



EYEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL | PARENT BULLETIN

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Smiling, despite the masks!

As you will be aware, we have been implementing the new government guidance on the wearing of masks. The pupils and staff have been magnificent in taking on this challenge, and school continues to be a well-ordered and calm place – albeit we all look slightly strange! Thank you for your efforts in providing a mask and a sealable plastic bag – much appreciated. It does feel that in classes, we can be getting back to our normal ways, focussing on high quality learning and catching up on work missed or incomplete. We are awaiting more SQA guidance around assessment for this year, then will share with you our plans as move forward. These will also include how we might deliver digital parents’ evenings, and an opportunity to rejig our reporting cycle to suit. Normally we would be holding our Prizegiving about now, but we are considering how we can do this later in the year, in October, in a safe way.



We have completed our School Improvement Report for last year 2019-20. Please have a look at this document on our website. We are now using it to form our School Improvement Plan for this year – more details to follow. The document is a detailed account of how we have continued to improve in some difficult circumstances.

[Link to School Improvement Report](#)



We are excited by our opportunities as a Research School within the collection of five local authorities know as the South East Improvement Collaborative (SEIC.) We are the only secondary school out of 64 in the area to hold this designation. We are involved in some significant learning using excellent evidence-based research and teacher-led teams. We will let you know how we are getting on.



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We appoint a new Head Team!

We have a new 2020 Head Team taking the helm with a very relevant agenda of equality, kindness and community. They feel strongly about being actively kind and supporting our pupils through these unusual times. They have been encouraging pupils to use positive language that supports each other and to continue to build a community of acceptance. They are quite an inspirational team and we look forward to seeing them in action.



Head Students: Lewis Hardie, Alisha Cooledge

Depute Head Students: Jessica Kirkhope, Kelly Wan, Kate Harwood



House Captains: Jacob Ellwood, Hannah Macdonald, Jodie Rutherford, Jessica Isgate



- ▶ A reminder that students should always bring their iPad to school, and fully charged for the day's learning. These are an invaluable resource and one we are using a lot at the moment. I am happy to say that teething issues are being sorted out for those with new iPads, but do bear with us.



- ▶ We are also delighted that our **Library** is up and running for students, along with some restrictions. All S1 and S2s were issued with library books prior to lockdown. Please can you encourage your son/daughter to return their library books. If they can't remember what they borrowed please ask them to pop into the library to check with Mrs Renstead.



- ▶ We are very pleased to welcome Mr Noon, who is joining us in Modern Studies, and also to Mr Bender who is returning to his home town to teach Maths. We wish Mr Corfield and Mrs Atkinson well as they move on to the next stages in their careers.



- ▶ We have an active Parent Council who support the school in many ways. Watch this space for opportunities to be involved in this work. If you would like to be included in this please email our Chair, Wendy Bocker-Penalver, via the school email address eyhs@scotborders.gov.uk

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