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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful October break. It's been a shorter than normal first week back with the extra day off. Pupil have settled back to their learning and clubs and activities are back up and running. In the coming week we look forward to welcoming S1, S2 and S3 parents and carers to our Family Support Session when we will offer practical advice on how you can best support your child.

Conflict in the Middle East

UNICEF has provided guidance for discussing conflict and war with children, which can serve as a valuable resource for facilitating these conversations and supporting our collective efforts to address these complex issues with care and sensitivity. Together, we can help our pupils navigate these challenging discussions and ensure their well-being. Please follow the link below for UNICEF guidance for parents:-

[How to talk to your children about conflict and war](#)

We keep those affected by the conflict in the Middle East in our thoughts and prayers.

Learning and Teaching Newsletter

A reminder that our learning and teaching newsletter can be accessed by clicking the link: -

<https://shorturl.at/aopP2>

S3 In Person Parents' Evening

This is planned for 8 November in person from 4.30pm – 7pm. Booking will open for parents and carers on **Monday 30 October**. Please refer to the email for full details.

S4 Parents' Meeting Feedback

Thank you to the S4 parents and carers who completed the survey offering helpful feedback following the recent Parents' Meeting. This will help us plan for the coming session.

SQA Referring

Mr Graves and S6 pupils who are completing the SCQF Refereeing Qualification in school have contributed to the blog for the PDA in Scottish Football Association: Refereeing. This has now been published on the SCQF website and is available on the following link:

[Is that on the SCQF...? Professional Development Award in Scottish Football Association: Refereeing by the SQA & the SFA | Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework](#)

Bonfire Night

Please see attached a parental communication from Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire Service. We will be speaking with pupils during Tutor Time about the importance of responsible behaviour during this period. We would be grateful if parents and carers could reiterate these important safety messages.

S1- S3 Family Support Session

Thursday 2 November 6-7pm (IN PERSON EVENT IN SCHOOL)

This parent/carer session will provide information on how you can support your child with literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing and also allow you to hear from your child's Year Head. We aim to share information on homework and extra-curricular activities. Please complete the MS Form if you would like to attend:- <https://forms.office.com/e/kk27pSZQQw>

Sustainability Survey

In Holy Rood we are focused on developing learning for sustainability. We have rolled out our recycling initiative in school and our uniform lending back is well used for school and PE uniform. We are embedding more outdoor learning opportunities and are working with the Eco Team on how to become more environmentally aware. We would be very grateful if parents and carers could complete this Connect national survey:- [Connect's Parent/Carer Survey on Learning for Sustainability](#) **The survey closes on 3 November.**

S6 UCAS Workshop

There will be a UCAS Workshop for all S6 pupils applying to University on Monday 6 November during periods 3 and 4. This session will be aimed at supporting pupils with their personal statements. Pupils should bring along their draft copies of their personal statements for Year Heads to read and advice will be offered on how to improve.

Repeat Reminder - Safe Parking

All parents and carers are respectfully requested not to pick up or drop off their child in the school car park. Please avoid the immediate entrance to the school gates and the service entrance to avoid danger for pupils. Many thanks for your cooperation in keeping our school safe.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2 November

S1-3 Curricular Evening, 6-7pm – sign up
<https://forms.office.com/e/kk27pSZQQw>

Wednesday 8 November

S3 Parents' Meeting in School

Booking opens on Mon 30 October. Please check email.

Monday 13 November

P6/7 Parents' Information Evening 6 -7.30pm – sign up

<https://forms.office.com/e/2A7vYHUFBC>

Wednesday 15 November

S4 Interim Reports to Parents/Carers

Thursday 23 November

S5/6 Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 6 December

S5/6 Interim Reports to Parents/Carers

Wednesday 13 December

S1-3 Interim Reports to Parents/Carers

Please note S4 Prelims will take place from Monday 27 November – Wednesday 6 December

Please contact us if you have any questions we can assist you with Admin@Holyrood.edin.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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