will be sent out at the start of the new term. We hope to see many new faces at our first meeting!

Parent Council and I would like to thank Iain Mackenzie very much for his service to Parent Council. Iain's youngest son has now completed his sixth year and he now retires from Parent Council. Not only has Iain been a loyal, consistent and supportive member of the council but he has also worked closely with groups of pupils making a difference to our community with regular litter picks. Iain has volunteered to keep working with us next session and we have happily taken him up on this offer.

BGE Sports Day



On June 9th, the PE department were delighted to host our first formal sports day since COVID struck. A fantastic day was had by S1, 2 & 3 pupils who qualified for the BGE Sports Day. Qualification took place during the 5-week block of athletics in PE. Staff recorded all scores and those who met the criteria were able to compete on the day.

A highly competitive field saw points achieved for qualifying for "Finals" through various "Heats" for each event other than 800m and 1500m which were straight finals. Each competitor earned 1 point per event qualification and then scored within each final to contribute to an overall "Sports Champion" for each year group.

Below are all the results and, impressively, several new school records being broken. Pupils highlighted in Green were the year group Sports Champion. Pupils highlighted in blue, broke the Gleniffer school record.







BGE Sports Day - Overall Results

		GOLD		SILVER		BRONZE	
S1 Girls	100m	Mhairi	McIntosh	Emily	Nichols	Mailex	MacLeod
	200m	Mhairi	McIntosh	Amy	Struthers	Emily	Nichols
	300m	Mhairi	McIntosh	Mia	MacAskill	Emily	Nichols
	800m	Mia	MacAskill	Emily	Nichols	Holly	Main
	1500m	Holly	Main	Ava	McGhee	Taylor	Adams
	Long Jump	Taylor	Adams	Emily	Nichols	Olivia J	Muir
	Shot Putt	Ava	McGhee	Emily	Nichols	Olivia J	Muir
S1 Boys	100m	Leo	McLeod	Luke	Morris	Callum	Gow
	200m	Leo	McLeod	Josh	Smith	Jamie	McDonald
	300m	Leo	McLeod	Josh	Smith	Callum	Gow
	800m	Leo	McLeod	Paul	Corrigan	Noah	Simpson
	1500m	Paul	Corrigan	Rory	Crawford	Mikay	Duffin
	Long Jump	Lucas	McKenzie	Leo	McLeod	Alexander	Cree
	Shot Putt	Max	Eane	Cal	McAusland	Noah	Simpson

S2 Girls	100m	Rebecca	McAllister	Eva	Watkins	Ilana	McMahon
	200m	Leah	Patterson	Eva	Watkins	Emily	Barnes
	300m	Eva	Watkins	Abbey	Brown	Emily	Barnes
	800m	Eva	Watkins	Emily	Barnes	Hazel	Marsh
	1500m						
	Long Jump	Amelia	McDonald	Hazel	Marsh	Lola	Shanks
				Leia	McVey	Eve	Watkins
				Megan	Warner		
	Shot Putt	Jessica	Taggart	Hazel	Marsh	Amelia	McDonald
S2 Boys	100m	Lucas	McAuley	Richard	McKnight	Matthew	Brown
	200m	Lucas	McAuley	Richard	McKnight	Callum	Millar
	300m	Richard	McKnight	David	Markie	Michael	Maxwell
	800m	Lucas	McAuley	Thomas	Barrett	David	Markie
	1500m	Millar	Simpson	Neil	McAusland	Marcus	Isaac
	Long Jump	Michael	Maxwell	Ewan	Jamieson	Lucas	McAuley
	Shot Putt	Michael	Maxwell	Callum	Millar	Lewis	Adam
		Kyle	Shaw				
S3 Girls	100m	Cara	Gray	Empress	Uliagbe	Ann	Anysbe
	200m	Cara	Gray	Empress	Uliagbe	Katie	Colquhoun
	300m	Cara	Gray	Ann	Anysbe	Jessica	McKechnie
	800m	Cara	Gray	Ann	Anysbe	N/A	
	1500m	N/A		N/A		N/A	
	Long Jump	Jessica	McKechnie	Cara	Gray	Evie	Crawford
	Shot Putt	Hayley	Johnston	Cara	Gray	Ann	Anysbe
S3 Boys	100m	James	Robertson	James	Rafferty	Adam	Thomson
	200m	James	Rafferty	James	Robertson	Robert	Cavin
	300m	James	Robertson	Christopher	Smyth	Moore	Jowett
	800m	Michael	Rhodes	Alex	Pedley		
	1500m	N/A		N/A		N/A	
	Long Jump	Robert	Cavin	Alex	Pedley	Callum	Andres
	Shot Putt	James	Wilson	James	Robertson	James	Rafferty

