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Welcome to our first edition of EyeNews!

EyeNews is a weekly publication that will be filled with information about what is happening in the school. We want to keep you up to date and informed with the latest events, information and key messages to help best you support your young person. We hope you enjoy our first issue!

A message from SLT

It's been great to welcome everyone back to school over the last couple of weeks – although the 14th August seemed very early this year! A particular welcome to our new S1s – looking very smart and prepared. We've been focussing on brilliant learning in classes, alongside kindness and respect. We were very proud of another excellent set of exam results for the school, especially for our S4 cohort who performed well across the board. We are working really hard to put everything in place to support success at the school for everyone and our team look forward to working with you during the year.

Mr Chapman

Our Senior prize Giving is coming up on the 5th of September—invitations are currently on their way. We celebrate excellent contributions and achievements across the Senior school and are delighted to welcome Dr Audrey Cameron OBE back, who started her education career as a Science teacher at the school. She recently was awarded the OBE for services to chemical sciences and inclusion in science communications, working with many other deaf scientists. We look forward to hearing from her and celebrating the success of our pupils.

SQA matters

We are delighted that our young people have done so well in their exams. Already, courses are well underway and we have been speaking to seniors about what they will need to do to be successful in the coming year. We will be sharing details about supported study sessions with you and would be grateful if you can support your young person to attend. We will give them (and you) lots of information about the best ways to revise and how this can be supported at home, alongside messages about how to maintain health and wellbeing during busy periods. We'd encourage all seniors to work on a revision schedule starting now. Watch this space for revision advice.

A number of appeals have been submitted to the SQA and the results of these will come to the school in mid to late September. We will communicate these results as soon as we have them.

The SQA have published the exam timetable for the 2025 exams. The timetable can be found on their website www.sqa.org.uk. The exams will begin on Monday 28th April 2025 – this is a change from the previously published date.

Mrs Fairbairn (Deputy Head/SQA Co-Ordinator)

Student Leadership

We are pleased to introduce our new Head Team for 2024/25:

Kasey Barnett

Abigail Robertson

Alistair White

Staff look forward to working with them this year! Well done!

Duke of Edinburgh S4 Bronze Expedition will be taking place this week. We'll be spending 2 days walking and camping in our beautiful Scottish Borders. Candidates will be carrying all their supplies and learning navigation skills, first aid, camp craft and cooking their dinner on Trangia stoves. We've got great walking routes (16-18 miles over the 2 days) that offer a variety of terrain and include a few hills! Mrs Bewsey, Mr Krievs & Dr Robertson are excited to be back out on expedition doing what they love and sharing the joy of nature with our young people. They are also hoping Madame Lillian has fled the country and Little Miss Sunshine might come out to play again by Wednesday.

first year Friend

First Year Friends

We are really proud that 60 x S5 and S6 pupils have volunteered as 'First Year Friends' this year. The programme has been growing year on year since it was first started 7 years ago - this is the largest group we have ever had and they are a testament to our school ethos! Their valuable roles have been a great support in welcoming the new S1s to the High School; they have been helping them find their way around the school; answering their questions and generally being a kind and friendly face to help them settle into their new environment. As we move forward, they will be helping at weekly Junior Lunch Clubs as well as continuing to be available for any S1s who feel they would like some extra support.

Staffing

We welcome to the school some new staff this session:

- Miss Neil, teaching Biology and Science.
- Mrs McDougall-Welch, also teaching Biology and Science.
- A welcome back to Miss Smeaton, teaching RMPS.
- Mr Birch is teaching Drama with us on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Mr Wardle will be supporting our new S1s in his role as our Eyemouth Cluster Transitions worker.
- Mrs McMahan and Mrs Winson are joining our Pupil Support Team.

On Tuesday, we said a farewell to Miss Walker, who will be moving on from her position as Teacher of the Deaf with SBC, to become a new PT Pastoral at Hawick High School.

Message from assemblies

This week many in school have been receiving new iPads as a part of the INSPIRE refresh programme. Despite a few teething issues with the Wi-Fi, we are sure that by the end of the week all will be up and running with their new devices. For seniors, we will be giving out key messages out in assemblies about how to be successful this year.

Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Business Management	Advanced Higher	Mrs Martin	Unit 1 Progress test	05.09.24
Economics	Higher	Mrs Martin	Progress Test (up to and including Markets)	12.09.24
Physics	Advanced Higher	Miss Le Mar	Rotational Motion	13.09.24
Physics	Higher	Miss Le Mar	Our Dynamic Universe Part 1	13.09.24
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Textual Analysis	24.09.24
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Critical Essay	25.09.24
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	RUAЕ	25.09.24
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Wider achievement: dates for your diary

4th September S4/5/6 Business Team attend the Launch of the Future Assets Competition in Edinburgh

4th September S3 Art Students go to Jupiter Artland in Edinburgh

5th September – Eyemouth High Senior Prizegiving evening

9th September Cambridge University Applicants attend UCAS support session in Kelso

14th September Debate Team attend Model United Nations Debate

16th & 17th September S4 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition around Longformacus area

18th September S4/5/6 Drama Students attend 'Come Away with Me' at the Theatre in Edinburgh

27th September S3/4/5 Horticulture Students go to Cheviot Trees in Foulden

28th September S1/2/3 Drama & Enrichment Students attend 'Blood Brothers' at Theatre in Edinburgh

Shared Reading: We are looking for community volunteers to come into school and read with some of our young people. In the past we have had some amazing volunteers and are looking for more people to get involved. If you are interested or would like some more information, please email the school librarian, Anne Renstead, at arenstead@scotborders.gov.uk

