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Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC

"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

Head Teacher: Barry Graham

November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the October holidays and that everyone is ready for the new term. Can I remind you that our generic information is no longer included in our termly letters home and can now be found in our annual Secondary Information Booklet which you will find in the Secondary School Bag on the main page of our school website: www.wallacehall.co.uk. We also sent you a copy in September.

P7 Open Evening

Our P7 Open Evening will take place on **Wednesday 6th November**, starting at 6.30pm prompt. All prospective pupils and parents are welcome.

Reporting and Parents' Evenings

Pupils in S1 will have received an Interim Report last term. Pupils in S4, S5 and S6 will receive an Interim Report **w/c 18th November**, with their Parents' Evening taking place on **Wednesday 27th November**. Pupils in S2 will receive their reports on w/c **9th December** and their Parents' Evening will follow on **Tuesday 14th January**.

Following feedback from parents it was decided to hold the Senior Phase Parents' Evening earlier in the session as they felt that it would provide a better opportunity to support their children ahead of their prelims. Please note this is a short report. The S4, S5, S6 full report will be issued in March once teachers have assessed learning and comment will be made, if applicable, regarding preliminary examinations.

Poppy Scotland

Poppies will be on sale in the lead up to Armistice Day. Prefects will also take the poppies round classes to give pupils a chance to support the appeal.

The 2-18 Parent Council

The next meeting of the 2-18 Parent Council is planned for **Monday 25th November**. The meeting will start at 7pm and will be online.

If you would like more information on any aspect of the 2-18 Parent Council or would like to get involved, please contact Laura Keenan via email at: wallacehallparentcouncil@gmail.com.

Winner of

Silver Rights Respecting Schools Awareness Award 2023

D&G Rural Award Smarter Scotland

The SQA Star Award

Lantra School Project Award – 2013/2018/2020/2022

Scottish Education Award – Enterprise and Employability

World Teamwork Award Winners – World Robotics Festival

First Lego League Robotics Scottish/UK & Ireland Champions



Study Support Programme

Prelims for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 will take place between **Tuesday 7th January and Friday 31st January 2025.**

Although the results of these can no longer be used to appeal against an SQA result, **they remain very important assessments** which give a strong indication of a student's strengths and weaknesses, and their likelihood of success in the final exams. Thorough revision and preparation is important in ensuring that students perform well in their prelims.

Learners will receive advice and guidance from subject teachers about the best ways to carry out study and revision at home for specific subjects. By the senior phase, students need to accept a share of responsibility for their own learning and an essential part of this involves regular study at home. To help our students, we are once again running our study support programme so we can offer lunchtime and after-school support throughout the year. You should have already received a separate letter giving full details of the extensive study support opportunities on offer for all students. Details of all after-school and lunchtime sessions are also published on the school website in the Academy section, and we would encourage all students in S4, S5 and S6 to take up the extra support our teachers are providing for them each week. This is attached at the end of this letter for your information.

If you have a subject specific concern or query about prelims or Study Support, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Principal Teacher, the PT Pupil Support with responsibility for your child's house, or a Depute Head Teacher.

Health and Wellbeing (Personal and Social Education)

All S1-6 pupils participate in Health and Wellbeing lessons on a weekly basis. These lessons are delivered by tutors or outside organisations and aim to support our young people in improving their overall health and wellbeing.


Please find below a summary of the general topics that will have been covered by the end of this term.

Year group	Term 2 HWB - Topic
S1	Sleep Vaping Resilience Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)
S2	Healthy Bodies Body image and eating disorders Racism Options
S3	Anxiety coping strategies My World of Work - unit 1 Drug education Consent and healthy relationships
S4	First Aid Study techniques Stress control My World of Work - Unit 2
S5	Drug education Physical health - cancer education Contraception and STI's
S6	UCAS/Applications Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

The School Calendar

A copy of the school calendar for Term 2 - Term 4 of this academic year is attached which lists key events – Appendix A.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Graham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small dot at the end.

