

# Cardinal Winning Secondary School

Parental Newsletter: End of Session 2019/20



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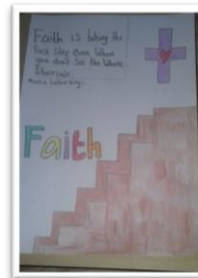
## Values Visuals Competition



Rose TARRIER S1



Kody Scott S1



Finlay McMichael S3



Sarah McWilliams S6



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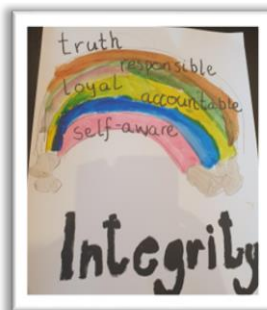
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## Thank You

What a truly unusual year it has been.

Since the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, I've no doubt we have all met the challenges posed by the school closure in a variety of ways, sometimes with success, sometimes with anxiety, often with frustration! I want to take this opportunity to offer a sincere thank you to all of our parent/carer partners...

- For keeping in touch with us via phone and email and allowing us to ensure our school community sticks together
- For supporting your young people with home learning, even when it felt like a battle!
- For sending so many photos of your child at work or play to our Twitter page
- For your patience and forbearance as we here at school tried to adapt to the local and national health and safety guidance
- For your understanding as we approach a very different looking new term

I and my colleagues here at the school are most grateful for your partnership and will be working hard in the coming weeks and months to ensure our learners' experiences are as fruitful and engaging as possible in the new session. It's in times of adversity that we look to our Values. I'm sure you'll agree that the Values Visuals sent in by some of our young people are fantastic and show a real understanding of the Gospel values that bind us together here at the school.

## ***Recovery/Resilience/Reconnection***

### Recovery

By now I know you will have been contacted by your young person's Year Head to discuss our plans for reopening after the summer.

Following local and national guidance we intend to have our school open to approximately half of our young people from S1 – S6 on Monday and Tuesday, closed for enhanced cleaning on Wednesdays and open again to the other half of our learners on Thursday and Friday. We recognise that this is far from ideal, however we assure you that as guidance changes, we will respond in order to maximise face to face learning. Our teaching and support staff have been collaborating and planning in recent weeks to ensure our blended learning model is ready for our re-start.

Our school day times for session 20/21 are below:

	Tutor	Period 1	Interval	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	End
Group 1 (S1/S2)	08:50	09:20	10:10	10:25	11:15	12:05	12:55	13:45	14:35	15:25
Group 2 (S3 – S6)	08:50	09:20	10:10	11:00	11:15	12:05	12:55	13:45	14:35	15:25

If you have not yet discussed which two days your young person is to attend school or require any further clarification, please email me at [Headteacher@cardinalwinning-sec.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@cardinalwinning-sec.glasgow.sch.uk)

## Resilience

We are aware that our young people will have experienced the last 14 weeks in a variety of different ways: some will have adjusted well to life at home and been quick to engage with new routines; some will have experienced very real and frightening anxiety in response to the ongoing media reports about virus transmission and as a result their time may have been marked by worry and isolation; others may be missing friends and staff at school and be keen to get back to routine and school work (I can but hope!) Whatever the experience, we know as you do that the re-adjustment period will be a very challenging one.

As such, we have made our focus for the return a simple one – **Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing**. These are our national and local educational priority areas and after a period of absence we feel that these areas are the foundation for re-connecting. Religious Education is an integral part of our curriculum here at Cardinal Winning and it will be never more important than in aiding us to support our young people to rebuild confidence and emotional wellbeing following the lengthy school closure. Our young people will continue to receive Religious Education throughout this recovery period from our RERC specialist staff and our RERC generalist teachers.

In order to rebuild our young people's confidence and support emotional health and wellbeing, we have established a 30 minute Tutor Time delivery at the start of each of the two days. This important time will provide an opportunity for an 'emotional check-in', a chance to remind our young people of how to maintain their personal hygiene throughout the day and to discuss the structure and plan for the day ahead.

## Re-connecting

Our task now is to support our whole school community in the process of re-connecting. We will be working hard to support our young people to

- o Reflect on their experiences away from school and discover what each individual needs to readjust
- o Re-establish routines – our young people rely on structure and routine: our recovery programme will seek to provide this
- o Reconnect with peers – our small classes have been formed based on our knowledge of friendship groups and progress levels
- o Reconnect with staff – our staff's commitment to Nurture Principles will allow us to support the re-establishing of these important relationships
- o Reconnect with learning – our focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health a& Wellbeing will provide a clear focus for our learners and allow us to establish routines swiftly and successfully

## ***Moving Forward***

### First week back

- *Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August*
  - *Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August*
  - *Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>/Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August*
  - *Monday 17<sup>th</sup>/ Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August*
- Staff In-Service Days**  
**School closed for enhanced cleaning**  
**Pupils attending Thursday/Friday pattern begin**  
**Pupils attending Monday/Tuesday pattern begin**

### Transport

We are currently liaising with community transport to ensure we do our best to meet the transport needs of all our learners for the days they will be in attendance. As I continue this liaison over the summer, it would be helpful to know of those parent/carer partners who intend to transport their child to and from school independently. Please email me at the following address if this is your intention. [Headteacher@cardinalwinning-sec.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@cardinalwinning-sec.glasgow.sch.uk)

### Our S6 Leavers

We have not forgotten you! We are keen to recall our wonderful S6 year group to our school for a day and evening event as soon as health and safety guidance allows us to do so. We will be in touch to arrange an event which recognises the many years you have spent at our school, learning, building friendships, growing in faith and developing into the mature young adults you are today. We look forward to a celebratory event to recognise the important part you have each played in our school's story.

### School Uniform

You can buy most items of our school uniform items at the following website  
<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/cardinal-winning-school.html>

Additionally, I intend to be in touch via text, Tweet and website messages in early August to arrange some trying and buying sessions for our learners.

### Essential Workers and Childcare

Please visit the following link to gain further information about how to apply for this provision for our August return.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/25947/Recovery-Resilience-and-Reconnection-2020>

## Our New School Vision

- ✚ A school committed to offering all learners experiences matched to their individual needs
- ✚ A school community where all members are nurtured, respected, meaningfully included and take the lead in making decisions that help them to grow in confidence, independence and happiness
- ✚ A school community where all work in partnership to ensure each member's communication needs are understood, supported and valued
- ✚ A school where staff and young people are supported, encouraged and have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by taking on roles of responsibility
- ✚ A school where staff, parents/carers, partners and young people work collaboratively to ensure each young person achieves their unique potential and is prepared for work and life beyond school



# **Cardinal Winning Secondary School**

## **School Prayers**

### **Daily Prayer**

*We ask you Father to bless,  
This day with your gladness  
Our hearts with your kindness  
Our minds with your brightness*

*We ask you Jesus to bless,  
Our families with health  
Our school with faith  
Our world with hope*

*Holy Spirit,  
Surround us with your peace  
Hold us in your love  
And keep us safe always, Amen.*

### **Mealtime Prayer**

*For Life and for Love  
For Food and for Friendship  
We give you Thanks  
Almighty Father, Through Christ,  
Our Lord Amen.*



We at Cardinal Winning Secondary School wish all our parent/carer partners and young people a safe and happy summer break.

God Bless,

Peter Johnstone  
*Head Teacher*