

UPDATE FROM JGHS COUNCIL February 2010.

Working with parents and carers at James Gillespie's High School

From the Chair, Ann Henderson

The School Council has been kept busy with meetings and correspondence regarding education budgets; feeding back on parent views on the new building proposals; pressing the City Council for early action on the school heating system; supporting parents in providing refreshments at school events including the Carol concerts prior to Christmas, subsequent parents nights, and arranging the Burns Supper ceilidh.

I was asked to assist with judging the S6 Youth and Philanthropy project presentations earlier in January. The students had all put a tremendous amount of effort and passion into finding out about different groups and projects, all working throughout Edinburgh to bring about change for the better. It was an inspirational evening.

We are delighted to learn that the school has just been awarded "Health Promoting School –Stage 2" Status. This was achieved in partnership with the parental communication group and the wider parent body, contributing through the questionnaires and meetings. There will be continued opportunity for parent involvement in the Health Promotion Policy, currently at draft stage.

Keeping in touch with the School Council

Improving communication with parents continues to be a high priority for us, and we have a sizeable number of families now signed up to receive our School Council electronic updates.

Please do add your email address – send a message to council@jghs.org.uk

If you would prefer to receive information from us by post, that's fine too, just leave a note for us with School Reception

The School Council website carries more information about all our work, copies of letters, and reports of meetings attended. <http://council.jghs.org.uk/>

Next School Council Meeting: Tuesday 2nd February 7.15pm School Library

Open to all parents and carers. The agenda will include:

What is involved in an HMle Inspection?

Head Teacher Alex Wallace will outline how the school prepares for the Inspection, with time for questions and discussion.

Updates too, on current School Council activities.

AND NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

* **Call for help with invigilation.** Prelims have started and any parent who can spare an afternoon or morning any time from the 1st to the 12th February, please contact Dorothy Greig via the office or by email

Dorothy.greig@jamesgillespies.edin.sch.uk

* **The latest School Newsletter is now online** on the School website

<http://www.jghs.edin.sch.uk/>

Or request hard copy from the School Office.