

Craigie High School

March 2019 Newsletter



As another busy term comes to an end I would like to update you on some things that have been happening in Craigie. It is a great privilege to be the Head Teacher of Craigie High School and every day I see a hundred different examples of our pupils displaying our school values. There is so much to share with you and so many significant achievements for our pupils. Please either download our school app or follow us on twitter—

@Craigie_High to share some of these achievements. We tweet every day either as a school or in departments and you can follow our pupils cake making skills, revision games, sports successes, skill building, pupils leading assemblies and a host of other examples

As we head into another round of SQA exams I would like to draw your attention to our Easter School and our Masterclasses—both aimed at supporting pupils with “last gasp” intensive revision opportunities designed to give them a boost just before they sit their exams. This includes a soft start—further information can be found on the school website - craigiehighschool.ea.dundee.sch.uk



Return of HMIE

Last week we had a 4 day visit from the Inspection Team to find out what progress we had made as a school since the last Inspection in November 2016. The team spoke to parents, staff and pupils and visited many classes during their visit. Official feedback will follow with a letter from Education Scotland which I will share with you as soon as I have received it. In the meantime I am keen to share some of the feedback we received. The Team acknowledged many of the improvements we have put in place such as the Craigie Leaning Standard, the way we track and monitor pupils across their school journey and they noted some examples of high quality learning, teaching and assessment. We still have some improvements we need to make and I am committed to seeing these through. It was nice, however, to know that we are on the right track. I could not be more proud of the pupils who went out of their way to share positive experiences they had in Craigie High School.



Head Teacher Drop In—I am really keen to open up communication between the school and home and will be holding a drop in session for any parent or carer to pop in and have a chat with me. The first of these will be on Monday 22 April between 4 and 5.30 pm. Further dates and times will follow

International Hall of Fame

Our new Corridor of Fame is now up recognising the achievements of all pupils who have represented their country.



Parent Council—I would like to thank all members of the Parent Council for their continuing support of the school. Their contribution to improvement and change over the last few years has been significant. I would like to see numbers increase and encourage as many of you as possible to come along to our meetings. We tweet the dates and times of meetings as well as sending a groupcall. They are quite informal and you do not have to volunteer for anything extra but it is a way of influencing the direction the school takes in the future and what we can do to make everyone's experience in Craigie better.

The national Parent Forum for Scotland—<https://www.npfs.org.uk>—is a very valuable resource for parents and carers. It covers a wide variety of topics linked to Scottish Education and helps make sense of the (at times) many changes that are taking place in the BGE (Broad General Education S1-S3) and the Senior Phase (S4-S6). Some of the areas it covers are -

Curriculum for Excellence
Subjects in a Nutshell
Careers, Skills and Employment
Assessment

A useful source of information for any parent/carers

Languages in a Nutshell



Sharing Learning, Sharing Assessment Report

The National Parent Forum of Scotland is pleased to publish "Sharing Learning, Sharing Assessment – A Report for Parents". This Working Group was established by the NPFS to give particular...

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Progression in a Nutshell

Children and young people progress in their learning in different ways. Progression in learning is built into the learning levels of the Broad General Education (early years to S3) and...

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Learning Opportunities: Pathways for All



Learning Pathways in the Senior Phase and beyond

A learning pathways is a learner's journey through education and learning. Courses, qualifications and



The Curriculum for Excellence Learner Journey

A visual explanation of the CfE Learner Journey through BGE, National Qualifications and beyond.



Assessing and Sharing Progress in the Broad General Education

Assessing and sharing progress is a continuous process between the learner, the teacher, parents and the school.