



EYEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL | PARENT BULLETIN

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ANOTHER YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY!

It's been another amazing year of opportunities at Eyemouth High School. We understand how important it is for our young people to learn in both their subjects and through all the experiences, trips and experiences which come along with being here at school. You will find here a selection of these from the last few months – they range across the entire curriculum.

In August we will be holding an **Activities Showcase on Friday 23rd**. All pupils will have a chance to see what they can get involved in at school and in the wider community. Parents are invited in from 1pm, and then to a free Family Lunch at the school, complete with fun activities. Refreshments will be available free of charge for all. Our aim is for all pupils to engage with some extra activity in school to improve the quality of their wider achievement. More details to follow on this.

Our RMPS teacher and Principal Teacher of Community and Partnerships is Maggie Hodgkins – we will be saying a fond farewell as she retires and moves on to new pastures. We are delighted that Ms Smeaton will be returning to the school as our RMPS teacher after her successful stint here in 2021-2. Dr Lymer will take over the PT role and can be contacted at school to help us build community and joint working, building on Mrs Hodgkin's great work. We will also miss Lita Murray, who has been here for the past twelve years as a Pupil Support Assistant, helping our young people to achieve and be successful. Thanks also to Mr Wilson who will be moving on to the British International School in Vietnam, so will be on quite an adventure. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing Summer.

Mr Chapman



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Greenpower-house!

To almost quote Jeremy Clarkson, "Eyemouth High have the best Greenpower team....in the world!! "

The team have been going from strength to strength over the past year. Our two Greenpower ambassadors – Mr Watson and Mr Bender have been a great support. We have been visited by the CEO of UK Greenpower – Barnabus Shelbourn, who praised highly the work and learning that is going on.

There have been races, events, museum visits, new colours, presentations, certificates, trophies and continued success!! Our young people work together to assemble, maintain and drive the cars. We are now a regional centre of excellence and are rightly proud of all their achievements!



Romeo and Juliet

We were delighted to produce our first whole school show since Covid! Over 40 students took part as actors, musicians, stage crew and front of house, truly embracing working as a production team! The show was a sellout and proved that we have the talent ready to step up and perform the iconic musical 'Grease' in 2025! Watch this space!



Eymouth Success in National Rotary Art Competition!

Patrick Whitehead won the regional round of the Rotary Art Competition this year back in April and was given the news that he has won at the National Round this June. We have never entered the National Rounds before as the timings have never worked for the Scottish school year. Well Done Patrick for placing Eymouth on the Map nationally for your entry 'Creating Hope'. Thanks also to Mrs Cochrane for her help and guidance.

Artwork at the Harbour

Eymouth Art Enrichment worked on the Sea Garden project for the second year running. Students created a mural that is on display for everyone to enjoy down at Eymouth Harbour.



Developing the Young Workforce

What a year!

I have come to the end of my first year working at Eyemouth, and what a year it has been! I would like to thank all staff, partners, parents and pupils for your support, assistance, involvement, and ideas. We aim to engage as many pupils as possible in events and experiences which give insight into the world of work.

Here is a picture of me with the Greenpower Team and a fancy electric Porsche Taycan as supplied by the Edinburgh Porsche team.

Here's to the next Academic year, and to engaging activities and events!

Emma Holdsworth – DYW Co-ordinator



Horticulture is growing places!



On Thursday 13th June members of the Senior Horticulture class joined other community volunteers to complete the planting of the beautiful new planters at the harbour. At the end of the session, Christine Bell, Chief Executive - Eyemouth Harbour Trust, treated everyone to an ice-cream.

Science experiences

At the end of May, Beth Campbell and Yujie Jiang attended a 4-day engineering programme at Strathclyde University designed to engage S3 girls from across Scotland in a range of engineering challenges. There were just 100 places available across Scotland so this is an excellent achievement for them both to be accepted. Well done to everyone who spent time on their applications.

We had three S6s enter the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad to challenge their thinking and problem solving skills, and to test their existing knowledge of chemistry in real-world situations. (One gained a silver certificate and one achieved bronze.)

BGE Physics students have entered the Institute of Physics Eureka's Competition answering the question 'How can Physics help to solve mysteries?' Excellent video entries from Heidi Blake, Edie Mykura, Eloise Lambourn-Batley and Alisa Artemcuks; and James O'Donnell and Ashton Dougal attached. Results will be announced this month.



Our first group of Young STEM Leaders gained their Level 6 award – these students have been leading science activities both within the school in our Enrichment lessons, but also at local primary schools. The STEM Enrichment group made a nurdle trommel!

British Physics Olympiad Competition - well done to all the physicists who have taken part this year, lots of certificates won through excellent problem-solving skills and perseverance!



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Model United Nations



On Friday 21st June 8 students from S4 to S6 attended the Model United Nations Conference at Peebles High School. Representing Cuba and Tanzania, our young people eloquently put forward amendments to propositions to solve world problems, and argued against amendments which did not align with their country's values. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about public speaking and collaborating with others. They are looking forward to their next conference in September. Well done to all who took part.

Reading for pleasure!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

50 sessions each week, 26 pupils, 15 S6 volunteers, 8 community volunteers, more than 220 books read!

We were delighted this year to once again welcome our community shared reading volunteers who stepped up to read with our pupils here in school. The programme, managed by our school librarian, Mrs Renstead was established in 2018. Our community volunteers were recruited thanks to our local Churches and Rotary. Despite a break during Covid we have had a successful year with senior pupils working in the morning and community volunteers here most afternoons. Mrs Renstead said, "It's not just about the reading, I have noticed how pupils have become much more confident. Some super relationships have developed with seniors even volunteering to help during study leave." PT English teacher, Laura Feeney added "Shared Reading is such a valuable initiative as it not only helps pupils with their reading, but it also fosters genuine connections with others through books. We love seeing pupils gain confidence through this programme." Christine one of the volunteers said "I offered to help with shared reading to give 'something back' to my community. Little did I know how much I would get in return. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many amazing young people, witnessing their progression, while at the same time helping me understand their 'new-speak'. Thank you everyone."



Health and Wellbeing Day



Today all pupils came off timetable to enjoy the annual 'Health and Wellbeing Day.' Pupils were able to take part in a range of morning activities including a Silent Disco, Karaoke, Yoga, Board Games, CPR Training, Debate Workshop, Art, PE, Horticulture, Crafts, A Chess Tournament, Drama/Music workshop and a trip to a Beauty Salon. This was followed by an afternoon of 'Old School Style Sports Day' activities and rounders. A massive thank you to Giapozzakis for donating ice creams to all our kids and staff for the afternoon, a perfect finish to a great day!



**Goodbye Mrs
Hodgkins!**

