

Weekly Update – 11<sup>th</sup> January

### **Absences and Appointments**

Please be reminded that in order to avoid receiving an absence text message you should report your child's absence before 8.30am. Messages left after this time will still be received and absence recorded. Please also remember to let us know, in advance, of any appointments for your child. We are unable to let pupils leave school without parental consent, prior notice saves time for all involved. Appointment messages can be left on the absence line throughout the day as this is regularly checked.

### **Christmas Disco – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

The S3 Business Management classes did a fantastic job of organising the S1 Christmas Disco on the last day of term. The total money raised was £281 which will be donated to the charities decided by the S3 Business Management classes – Teenage Cancer Trust and Julia's House.

Well done to those involved and a huge thank you to all S1 pupils who came along.

### **S2 Choice Information night**

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Information Evening for parents/carers of S2 pupils. During this session, we will explain how the curriculum for S2 pupils will develop as they move through the school and how the process for making their choices will work. Our approach is changing this year and we are encouraging pupils to start to think about longer term plans when making choices. We are also providing information on the labour market, various types of qualification and the different ways to gain qualifications and skills.

The event will be held on Tuesday 29 January, 6:30 – 7:30. As our prelims will be on, we will not have access to the main hall and will use the library as a venue. It would be very helpful in terms of estimating numbers if you are able to use the survey below to confirm attendance. This will allow us to make sure we are able to lay the room out to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Survey to confirm attendance at information Evening: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H83KKW8>

### **Cyber Security**

On 5th December I visited the RBS head office at Gogarburn with Mr McKee and ten third year Computing Science pupils. We engaged in all sorts of activities, talks and stalls exploring the importance of careers in cyber security. The bank staff gave us knowledge and skills to avoid current cyber issues such as fraud. It was fun, informative and I was glad to see a range of different people getting involved in such an important field.

Tess Elders, S6.



## Well Done!

Well Done to Flora Henry (s3) won silver in the Scottish National Indoor 3000m Championships on the 4th January.