Health Week



Health week came back with a bang this term. All S1-3 pupils were involved in a variety of activities which promoted mental and physical health.

A theatre company performed a play to all year groups called "Hope". This play highlighted the impact of bullying behaviour in-person and online. As well as being fantastic entertainment there was a really strong message about the impact of bullying and how all parties involved are affected.

We organised inflatables. Pupils (and some staff) had great fun racing and competing on the equipment.

HFT department held their Bake Off competition for S2 pupils. With the winners being Miss Ingledew in Heat 1 and Mr Ballantyne in Heat 2.

The PE department did a fantastic job of organising mini-olympics for each year group.

- S1 winners Brodie House
- S2 winners Brodie House
- S3 winners Moredun House.

Throughout the session S1 pupils have been working on a SQA Mental Health Award and a group of staff helped them complete this piece of work.

Unfortunately the weather hampered our attempts at the Great Glenny Walk up the braes, but there's always next year.

Finally, our activities day ran on the last day with trips to Gravity, Inflatation, Paintballing, Edinburgh and Blackpool as well as lots of in-school activities. Thanks to all the staff who organised these trips and particularly our Newly Qualified Teachers who took on the mammoth task of organising the Blackpool trip. Even at 4.15pm on the day before they were troubleshooting.

Pupils seemed to really enjoy their week and the break from the norm before their timetables changed on 30th May.







Journalism Club

HEALTH WEEK & ACTIVITIES DAY 2022

On the last week of May our S1s to S3s were treated to an amazing range of activities for Health Week. For our S3, this week ended with the YPI Scotland final. On the Monday, our S1s were treated to inflatables, and a theatre production called *Hope* about anti-bullying. Our S2s enjoyed a morning of mini Olympics and then the theatre production. Our S3s loved a day that included the theatre production and inflatables. There was inflatable football, inflatable basketball slingshot, and an inflatable obstacle course (in which Mr Gilles was beaten by an S3!).

The Tuesday included S3 mini Olympics and s1 Mental Health Award. The Wednesday was a busy day with the S1s doing mini Olympics, the S2s doing the Great Glenny Bake off and then both years enjoyed a wet but great fun Glenny Health Walk. Our S3s on Wednesday morning had the YPI Scotland final in which the pupils presented a presentation to the whole of their year with the chance to win £3000 for the charity they had been working with since February. All the groups preformed fabulously and were labelled as brave by their peers by talking in front of their whole year group! In the end our worthy winners were Ann and Empress who worked with CRER, a charity that helps ethnic minorities suffering from racism. Huge congratulations to them!!

During the month of May, lots of fun things were planned one of them being Activities Day which was held on the 26th of May. It was a fun filled day for S1/2/3 to do and experience loads of

different activities and trips like going to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Edinburgh Castle, photography lessons at school, Paint-balling and a whole lot more!

This year, over 200 pupils chose to go to Blackpool and they were definitely excited about it, this was one of the most popular trips!

During the day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach there were so many rides to choose from it was a rollercoaster of emotions! Some of them being the thrilling Tower Dropper, The Big Dipper, and the superscary heart stopping Infusion ride! The 4.30am wake up and return bus journey there and back was well worth it!

We would like to thank all the teachers and staff who were involved with organising Health Week and Activities Day!

BY THE SCHOOL JOURNALISM CLUB:

SUZANNAH DONNELLY, LIAMSALIH AYDEMIR & KARA HINDS

Netball Tournament



The Renfrewshire netball annual summer tournament took place on Tuesday 14th June for the first time in 2 years! 10 schools joined Gleniffer in a great day where some outstanding talent was on display. The biggest game of the day was a nail-biting open final of Gleniffer vs St Andrews that went to extra time with St Andrew's taking the win by 1 point.

