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Turnbull High School

St Mary's Road, Bishopbriggs Glasgow G64 2EF

Head Teacher Report

November 2025

School Matters

- Option Choices: Pupils will complete straw polls on Wednesday 19th November. Parents of children staying on at school, may find the SUBJECT OPTIONS webpage in the LEARNING section of the School website of interest in supporting their child.

<http://www.turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/learning/subject-options/>

Please note that these straw poll choices in November are used to inform the creation of option columns. They are NOT “binding” and pupils will be able to review and adjust them if required when they make their actual final option choices later in the year.

- S3 Parent Evening & Options Information Evening will take place on Tuesday 18th November.
- Senior Phase Prelims begin Monday 1st December and will run through to Friday 19th December. A programme of supported study is currently running.

Staff

- I am delighted to inform you that Mrs McGinty has been appointed to the post of 1FTE Teacher of Modern Languages following the promotion of Miss Carr.
- We continue to have long term absences in English, Maths, Modern Languages and Technical. Where possible classes are being covered by subject specialist supply staff. Where this is not possible staff rotation is in place to provide subject specialism.
 - The long term absence in Technical has now been advertised as a permanent

post – the deadline for applications is Monday 10th November.

- It is anticipated that the English absence will continue until the end of November with the member of staff returning to school Monday 1st December.

Spiritual

- Holy Mass continues to be celebrated in our school Oratory each week. A rota of class Masses is in place to allow all pupils from S1 – S6 to participate in this programme.
- Liturgical services continue to take place in our school Oratory every Friday lunchtime.
- We continue to pray the Rosary each morning in our school oratory at 8.30am.
- All classes have the opportunity to write their November lists. All deceased family and friends will be remembered at Masses during November.
- Mr Hansen, supported by our S6 Humanities Captains will lead our Remembrance Day events. This will involve a whole school 2 minute silence followed by the S6 captains leading an online Teams assembly as to why we mark this day and providing further information to pupils.

Senior pupils laid a wreath at the Bishopbriggs Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November in memory of those who have given their lives in service.

- Catholic Education Week. Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). This year, the theme of Catholic Education Week is 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

During Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect upon how we can all help support this mission through our home, school and parish partnership.

The High School Mass for pupils from all secondary schools across the Archdiocese of Glasgow will take place on Monday 17th November. Led by our Head Boy and Head Girl, a group of selected pupils from each year group will represent Turnbull High School at this Mass.

- On Friday 21st November, the community of Turnbull High School will celebrate our Patronal Feast Day having consecrated our school to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 21 November 2017.

The day will begin with a community breakfast and a whole school Catholic Education Week assembly. During the day we will set aside time for the school community to come together to pray the rosary, to consider how we can display our virtues in our daily interactions and to participate in a range of community activities on offer across the school.

The day will be a non-uniform day. Pupils should wear House colours and, where possible, pupils are asked to donate £1 to our Mary's Meals campaign. Pupils and staff are also asked to donate baby items to support the work of the Cardinal Winning Initiative and food items to support local foodbanks.

- During December S1 – S3 RE classes will visit the Oratory for Advent Services.

Advent is a time of prayer and a season of hope. Our themes for the weeks for Advent are:

Week 1 - Time for Preparation

Week 2 - Responding to God's Call

Week 3 - Making God's Love Visible

School Events

- A group of S4 students completed their DoE Training Day on Friday 24th October.
- Modern Studies students attended a 'Learn with the Lords' session in school on Friday 24th October. The pupils listened to a talk about the purpose and composition of the House of Lords from Baroness Goldie followed by a Q&A session. Baroness Goldie was impressed by our young people who were a credit to Turnbull High School.
- S4 Study skills conference took place on Monday 27th October. S5/6 pupils shared their expertise and advice on how to study for individual subject areas.
- The S1 Halloween Disco on Friday 31st October. Along with the Spooky Silences in RE the wonderful S1 managed to raise £ 782.00 which will go to the foodbank and those most in need within our own school community.
- Advanced Higher English students attended a performance of 'The Glass Menagerie' at the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh as part of their studies.
- The theme for this year's Anti Bullying Week is: *Power for Good*. Throughout the week beginning 10th November our team of Mental Health Ambassadors will be running a Tuck Shop in the canteen during break whilst advertising the ways in which they can provide support with mental health issues.
- Transition Events: On Thursday 20th November P7 pupils from our three associated primaries will participate in a Developing Young Workforce day.
- Our Advent Charity Campaign will begin on Friday 28th November. A number of fundraising activities are being organised.
- Our School Fete will take place on Saturday 28th November. This is a fun filled day for all the family and we would encourage you to come along and support this event. Flyers will be sent to all parents and local residents with details of what is happening across the day.

- Our Advent Service / Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 17th December.

School/Individual Achievements

- Aiming High and Aiming Higher pupils will receive their certificates during December and January. Reward events are being organised for each year group, details to follow.