

## NEWSLETTER 22/08/25

Dear Families,

We hope you've had a great start to the 2025/2026 school year. As you can imagine, it's been very busy, especially as the beginning of the year has been disrupted by the recent rainstorms. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we've navigated the class suspensions. Despite the disruption, we are thrilled to see the enthusiasm and engagement of our students across all classes. They have settled back into school life with great excitement, relishing the opportunity to reconnect with their friends and teachers.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 1 students. They have made a remarkable start, and we're so impressed by how calmly and confidently they have adapted to our school environment.

We have a number of important dates to note in Term 1, and we look forward to seeing you all at our Meet the Team event from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday 27th August. We'll begin with an opportunity for you to meet our leadership team and specialist teachers at 4:45pm in The Centre. Following this, you will have the chance to visit your child's classroom session, which will begin at 5:20pm. After the class teacher presentation, all teachers will remain in their classrooms until 6:00 pm and be available to speak with parents who weren't able to attend their session. This is to support families who have more than one child in the school.

In order to provide more specific information for families about what your children are learning in class, the class teachers will share a fortnightly newsletter which will provide information about the previous week and the coming week in each year group, and also give ideas of ways parents can support their children at home. This will be posted on the VLE under the "Newsletter" heading. We look forward to sharing our first newsletter from the year group class teams will be published on Friday 5th September.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation, which is instrumental in helping us create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for your children. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Wishing you a wonderful year ahead!

Christopher Coyle  
Principal

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### DATES & EVENTS

An overview of the key dates and school events can be found in the calendar on the ESF App. You can also find the school calendar on our school website at [https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school\\_information/school\\_calendar/](https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school_information/school_calendar/)

Please make a note of the following events that will take place in Term 1:

#### KEY DATES Term 1 - 2025/2026

- **25 August** - T1 ECA Sign-up closes
- **27 August** - Meet the Team Meeting - 4:45 to 6:00 pm
- **1 Sept - 14 Sept** - School Health and School Dental Services online enrolment period
- **2 September** - Parent Workshop - Understanding the PYP and Inquiry Walkthrough
- **4 September** - Open Day for Prospective Parents 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- **9 September** - T1 ECA start

- **9 September** - Mark Grist Author Workshops - Whole School
- **10 September** - Parent Volunteer Workshop 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM
- **12 September** - Y1 to Y6 Coffee Morning & PTA Annual General Meeting
- **16 September** - Language Workshop and Walkthrough
- **17 September** - Chinese Language Workshop
- **25 September** - PTA Parent Social
- **25 September** - Y1 to Y6 RSE Parent Question and Answer Session
- **01 October** - Public Holiday (National Day)
- **02 October** - Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration
- **06 to 10 October** - ESF Mid-term break

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026**

Please find a copy of the School Calendar for 2025/2026 at the following link:

<https://gloodle.glenealy.edu.hk/pluginfile.php/15220/course/section/3621/calendar2025-26.pdf>

## **YEAR 6 - YEAR 7 TRANSITION**

The ESF Admissions Team will email all Year 6 parents a direct link to the online Year 7 transition form. Please ensure to check your inbox (including spam/junk folders) for the email titled "Year 6 to Year 7 Transfer – August 2026" and submit the form by 15 September 2025.

## **Y1 - Y6 COFFEE MORNING & PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Please join us for coffee, meet the Glenealy School Team & PTA, connect with other families from Year 1 to Year 6 and join us as we reflect on the past year and look to this school year and beyond.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of ESF Glenealy School's Parent Teacher Association will be held on:

**Date : Friday 12 September 2025**

**Time : 8.45am - 10.00am**

**ESF Glenealy School, 7 Hornsey Road**

The AGM is an important event, so please come along and join us as we reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of the past year, and look to this school year and beyond.

Breakfast & refreshments will be available.

[\[Click here to register your attendance.\]](#)

If you have any topics you would like to submit, please don't hesitate to email [pta@glenealy.net](mailto:pta@glenealy.net) by 4pm on the 5 September in order for it to be addressed during the 'Any Other Business' section of the meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS**

If you would like to enrol your child in instrumental music lessons, please refer to the **Instrumental Music Information Sheet 2025/26**, available [HERE]. This document includes:

- Links to the Instrumental Lesson Enrolment Form

- Teacher availability
- Details about lesson fees (set by individual instrumental teachers)
- Expectations of attendance and practice
- Instrument Hire
- Inclement weather arrangements for after school instrumental music lesson

**Important:**

If your child is already learning an instrument at school, their instrumental teacher will contact you directly to arrange lesson times for the new school year. In this case, there is no need to complete a new enrolment form.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Mr David Benzie



**NEWS FROM THE HUB**

**GENTLY USED UNIFORM SALE & UNIFORM DONATION**

We wanted to draw your attention to our second-hand uniform sale taking place on Friday August 29 at morning drop off (8.15am to 9am) and afternoon pick up (2.45pm to 3.15pm). Stop by with cash in small denominations and a shopping bag. Happy shopping!

Donations of washed, gently used uniforms in good condition for resale can be dropped off at the Community Hub anytime before 2pm on Wednesday 27 August.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Throughout the year the PTA organise a number of fundraising and social activities and events that are an important part of our school community. We rely on the support of our dedicated parent and family volunteers to make it a success.

If you are able to volunteer your time, please join the volunteer whatsapp group using [this link](#). This will allow us to reach out to you when help is needed for future PTA activities and events.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make a positive impact on our school. Thank you in advance for your commitment to our school community.