Results

S1

1st Place- Trinity High School

2nd Place- Gryffe High School

S2

1st Place- Gleniffer High School

2nd Place- St Andrews High School

S3-

1st Place- Gleniffer High School

2nd Place- Johnstone High School

Open Tournament (S4-6)

1st Place- St Andrews High School

2nd Place- Gleniffer High School



1 - S3 Netball Winners



S6 Graduation

Having had such a challenging year, we wanted to wish our outgoing S6 well and allow parents and carers the opportunity to see their children in school one last time. We organised our first S6 Graduation ceremony, which was a very emotional evening for all involved.

Young people were presented with their Leavers' certificate, volunteering certificates (Saltire Awards) and special awards for service to the school. Our Dux award was presented to **Bethany Adam** for her outstanding achievement in her S5 exams. The following pupils were awarded Proxime Accessit awards for their success in last year's SQA diet too.

- **Laura MacGilp**
- **Emma Reed**
- **Keziah Bryan**
- **Holly Reid**

Stephen Gallagher performed a moving musical piece on guitar and we heard from our Student Leaders **Andrew McKellar** and **Jazmine Moore**.

Kerr Mackenzie achieved his Gold Award for his achievement in being capped for the CP Scotland Football squad.

We would like to wish, not only our S6 Leavers, but all those who have finished their school career the very best in the next stage of their lives.

S6 Leavers' Dance



On Thursday 9th June our S6 leavers enjoyed a wonderful celebration in Dalmeny Park Hotel. The student leaders worked with Miss Feggans throughout the year to organise a fantastic night with a beautiful meal, plenty dancing and some tears. Parents and carers came to the school to wave them off for the night and former pupil Andrew Sylvester took photos giving giving them something to look back at for years to come.





P7 Transition Days



We were delighted to welcome P7 pupils on 10th and 11th May for their Induction Days. The young people followed a school timetable, meeting staff and Gleniffer pupils. They also got a chance to start making new friends as they worked in the classes they will be in next year. They had a fantastic two days which was followed by a Sports Day on 1st June.





P7 Volleyball Tournament

On June 17th, we welcomed our 5 cluster primaries to Gleniffer for a volleyball festival. With over 140 pupils, it was a busy and thriving department.

The morning session involved a coaching session with Mr Giles and the Scottish Volleyball Association (SVA) before pupils were split into teams. With 43 teams in total, pupils played a round robin tournament to qualify for either the Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze group for the afternoon.

The afternoon session was another round robin, but this time playing to win their respective leagues. From beginning to end, the improvement over the course of the day was excellent and the P7s were more than capable of playing full rallies using a variety of shots.

Congratulations to Heriot for the overall winners of the Platinum League. We look forward to developing their volleyball skills as they arrive with us in S1.

Finally, the behaviour and attitude of all pupils was commendable to the P7 schools and teachers.

Many thanks to Miss Robb, SVA, Active Schools and our Sports Development class for helping throughout the day, and to the PE department for keeping the PE classes engaged and active while the festival was on. A great team effort to make the day a success.





New S1 August 2022

We look forward to welcoming our New S1 pupils to Gleniffer High on 16th August. The school day starts at 8.50am. They will be met by pupil helpers and staff in the social area to organise classes.

Timetables will be sent out during the summer holidays so pupils know exactly where they are going on their first day. If young people have a phone, we recommend taking a photo of their timetable too. ParentPay activation codes and pin numbers will also be sent out.

A reminder that S1 pupils are not to leave the school premises at any point during the school day, including lunchtime.

We will hold a parents and carers' welcome session on **Thursday 18th August at 6.30pm** and more information will be sent about this over the holidays.

I hope they have all enjoyed the end of P7 activities and are now waiting excitedly to join our Gleniffer Community!

