



Eco Schools
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Turnbull High School
St Mary's Road, Bishopbriggs G64 2EF

Head Teacher Report

March 2025

School Matters

SQA

The 2024 exam diet starts on Friday 25th April and finishes on Monday 2nd June. Results Day will be Tuesday 5th August.

Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS)

The Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS) supports learners who have been unable to attend the exam or whose performance in an exam has been affected by a personal circumstance, or an unplanned incident on the day. It is available for all exams that appear in the exam timetable. Non-question paper components are not eligible for this service.

Only schools, colleges and training providers may submit requests. **It is essential that parents/carers/learners who believe they are eligible for this service contact the school immediately on the day of the exam.**

Learners are eligible for EECCS consideration if they have experienced a valid exceptional circumstance, they have completed all the compulsory non-question paper components, an estimate has been submitted for them and alternative evidence for the impacted exam components is available

You can keep up-to-date with all the latest information and advice on SQA exams via their website:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk>

- Planned supported study classes will begin on Monday 3 March for 4 weeks – details have been issued to parents. Following discussions with the School Leadership Team, we will be promoting a targeted approach to Supported Study where key pupils who need it most will be identified and prioritized. In addition to supported study, all students will have planned revision activities set to access independently (e.g. ACHIEVE).
- Option inserts and interviews for pupils in S2 – S5 are almost completed and work has begun on the construction of the school timetable for session 2025/26. The start date for the new timetable Monday 19th May. Further support is available for pupils still considering their next steps in learning. All support requests can be made via the PT Pastoral Care.
- Stakeholder surveys have been distributed to pupils, parents, staff and partners. The responses to these surveys will be analysed and used to inform our School Improvement Plan for session 2025/26.

Staff

- We are delighted to inform you that Mr. Hendrie has been appointed to the post of Curriculum Leader in Dunbarton Academy. We thank Mr. Hendrie for his extensive contribution to our school community and wish him every success and happiness in his new post.
- We are currently recruiting for the following posts:
Teacher of Wellbeing (0.4 FTE)
Teacher of Chemistry (0.4 FTE)

Spiritual

- S3 NET Retreats took place on 13th & 14th February.
- Our Lenten Charities Campaign will launch on Wednesday 5th March. All monies raised will support our continuing school sponsorship through Mary's Meals. Food and Easter Egg donations will be used to support local foodbanks, Chesters Nursery Drumchapel and St Aloysius Parish Springburn.
- During Lent pupils are asked to reflect on 'A Time for Prayer', 'A Time for Fasting' and 'A Time for Almsgiving' through our weekly themes. Our 'Daily Decade' continues to take place in the Oratory every morning and Stations of The Cross take place every Friday lunchtime in our school oratory.
- All pupils in S4 – S6 will be invited to attend our SQA & Leavers Mass in April.

School Events

- On Thursday 16th January, pupils in S4-S6 attended the Allied Vehicles Apprenticeship presentation.
- S4 pupils have been provided with access to the First Aid at Work Qualification in order to enhance their life skills and employability. This course is a one day intensive programme with 24 pupils participating per day. Training days will take place from January through to March.
- Live-n-Learn sessions for pupils take place on 29 January (S2) and 12th March (S3).
- S3 Mental Health and Wellbeing Day took place on 31st January. During P1 gender specific sessions were held in response to the SHINE survey which highlighted 'Girls' Self-Esteem' as a key issue with boys doing a lesson on 'Boys Mental Health'. For periods 2-4 the pupils were arranged into practical sets and caroused around 3 lessons covering key topics such as: Mental Illness, Social Media and School/Exam Stress. In the afternoon, one period was assigned to the 'British Heart Foundation RevivR' CPR training and another assigned to some activities in the PE Department.
- To mark Holocaust Memorial day, all pupils across the school engaged in a range of cross curricular activities on Friday 21st February.
- Our Active Girls Day will take place on 28th March.

School/Individual Achievements

- Ryan K (S2), Tyler H (S3), Daniel G (S3) and Joy O (S4) were chosen to represent the school in a national chemistry competition, Top of the Bench, on 22nd January at the University of West of Scotland.
- Four S1 pupils have participated in the Industrial Cadets Bronze Award Program.
- A group of eleven S4 pupils participated in SCQF training on Friday 24th January. This will allow them to become ambassadors for the school as part of our efforts to achieve the bronze award.
- Congratulations to Mirren D (S3) who has been selected in the Scotland National U17s squad to travel to Spain for a European tournament. An excellent role model for other girls in the school.