



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils of Craigroyston,

I hope you are all well! As we work towards the change of timetable, we're very busy at Craigroyston!

## **Priorities and Matters Arising**

### **Qualifications Scotland Exams**

The exam diet is still going strong and we're incredibly proud of all our pupils! Our young people have been so organised in terms of attending exams on time and have been working very hard to prepare for them! We're almost half way through – keep going everyone! You're all doing amazingly!

On another note, there are exams taking place across the whole school, so we'd like to remind our S1-S3 pupils to move quietly and thoughtfully around the building at this time.

### **Fourth House – Skye**

As you may remember, we will now be moving to four houses instead of three. This makes our PSL caseloads smaller which is very positive. The PSLs have been working hard to make the final changes to the houses. If your child is moving house, the PSLs will be contacting you directly in the coming weeks via email or letter.

### **Mega May**

Mega May continues to be going well! A reminder that until 1<sup>st</sup> June, which is change of timetable, S4 pupils should be doing one of the following:

- on full study leave (pupils sitting four or more N5s)
- in to follow the Mega May timetable which is below
- in to complete qualifications in the Senior Attainment Hub/working with partners such as Spartans, MYDG or Midnight and Beyond

Mega May 2026							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Monday			Science	Science	Science		
Tuesday			Social Subjects	Social Subjects	Social Subjects		
Wednesday			HWB	HWB	HWB		
Thursday			English	English	English		
Friday			Maths	Maths	Maths		

All pupils should meet in the drama classroom for the Mega May timetable.

All S5 and S6 pupils are on full study leave.

## **Change of Timetable**

A reminder that our full school timetable will change on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. This means that everyone will return to school on this date. If your child, has still not been coused, we will do this before then. Any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **Staffing**

Recruitment continues to be a key focus and we are making great progress with ensuring that every post is filled by August!

Last week we welcomed Ms Cheryl McCafferty who has joined us a permanent Teacher of Computing – welcome to Craigroyston, Ms McCafferty!

A huge congratulations to Miss Mirren Summers who was successful at interview for the permanent post of Pupil Support Leader – our fourth PSL! This was a very competitive leet so well done, Miss Summers!

Last week we interviewed for a permanent Teacher of Support for Learning. The outcome of this is still to be decided but I will let you know when a decision has been reached.

A huge congratulations to Miss Ailsa Nixon who was successful at interview for the permanent post of Teacher of English. Miss Nixon will be joining us from Queensferry High School and will be starting in August.

Teacher of Biology (temporary)	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Teacher of Drama (permanent)	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
PSO (three permanent posts)	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May

The following posts will be advertised in the coming weeks:

- Development Officer of Attendance (temporary)
- Curricular Leader of Wellbeing Hub (permanent)
- Teacher of English (temporary)
- Pupil Support Leader (temporary)

We're nearly there!

## **Headteacher Highlights**

### **Sports Day**

A huge well done to everyone who took part in Sports Day last week! There was a great atmosphere! Please find below the pupil in first place for each element:

### **Sprints**

S1 Boys Liam McDade  
S1 Girls Spendy Dennis  
S2 Boys Kuda Mauta  
S2 Girls Kate Jirgensone

### **Long Jump**

S1 Boys Jayden Su  
S1 Girls Audrey Amayo  
S2 Girls Charmaine Quinn  
S2 Boys Ahmed Haji

### **High Jump**

S1 Boys Sonny Wright  
S1 Girls N/A  
S2 Boys Ryder Wood  
S2 Girls Charmaine Quinn

### **Javelin**

S1 Boys Sezgin Perlinski-Arif  
S1 Girls Yashika Bisht  
S2 Boys Ahmed Haji  
S2 Girls Naomi Wunganai

Congratulations to each and every one of these pupils – a brilliant effort!

The staff versus pupils tug of war was a particularly competitive event! Let's just say that our staff have a lot of work to do!



### **Well Done, Isla!**

A huge well done to Isla in S3 who has recently become a Young Ambassador for the Edinburgh Playhouse. Out of 170 young people who applied, she is 1 of 40 who got a space! What an amazing achievement! A huge well done to her!



### **Pupil Interviewers**

I wanted to highlight the amazing work our young people have been doing behind the scenes of all the recruitment processes. During each interview, the young people ask questions to the prospective candidates and put them through a gruelling process! A special shout out to Ailey, Miaya, Rosie, Avah, Maddison and Erin in S3 who have been particularly helpful and have shown not only outstanding leadership but also brilliant insight. A huge well done to all of them!

### **Library**



A representative from the Scottish Storytelling Centre, Nicola Wright, has been working with Mr Linnane and Mrs Grant to develop the storytelling and presentation skills of our young people. S2s loved the session this week which brought to life the bloodshed, drama and betrayal of Scottish history!

### **Important Dates**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May      Holiday

### **And finally... Quote of the Week**

*'A dream doesn't become reality by magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.'*

**Colin Powell**

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [Shelley.McLaren@craigroyston.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Shelley.McLaren@craigroyston.edin.sch.uk) if you have any questions, concerns or would like to give us any feedback.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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