Enrichment Programme



Between the 26th of April and 20th of May, S4 pupils not undertaking any formal exams participated in our Enrichment Programme, providing opportunities to develop their self-confidence and employability skills, as well as gaining an additional National 4 Qualification in Personal Finance. This year we had a record number of pupils sitting one or two exams opt-in to the programme, highlighting how valued it is. Pupils had the opportunity to set up professional email accounts, write CVs, practice applications and undertake mock interviews as well as numerous other activities. The highlight of the programme was a visit to the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce "Business to Business" event where our pupils impressed with their confidence and interest, so much so that the group were invited to attend a formal Networking Working lunch run by the Chamber. Thanks goes to the many businesses who supported the programme, with special thanks to Morrison Construction, for a massive input in supporting our young people. We hope that the programme will help our pupils achieve a positive destination post school and pleased to report that two of our participants have now gone on to training positions with a view to a Modern Apprenticeship as a direct result of their attendance.

Developing the Young Workforce



On Monday the 30th of May, 15 new S3 pupils attended a Traditional Building Skills event hosted outside of Paisley Town Hall by Morrison Construction, working in partnership with Renfrewshire Council and West College Scotland.

It was a practical event which saw a number of traditional building workshops for students to get involved in and also included a tour of Paisley Town Hall. This event was in place for students who have an interest in construction and provided an opportunity to showcase careers in traditional building but also the many other careers in construction. There was a talk from Morrison Construction about the career options they offer, West College Scotland about vocational options and Foundation Apprenticeships and Renfrewshire Council discussing both the Foundation and Modern apprenticeships.

The pupils really enjoyed the event commenting that it showed that “...there is a lot more to construction than you think!”



Timetable Change/Options Re-negotiations

Our timetable changed on 30th May for all pupils. While technically still in the same year group, pupils moved on to their timetable for next session. Mrs Prentice has been working tirelessly to meet with pupils who want to discuss their timetables and organise consortium and college placements.

Following the publication of SQA results on 9th August, some pupils may wish to reconsider their subject choices for next year. If this is the case, appointments can be made with members of the senior leadership team to discuss the best curriculum plan for them.

SCQF - Scottish Qualifications Framework

Earlier this session we were the first school in Renfrewshire to achieve the Bronze SCQF Award. This was awarded due to the work we have undertaken in educating pupils, parents/carers and staff on the qualifications framework, highlighting the curricular and accreditation pathways open to all learners in Scotland.

A group of S6 learners became our SCQF Ambassadors and led work in this area alongside Mr Madden, Principal Teacher of Attainment. I am delighted to say in a short space of time we have now been awarded the Silver SCQF Award. Learn more about our journey here

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1534452791384604672>

YPI - Youth Philanthropy Initiative



S3 pupils have been working with YPI Scotland, investigating local charities and preparing to bid for £3000 for their chosen charity. Our school final took place during Health Week, with a number of groups presenting to their whole year group. This is quite a daunting task and really develops confidence, teamwork and presentation skills. The chosen charities were:

- Action for Children
- Chris' House
- Homestart
- Turning Point
- CRER
- Roar

The young people each presented information about their chosen charity to S3 pupils and a judging panel. The final winners were Ann Anyebe and Empress Ufigiebe who were supporting CRER. Ann and Empress will now attend the YPI National Finals in Perth on 15th June. Well done to all S3 pupils who worked on this throughout the year. Learning about charities who make a difference to our community has a huge impact on the young people. Thank you to the pastoral staff who supported the learning and Mrs Foley for all her organisation and the support she gave to each team as they prepared. Finally, thank you to our judging panel who had a very difficult decision to make.





