

Parent / Carer Update

Dear Parents and Carers

We loved welcoming pupils back to school this week, and it has been extra special starting to get to know all our new pupils.

We launched our new house structure this week and House Heads (Depute Head Teachers), along with the Guidance Principal Teachers, were excited to lead the first of our weekly house assemblies.

A reminder about our new house structure is set out in the table below. If you'd like to make an appointment with either the Guidance Principal Teacher or House Head, please contact our admin team, by email (admin.kgs@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk) or by phone (01856 872102).

	Copinsay 1	Copinsay 2	Eynhallow 1	Eynhallow 2	Fara 1	Fara 2*
House Head	Mr Ewing		Mr Harvey		Mrs McKay	
S1	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Mrs Foggo
S2						Mr Berry
S3	Mrs Woods	Mrs Foggo	Ms Taylor	Mr Nisbet	Mr Berry	Mrs Woods
S4	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Mr Berry
S5						Ms Taylor
S6	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Mr Nisbet

**Fara 2 classes will remain with the same Guidance teacher as they move through the school. E.g. Mrs Foggo's S1 in 2024 will stay with her as they move into S2 in 2025.*

Over the next few weeks, we'll be refreshing the format of this update, along with reviewing how we can ensure information is easily accessible on our website. In the meantime, if you or your child have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Claire Meakin (Head Teacher) claire.meakin@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

House Points (Mr Harvey)

At KGS we celebrate and acknowledge pupils' successes in the classroom by issuing House Points. These can be given for completing an excellent piece of work, putting in a great deal of effort, showing improvements or generally working well in class. Each week the Registration with the most House Points receives a prize and at the end of the year, all the House Points are totalled, and the House Cup is awarded to the winning House. Last year's House Cup Winners were Eynhallow.



SQA Appeals 2024 (Mr Ewing)

Appeals 2024 is a free service that pupils can use if they have concerns about a grade (or grades) on their results certificate. Pupils can appeal directly to the SQA or ask Mr Ewing to do this for them.

The Appeals deadline is: Tuesday 27 August at 11:59pm

What is Appeals 2024?

If a pupil appeals their grade, a senior marker will carry out a marking review of their SQA-marked assessments. This is not a re-mark.

A marking review checks that:

- all parts of your SQA-assessments have been marked;
- the marking is in line with national standards;
- the marks given for each answer have been totalled correctly; and
- the correct result has been entered on our system.

Please note that after being reviewed, results could stay the same, go up or go down.

Subject changes due to SQA results (Mr Ewing)

Any pupil needing to change courses due to their SQA results should do as soon as possible. The deadline for course changes is Friday 30th August.

VAO volunteering drop in

A volunteering placement is a great addition to a young person's CV or UCAS form, and a good use of spare time too, whether that's a double study period, an hour or two after school, or at the weekend.

Eilidh and Brian from Voluntary Action Orkney will be in school for a drop in on Wednesday 28th August, between 10am and 3pm.

Any pupils interested in a placement can find them by the theatre doors. They can also help you sign up for free to the Saltire Award scheme if you're already a volunteer.

No appointment necessary – just come and say hello.