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Parent / Carer Newsletter Session 2021 – 2022 Issue 9

Dear Parent / Carer,

The following update serves to keep you informed as we progress through the term.

Acting PT Guidance

Mr. Kiel Fuqua will join us from Monday 22nd November as acting PT Guidance. Mr. Fuqua will replace Miss Stahlberg who will start in her new post as PT Guidance at Morgan Academy.

INSET Days

As a reminder, the school is closed to young people on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th November for two scheduled staff in-service days.

Act of Remembrance

As is our custom, the Armistice will be observed across the school on Wednesday 10th November at 11.00am. All young people and staff are asked to **observe a two-minute silence**.

The school will hold a short ceremony, attended by a cross-section of our pupil body, staff and members of our Former Pupil Association.

A wreath will be laid by our School Captains, in front of our World War One Memorial, to honour those who have fallen in service of their country.



BBC Share Your Story Tour

At a time when Covid-19 has had huge repercussions on the mental health of young people, the BBC Share Your Story schools tour aims to inspire students to tell their story and to recognise their agency in shaping their story and learn from others who have overcome setbacks. The content of the schools' tour has been designed to align with elements of the curricula for English and PSHE across the four nations, inspiring and helping students to communicate their stories with confidence. BBC 100 Share your Story is also working closely with [BBC Young Reporter](#), the journalism and media project which gives 11–18-year-olds opportunity to develop skills and share their stories.

Our Visit

The BBC are visiting our school on Tuesday 9th November to deliver 5 assembly sessions, each lasting no more than 1 period. An experienced BBC personality will host the sessions. After a star-studded 3-minute film about storytelling and the BBC, students will hear from one of two charismatic and relatable

BBC Ambassadors, who will tell the school a story about a watershed moment in their lives, sharing how they've overcome a significant challenge.

The sessions will be delivered to some of our S2 and S1 classes. Our S2 learners are currently learning about how to prepare their own stories as part of their covid recovery course and they will have the opportunity to experience the value and power of storytelling through these events.

The sessions will take place in the tiered seats, with a maximum of 100 learners per session to allow for some social distancing.

Kind regards,

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Barry Millar
Head Teacher