Art & Design Exhibition

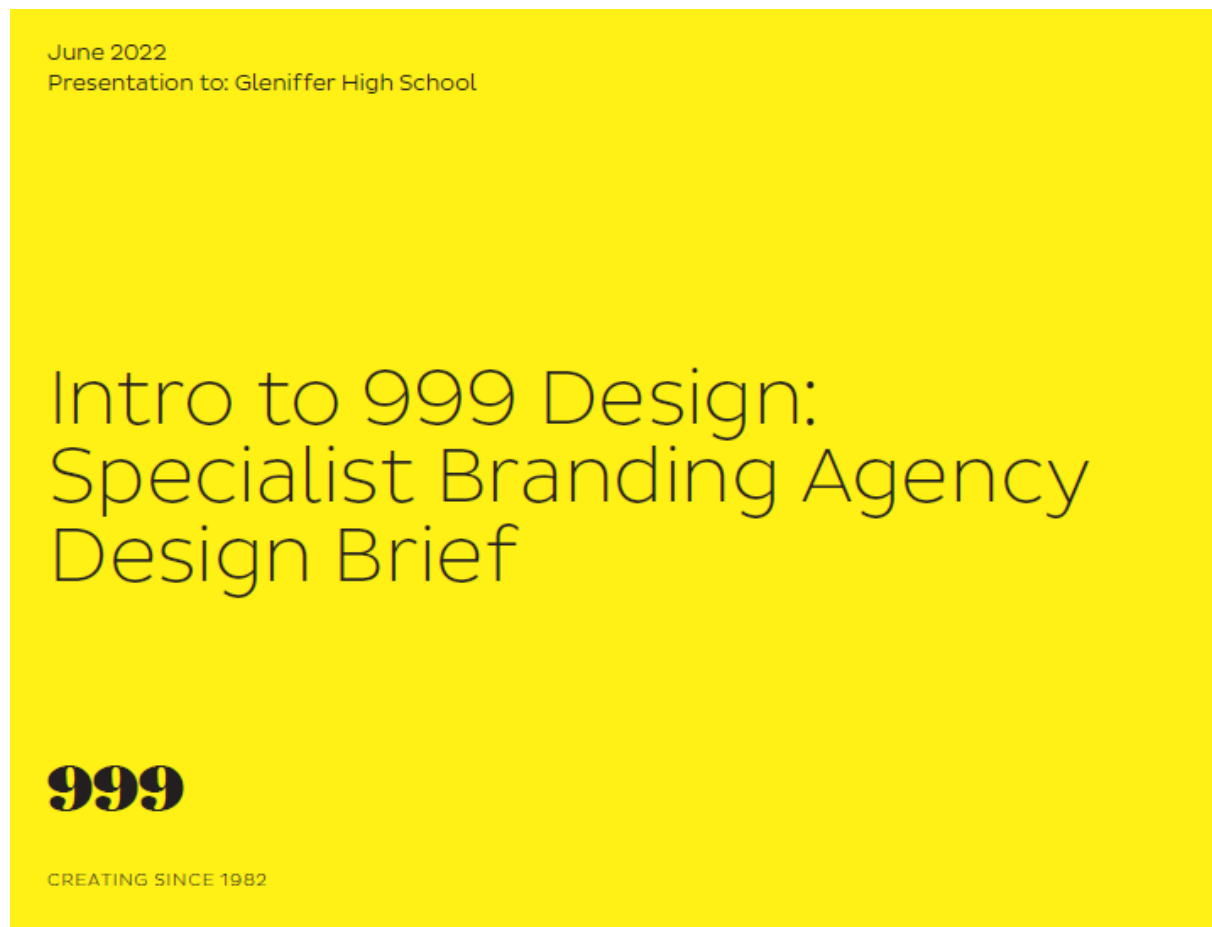
We were absolutely delighted to be able to showcase a wide range of pupil work from the 2021-2022 Academic Year. With a plethora of creative art, design, photographic and construction pieces on display, pupils, parents, staff and our wider community were able to come and appreciate the very positive learning which is taking place in our Art and Technical departments.

This year, for the first time, we have introduced a National Progression Award (NPA) in Drawing for S3 Art pupils and an NPA in Visual Communication in Graphic Communication and Design and Manufacture. These additional opportunities have been positively received and executed and successfully dominated many of the excellent works which were on display. It is clear that there is a significant amount of talent in the school and we are very proud of our young people.



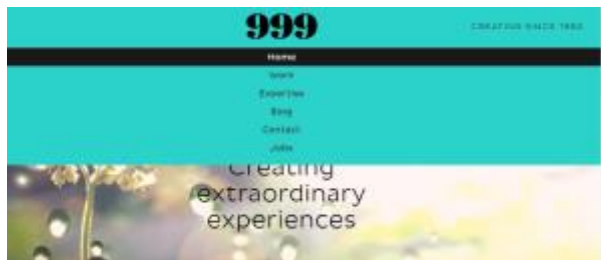
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Graphic Design



The Advanced Higher Art & Design class were joined by Lewis McIntyre from Glasgow based graphics & Branding Agency 999 design.

