

18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER | 2020 |

## **CHRISTMAS IS FINALLY HERE!**

It's been the longest term on record – we started back at school on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, and have finally reached the end of term. What a term it has been – we've had to pick up learning after an unprecedented lockdown, completely reorganise the school to keep everyone safe, and it's not an exaggeration to every aspect of our work has been affected by the Covid crisis. Yet our staff and young people have outdone themselves to remain positive, show resilience, and value their learning at such a difficult time. We have a big debt of gratitude to those who have come in day in and day out to provide education, care and consideration for our young people – Cleaners, Admin staff, Technicians, Pastoral staff, Janitors, Additional Needs Assistants, Teachers, and our Librarian! Thank You! Thanks to Louise and Hugo Sanders for donating our tree!





Thanks to the Rotary Club for sponsoring our recent competitions in Art/Photography and Writing. You can see some of the amazing work by our pupils overleaf. Their work expresses something of what our young people have been feeling and experiencing this year. Thanks to thr Rotary and judges for their great support.



As all exams are now cancelled, we are progressing our plans to build an evidence base in every subject which will support our judgement about what each pupils hould be awarded at the end of their courses. We have just finished our SQA Evidence Point 1, and look forward to SQA Evidence Point 2 at the end of March. All Senior students will need to work hard to show what they can do over this time.



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## Pictures say a thousand words...



Our students experienced a wide variety of emotions and experiences this year – some good and some not so much! However, we came through it all together. Thanks to Jack Gibson, Dani Peakman, Lloyd Turnbull, Ailsa Dunn, Saskia Hindhaugh.





We have been placing 'baubles' at the front of the school. Students have been making these to remember loved ones they may not be seeing this Christmas, or those who might be spending Christmas alone. The written messages they contain are well worth a read. If you are on your walk around Eyemouth please check them out!



It's crucial that over the Christmas period, we work with our young people to be responsible and safe. We know that any house parties in particualr can be events when the virus can spread, so would ask you to be vigilant with your young person to avoid putting themselves at risk. We continue to apply our safety measures in school with some success and thank you for providing masks every day – much appreciated!



We are working with the SQA and partners across the authority to support your young person in their attainment this year, with all of the restrictions that means. We know that extra assessment can mean greater levels of stress and anxiety. Please get in touch with school if you feel we can help further in this area. Generally, proper sleep, food and exercise can go a long way to improving our health and wellbeing!



We are finalising arrangments for Parents' Evening next term, and will be in touch soon.

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