## Learning and Teaching August 2020 Newsletter

# St Andrew's Academy

A Community of Faith and Learning @StAndrewsLandT

The purpose of this newsletter is to share excellent practice across our school.

## **Twitter**

Follow <u>@RenEdHWB</u> on twitter for health and wellbeing curriculum support for staff.



## App of the month

Outlook - Pupils are encouraged to download this app to their phones and log in with their Glow usernames



and passwords to receive emails to their Glow email address.

#### Podcasts of the month

**Changing Conversations** - Episode 7 In Conversation with



Michael Fullan. Billy Burke (Head Teacher, Renfrew High School) and Sarah Philip (Educational Psychologist and Coach) discuss "Education Reimagined".

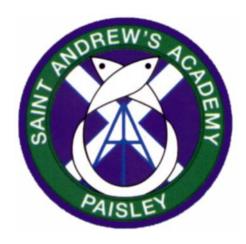
### **Recommended Reading**

The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever

A simple and concise read on how to become a more effective leader. This can apply to pupils in your class when assisting them to overcome challenges or with how you



engage with colleagues. You can borrow this book from our CLPL library,



## **Upcoming Events**

## September 8

Virtual Staff meeting 4pm

## Focus on Post Lockdown Learning for pupils with ASN

In Augusts virtual Professional Reading Group, we discussed supporting pupils with ASN and the importance of considering their needs during our return to school. One of the points to come out of the discussion was to look upon each young person individually. We heard positive stories about some aspects of online learning and how some pupils have found their "voice" by having the option to communicate with their teachers on digital platforms. John Mullen PT(SfL) reminded colleagues to contact him for any support on differentiation or with any enquiries about meeting learners needs.

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## Sharing good practice

## **Skills for Recovery**

'Skills for Recovery' is a Renfrewshire resource developed for young people in our Secondary Schools and upper stages of Primary and for Staff in all sectors of education. Skills for Recovery is based on the 'Nurturing Wellbeing to Build Back Better' materials developed by Renfrewshire's Educational Psychology Service. The purpose of this resource is to promote clear messages across about how we can **support mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff** as we adapt to the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It provides practical help for pupils, staff and parents in the first 6 weeks after the summer holidays through weekly themes around dealing with change, understanding and naming our feelings, relationships, bouncing back and signposting to supports within the authority. **Staff wellbeing** is a significant focus of this resource, more information can be found here.

## **CLPL Library**

Our staff CLPL Library can be found it in the school library at the end of the Social Subjects Department. If you would like to request any books to be purchased please fill out a CLPL Book request <a href="here">here</a>.

Copies of the TES and Catholic Newspapers can

be found in the reading corner of our staffroom.



## Learning and Teaching Idea of the Month

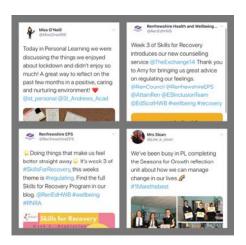
## Learning and Teaching Channel in SSA All Staff Team

There is a new channel on our All Staff Team devoted to Learning and Teaching. In the Files section, you will find some interesting documents including out Learning and Teaching Policy Documents. All resources from our past Learning and Teaching Conferences and past Newsletters can also be found there.

Please take a look at the Resources as you will find some interesting documents there, please feel free to add in anymore that you would

like to share.





## In-house CLPL

September

## **Professional Reading Group**

23/09/20 12.30pm – 1pm Teams Chat Meeting

### Digital Support drop-in session

23/09/20 3pm
Teams Chat Meeting

### **Nurture Core Group meeting**

16/09/20 3pm - 4pm Teams Chat Meeting

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