B Graham
Head Teacher

APPENDIX A

School Calendar – Term 2/3/4

Term 2

12 th November 24	School Photographer (Primary and their Secondary Siblings)
13 th November 24	Flu Vaccines
w/c 18 th November 24	S4/5/6 Reports
27 th November 24	S4/5/6 Parents Night
28 th November 24	School Photographer (Secondary Individual & Siblings)
5 th December 24	Catch-up date for School Photographer
6 th December 24	S1 Theatre Trip
w/c 9 th December 24	S2 Reports
10 th December 24	Christmas Concert
13 th December 24	Senior Christmas Dance
16 th December 24	S1/S2 Christmas Dance
18 th December 24	S3/S4 Christmas Dance
23 rd December 24 – 6 th January 25	Christmas Holiday (pupils return Tues 7 th)

Term 3

6 th January 25	INSET day – staff only
7 th January -31 st January 25	Prelims
14 th January 25	S2 Parents Evening
20 th January 25	S3 Reports
30 th January 25	S3 Parents Evening
2 nd February – 8 th February 25	Ski Trip
6 th February 25	Teen Booster
w/c 10 th February 25	S4/5/6 Reports
19 th February – 21 st February 25	Mid Term Holiday – pupils only
19 th February – 20 th February 25	INSET days – staff only
25 th February 25	S4/5/6 Parents Evening
6 th March 25	HPV Vaccines
w/c 17 th March 25	S2 Tracking Reports
31 st March – 11 th April 25	Easter Holiday

Term 4

18 th April and 21 st April 25	Easter Weekend
w/c 28 th May 25	S1 Reports
5 th May 25	May Day Holiday
7 th May 25	S1 Parents Evening
w/c 19 th May 25	S3 Tracking reports
7 th June -12 th June 25	S4/5 Battlefields Trip
03 rd July 25	Last day of Term

Dates may be subject to change, notification of any such amendments will be issued in due course.

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Study Support Timetable – 2024-2025

Subject	Level	Teacher	Where	Day	Time
Administration & IT	N5/Higher	Miss Park	A2023	Wednesdays	1545-1645
Art	N5	Mrs Black	A1030	Wednesday	1545-1645 & Lunch
Art	Higher	Mrs Simpson	A1031	Wed&Thu	1545-1700
Biology	N5 and Higher	Mrs Belford and Mrs Simpson	A2010	Tuesdays	1545-1645
Business Management	N5/Higher	Miss Young	A2024	Wednesdays	1545-1645
Chemistry	N5 and Higher	Mrs Hunter	A2017	Wednesdays	1545-1645
Design & Manufacture	N5/Higher	Mr McKenna	A0024	Wednesdays	1545-1645
Drama	N5/Higher	Mrs Griffin	Drama studio	Thursday	1545-1645 & Lunch
Eng Sci/Design & Man	N5/Higher	Mr Lees	A0034	Thursdays	1545-1645
English	N5/Higher	Mr McClair	A1017	Thursdays	Lunchtime (1330-1357)
English	Higher	Mr Pape	A1016	Wednesdays	1545-1645
English	Higher	Miss Carson	A1013	Tuesdays	1545-1645
English	N5 (RUAE)	Mrs Robertson	A1014	Fridays	Lunchtime (1330-1357) (Appointment)
English	N5	Miss Brown	A1015	Monday	Lunchtime (1330-1357)
Geography	N5 and Higher	Mr Miller	A2014	Tuesdays	1545-1645
Graphic Communication	N5/Higher	Mr Corrigan	A0018	Tuesdays	1545-1645
History	N5 and Higher	Mr Gray	A1012	Thursdays	1545-1645
Mathematics	N5/H/AH	Mr Blair	A2016	Fridays	1545-1645
Mathematics	N5	Mrs Marshall	A0009	Tuesdays	Lunchtime (1330-1357)
Mathematics	Higher	Mr Bell	A0006	Wednesdays	Lunchtime (1330-1357)
Mathematics	N5/Higher Apps	Mr Watt	A0007	Tuesdays	1545-1645
Modern Studies	N5 and Higher	Miss Stuart	A1007	Tuesdays	1545-1645
Music	N5/Higher	Miss Girvan	A1018	Mon-Thu	1545-1645 (Appointment) & Lunch
Physical Education	Higher	Mr Steele	PE Classroom	Thursdays	1545-1645
Physical Education	N5	Mr Lindsay	PE Classroom	Thursdays	Lunchtime (1330-1357)
Physics	N5 and Higher	Dr Fulton	A2007	Thursdays	1545-1645