Lewis delivered a very informative presentation and Q&A session to the pupils about the Graphic Design industry. 999 Design have worked with many high-profile clients and brands. Lewis shared his expertise in working in a highly creative industry. He demonstrated the importance creative thinking, collaborative working, presentation skills and the design process used to meet the needs of the client. This has benefited the advanced higher pupils by giving them inspiration and creative processes as they embark on their extensive folio work in 2022/23.



Graduate Visit – Lorna Feggans, BA Hons Interactive Design



Lorna Feggans, 2022 Graduate from Glasgow School of Art presented her final year work to advanced higher and S2 pupils in a recent visit. Highlights of her presentation were her creative starting points and inspiration. Lorna showed sketchbook working and cyanography.

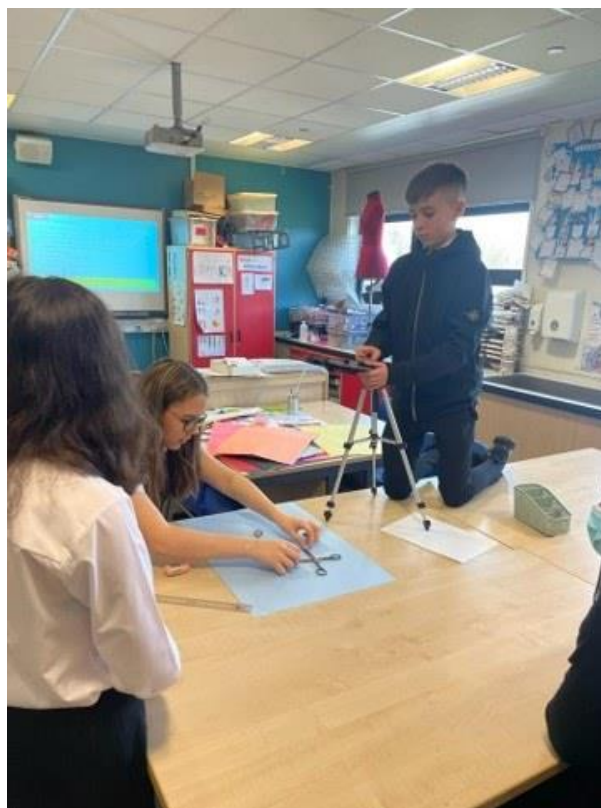


Materials World



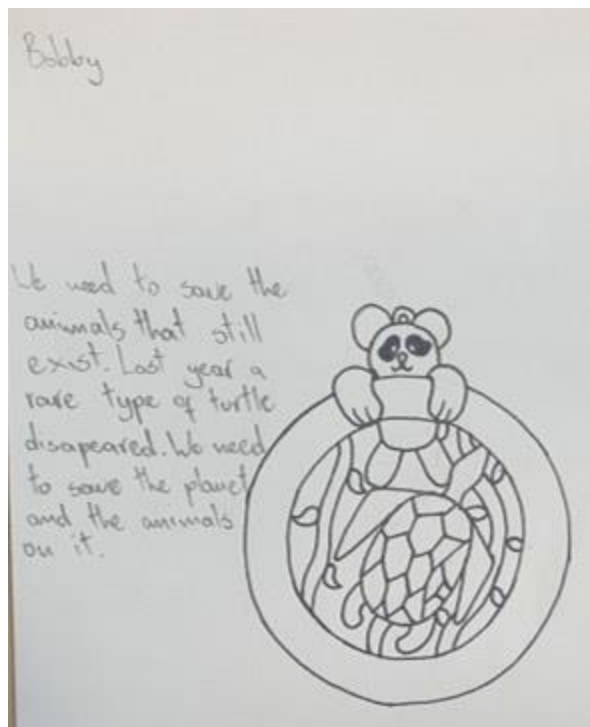
Two of our selected S2 classes took part in an IDL Materials World project, which involved working with external companies; Remode and Screen Scotland. Here the pupils learned about global issues, focusing primarily on fashion and material sustainability. They looked at how to reuse fabrics and make better choices when it comes to buying clothes in order to reduce materials waste. With this, they learned about the weaving process and ways to reuse plastic as well as learning about various film making techniques, including how to use stop motion animation to portray their messages. Pupils produced excellent work on the project despite the time constraints they were faced with because of Covid earlier in the year. The project concluded with two of our pupils (and teachers) being filmed and interviewed by Screen Scotland. Both pupils did Gleniffer High proud, receiving wonderful feedback from our external partners about their articulation and confidence in front of the camera – well done Amelia and Liamsalidh!!!







