



EYEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL | PARENT BULLETIN

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Back to School!

Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts in ensuring everyone can get back to their learning in school. We have put into place a raft of measures to ensure that the school is as safe as it can be, and that our young people can resume face-to-face education. We've had a positive couple of weeks and are delighted with how calm and focussed our pupils are – and how glad to see each other again. Over the last fortnight we have put into place split breaks, a one-way system, measures to maintain social distancing where possible, and we've tweaked our timetable to ensure that our students are making less contact with others. We are able to keep S1, S2 and S3 separate from each other at all times, and from pupils in the senior phase – apart from just passing in corridors. From the 31st August a full food menu will be available to pupils – with increased use of the 'grab and go' system. We continue to work hard on safety as this is our top priority at the moment!



We want to say a big welcome to our new S1s, who are looking extremely smart! They have settled in really well and getting to know each other, their teachers, and the Senior First Year Friends (at a distance!) After missing out on some of our transition activities, we are so pleased to have this bunch in school at last! They are doing so well and we are proud of them.



Naturally, there will be young people and families who may need to self-isolate due to displaying some of the symptoms of Covid-19 – a dry cough, temperature, or loss of taste. These are common symptoms increasingly as we move into the last part of the year. Please be assured that we will be informed directly of any actual cases of Covid-19 that may affect our students and will be fully guided by the local Health Protection Team in that instance.



“Safety of all our pupils remains our top priority”

Top Results again at Eyemouth High School

Following the SQA announcement last week by the Deputy First Minister, Eyemouth pupils were awarded some excellent marks. We will publish more details shortly, but here is some headline news.



Pupils achieved across the board. The figure of 46% achieving at least 5 Level 5 awards (National 5s) was the highest the school has seen since the new qualifications began – well done to last year's S4 class!



Last year's S5 students achieved the best Higher results we have seen. 25% achieved five Highers in S5, along with 12 pupils achieving straight A grades! Alongside this pupils achieved a whole variety of qualifications at all levels.



We continue to develop our use of the school iPads. As a school we have Research School status with the South East Improvement Collaborative (the only Secondary school in five Local Authority Areas to hold this). This is giving us access to professional reading, training in research, and more opportunities to work collaboratively. We are going to use this project to improve our learning and teaching further, especially using the new technology we all have access to.



We are welcoming new staff to the school! During the last year Mr Yule (PT Additional Needs), Mr Macdonald (PT Science), Mr Hay (PT Technologies), Mrs Good (Biology), Mrs Davidson (Pupil Support), Mr Munro (Chemistry) have all moved on from the school. We wish them well in retirement or new roles in the future. We have welcomed new staff who arrived at various times – Mr Finn (PT Additional Needs), Mrs Blair (PT Science), Ms McGregor (PT Technologies), Ms Stevenson (Biology), Ms Bowie (Biology), Mr Wallace (PE), Mr McKenzie (English), Ms Walker (Biology), Mr Swanson (Maths/Physics.) We welcome them all and trust they will enjoy their time as part of the Eyemouth cluster. We are particularly pleased to have Mrs Hill in Business and Mrs Graham in Art back with us, as well as Mr Yule working in Learning Support part time.



We are going to produce regular updates like this one, throughout the term. Please take time to read through, and contact us if you have any suggestions. In the meantime we also use our Facebook page, school website, Groupcall email and text, and the Xpressions app to keep in touch.

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