



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

I worry about saying it too soon, but I do believe that this exam diet has been the best one yet in terms of our young people being organised, on time and not requiring a door knock or a lift! It has been another week of 100% attendance at all exams which is just brilliant! A huge well done to our pupils – and our staff - who make this happen! Two weeks to go!

School Uniform

In August we will be returning to full school uniform for all. There are many reasons for this including equity; young people wanting to have an identity with each other and their school and also the positive impact school uniform has on learning. More information will follow on this in a separate letter.

School Security and Wandering

We continue to have a small number of young people who are wandering the corridors, refusing to go to class or are congregating in stairwells. We understand that this has been a very unsettled year for staffing and this has caused some young people to disengage with classes; however, week by week we have new teachers starting and the school is more settled. We will be contacting parents and carers individually and holding meetings for young people who continue to do this. Not only is it disruptive to their learning, it also impacts on others. Furthermore, it raises a concern for their health and safety when they are not in the place that they should be. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

Mega May

Mega May is the time for some of our young people to finish qualifications that they may not have had time to do during the year. If you receive a text or an email about this, please ensure that your child attends at the time allocated so that they can finish their qualifications. If this is not done by the end of May then they will not receive their qualification in August with their results.

Mega May continues to be going well! A reminder that until 1st 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.

A reminder that our full school timetable will change on **Monday 1st June**.

Staffing

Last week we said goodbye (for now!) and good luck to Miss Hamilton who is very close to having her baby and is going on maternity leave! We're very excited to hear the baby news and wish her all the luck as she starts this very exciting, beautiful, adventure!

It has been another incredibly busy week for recruitment but it is very exciting knowing that we will be fully staffed by August!

Last week we also welcomed Miss Giuliana Di Rollo to Craigoyston in her role of CL Languages! We hope you've had a great first week!

A huge congratulations to Dr Midori Courtice who was successful at interview for the temporary post of Teacher of Biology – after such a wonderful year, we're delighted that Dr Courtice is able to stay here at Craigoyston! We had two biology vacancies and Miss Rachel Forbes, who will be joining us from Larbert High School, was success at interview for the second post! A big well done to her too!

Last week we interviewed for the permanent post of Teacher of Drama. It was a very strong leet and we're delighted to have appointed Miss Lucy Connell who will be joining us from Queensferry High School. Well done, Miss Connell! The young people were very excited to be recruiting a drama teacher and have it back on the curriculum.

Yesterday Mr Chris White, our new DHT of Learning and Teaching and Raising Attainment started! He's very excited to begin his new role – and we're delighted to have him!

We have also appointed Mr Michael Galinski as a permanent Teacher of Support for Learning. Mr Galinski is also trained in many outdoor activities which we hope will benefit our young people! We are looking forward to him starting with us!

We have also been interviewing for an SSA and Loli Carbello was successful. She will be joining us from Pirniehall Primary School and will be supporting the HWB faculty.

The following interviews will take place next week:

PSO (three permanent posts)

Thursday 21st May

The following job is live on myjobscotland:

- PSA
- Development Officer of Attendance (temporary)
- Administrative Officer

The following posts will be advertised in the coming weeks:

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

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the recruitment process – it really has been great to have so many different people involved!

Headteacher Highlights

P7 Visits

This week we've had a number of young people visit us from the primary school! Yesterday science hosted several classes of P7s and they all had a brilliant time! Thank you so much for all your hard work with this!

Teen Titles



A huge congratulations to Carli Moir and Chloe McDonald who had their book reviews published in Teen Titles this week! It is brilliant to see your work in print! Well done!



Important Dates

P7 Evening Monday 25th May
New Timetable Monday 1st June

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And finally... Quote of the Week

'May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.'

Emily Brontë

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 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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