Art Club



Pupils from the Art club entered a jewellery design competition by the Craft & Design department at the City of Glasgow College.

Their task was to design a pendant which highlighted Climate Change and its effect on the environment. The pupils worked hard researching the topic, finding inspirational images and coming up with their own unique designs.

We are delighted to report that Bobby Dobrev was runner up for the competition! He will receive a highly commended personalised certificate. Well done Bobby! and all pupils that entered

S3 Visit Future Paisley

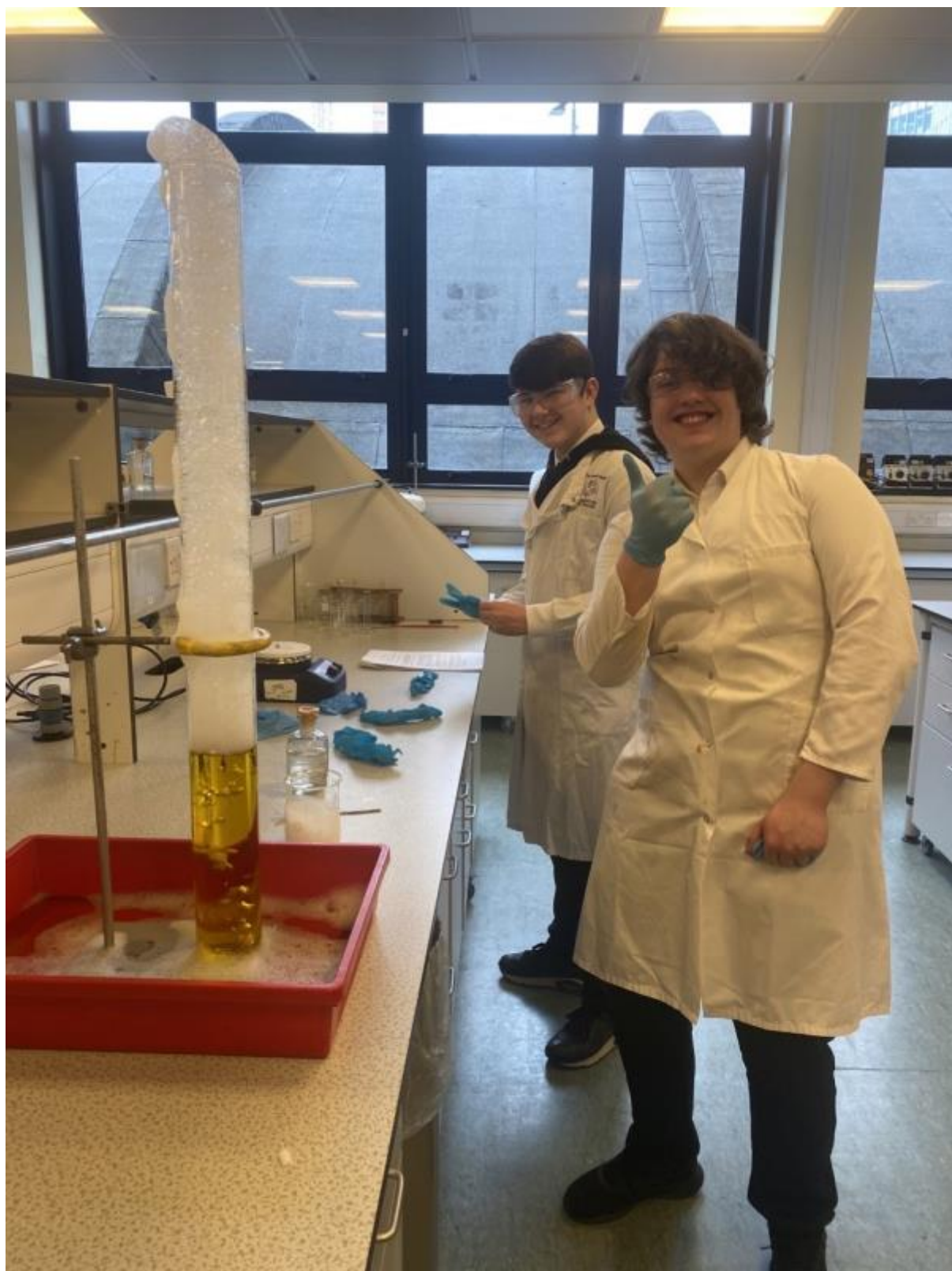


S2 trip pupils designed spaces in Paisley where people could meet to work with community artists and designers.



