



EYEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL | PARENT BULLETIN

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Keeping on improving

Even in the middle of a national crisis, it's important to think about how we can continue to improve alongside everything else which is going on. Our pupils need to be making progress and with matters unclear at the moment, it's important to focus on making their experience in school as productive and supported as possible. We are working on our plan to **combine expert learning and teaching** with **significant support for health and wellbeing**. More on this in later editions, but it looks like this at the moment.



We would like to congratulate our 14 candidates who have now received their certificates for their **SILVER AWARDS**. These were started last autumn, and pupils completed their expeditions before Christmas. This meant they have been able to complete their sections over the last few months individually and we can now celebrate their achievement.



S1 Information Evening

As it is impossible to meet in person with parents at the moment, we would love to meet up with all of our new S1 Parents at a virtual **S1 Information Evening**. There will be presentations, a chance to meet key people, give feedback about how S1 is shaping up so far, and to ask questions. The date is Wednesday 30th September at 6pm. Here is [the link to the meeting](#). Just click –you will not need any specialist software, just an internet browser.

New staff slot – Miss Walker, Biology and Science



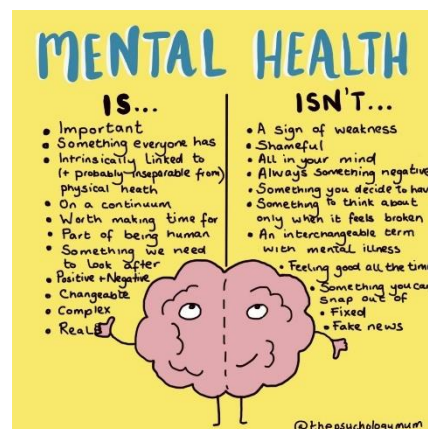
I joined EyHS as a Biology and Science teacher in August, after a brief placement in February during my training year. I am so happy to have been placed in EyHS for my probationary year, as the positive atmosphere and fantastic young people make the school a great place to teach in. I'm from the Borders myself, having grown up and gone to school in Kelso. Prior to teaching, I undertook a Biology and Psychology degree at the University of St Andrews, where I specialised in developmental biology and health psychology (I'm always up for a natter about either of them!).

I've had various jobs: from waitressing, to working in a kennels, to mental-health support work. I have a keen interest in pupil-wellbeing and I've enjoyed using my experience to aid the S6 Mental Health Team in their work so far. In my spare time I enjoy exploring new places and I'm also working on improving my knowledge of BSL.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know our young people and being involved in the wonderful traditions of EyHS in the year ahead!



We are celebrating World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October by wearing something yellow. This is part of the #HelloYellow campaign by YoungMinds, a mental health charity focusing on supporting young people. Any pupil taking part is asked to make a donation via Parent Pay of £1. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can and increase mental health awareness in the school. We will be setting a mental health challenge in registration for pupils to complete as well focusing on kindness.



It is your legal responsibility to inform the school if your child is unable to attend. You must inform us on the first day of absence before 9am either via the school absence line 018907 50464 (this is an answering machine service so can be phoned at any time day or night) or by sending a message via the Groupcall Xpressions App ([more information here](#)). You must inform the school every day your child is absent, unless you have indicated on your first message when you expect your child to return to school. If you do not supply us with this information we have a duty to contact you so that we may be sure of your child's whereabouts as this is a safeguarding measure. If you receive a text to ask where your child is please get in touch with the school ASAP. Thanks

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