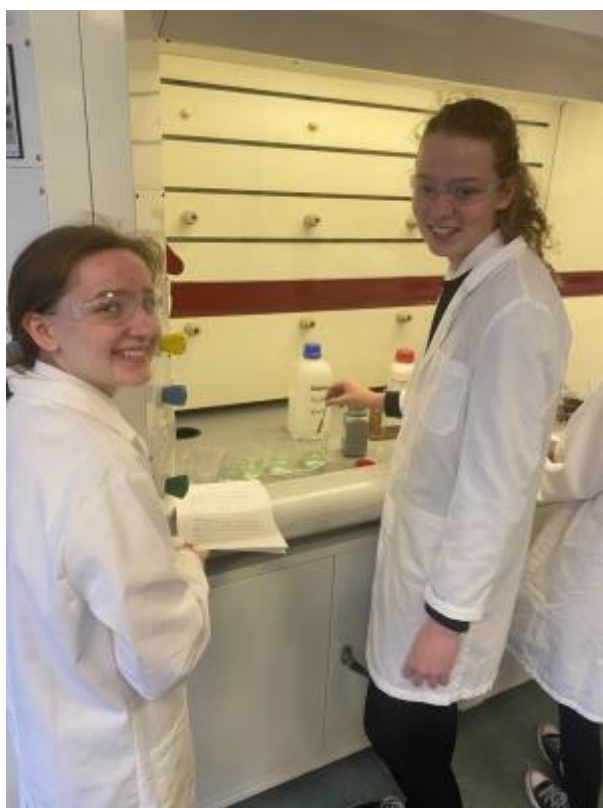


Science Trip



Higher and Advanced Higher Chemistry pupils attended labs at the University of Strathclyde to get the chance to participate in some practical experiments. The pupils completed a range of activities from making their own slime to experimenting with different Nickel complexes. Pupils thoroughly

enjoyed not only the practical experience but also the chance to go see the chemistry department in the university.





Uniform



Our uniform policy promotes school identity and equity. The uniform is designed to be affordable. It is however important that families entitled to Footwear and Clothing Grants, apply at <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>. This link will also allow you to apply for **Free School Meals**.

Our school environment is comfortable and therefore we expect that pupils remove outdoor jackets in classrooms, ready to learn. All young people should have a school bag to carry equipment, including PE kit.

Uniform items include:

- White shirt worn with school tie. S6 pupils wear the senior tie and blazer.
- Black trousers or skirt. We ask that leggings and trackies are not worn to school although may be worn while taking part in PE.
- Plain black jumpers or cardigans.
- Black footwear.

Red Gleniffer PE tops can be purchased in all schoolwear shops and are easily washed and dried (no ironing required!) I would also recommend that pupils bring spare socks and a towel on a wet day for PE. Pupils unable to take part in PE are still expected to change into kit so that they can help with other activities such as refereeing, which allows them to be part of the lesson if physically unable to join in.

Important Dates Next Term

9th August - SQA Results Day

12th August - In-service Day 1

15th August - In-service Day 2

16th August - Pupils start the new session at 8.50am

18th August - S1 Parents Welcome 6.30pm

23rd August - S6 Leadership Day

29th August - Parent Council AGM & PTA

19th September - Parent Council & PTA

21st September - UCAS Information Evening for Parents and Carers 6.30pm

22nd September - S4 Tracking Report Issued

23rd & 26th September - Holidays

29th September - S1 Parents' Evening

3rd October - Parent Council & PTA, S3 CANI Coaching Leadership Week

6th October - S5/6 Tracking Report Issued

14th October - Foodbank Collection, School Closes for Holiday

24th October - In-service Day 3