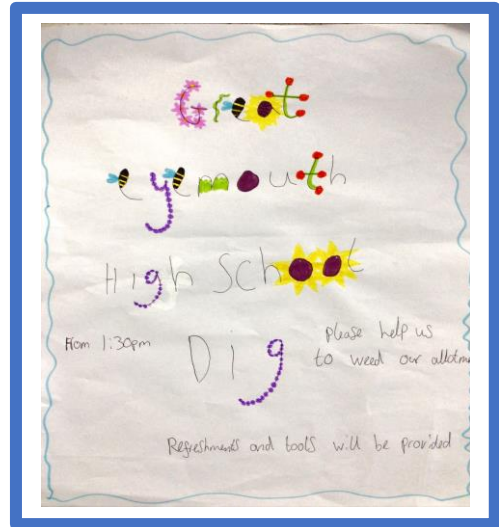
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Great Eyemouth HS Dig

Please help! Our school allotment is overgrown, and we are seeking your help to banish the weeds!

On Friday 13th September, 1:20 – 4pm (or before, if we run out of steam 😊), we are holding a “Great Eyemouth HS Dig” and we invite you to join us. No prior gardening knowledge is necessary – just a willingness to dig out some of our many weeds. Tools and refreshments will be provided, along with outside games and activities to amuse young members of the family.

Help make Friday 13th the luckiest day for our budding Horticulture students.



Activities Showcase and Parent Council Family Lunch

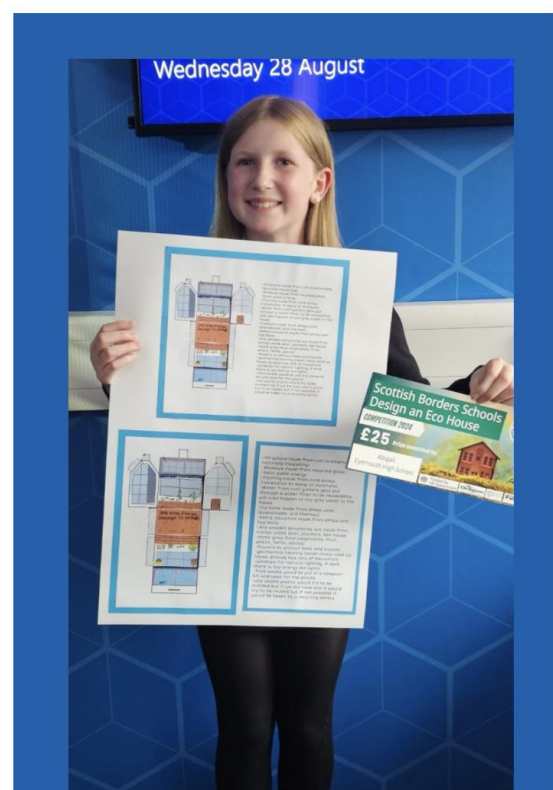
To help mark the start of the new school year, we ran our Activities Showcase to promote some of the clubs that our young people can become involved with, both in and out of school. Community partners joined staff to fill the hall with displays and activities, highlighting an array of opportunities to suit almost every taste! All students were provided with time to look around the hall, after which the showcase was open to families. The Parent Council provided a generous array of refreshments, culminating in a family lunch, with games and activities to keep younger siblings occupied. Huge thanks to our partners and the Parent Council for all their support – before, during and after Friday's Showcase. It was truly wonderful to see the community come together to encourage all our young people to #getInvolved and, ultimately, to thrive.



Eco House Competition by Scottish Borders Construction Form

On Wednesday 28th of August A Potts in S2 attended the prizing giving at Borders College 360 immersive classroom in Galashiels. S2 Enrichment took part in this competition back in April this year and we were absolutely delighted for A Potts receiving this recognition and prize beating of competition from groups who worked collaboratively.

A Potts was interviewed at the event by BBC Scotland for a podcast which can be heard on the radio. We are immensely proud of all of these achievements and for representing Eyemouth high at the event.



Supported study sessions are now running in Science for the following groups:
N5, H & AH Biology: Tuesday fortnightly after school SCI03/04 (next session 3rd Sept)
N5, H & AH Chemistry: Monday lunch in SCI01/02
N5 Physics: Tuesday lunchtime in room SCI05
H & AH Physics: Thursday lunch in SCI06
N5 & Higher PE Monday lunchtime in PE Classroom

Sporting activities

Hockey

The Senior and Junior hockey teams have their first fixtures of the season on the afternoon of Friday 30th August. We welcome Berwickshire High School for the matches and expect two very competitive games.

Hockey club is on:

S1-3 Tuesday 4-5pm

S4-6 Wednesday 4-5pm

Any new players are very welcome to come along!

Rugby

S1-3 rugby also has their first matches of the season this weekend. As part of our partnership with Berwickshire High School, we will be playing against Kelso at Duns with a 10am kick off for all three matches. Again, we are expecting highly competitive games after the summer break.

Rugby training is on:

S1-2 Tuesday 4-5pm

S3 School of rugby Tuesday lunchtime

S1-3 training (with Berwickshire High school) 6.30-7.30pm (pitches at Eyemouth High School)

Any new players are very welcome to come along!

Clubs

Junior lunch club for all S1-S3 pupils: board games, Lego, arts and crafts and a time to chat! Every Tuesday at lunch in the Learning Support Base.

Young Enterprise for S5 and S6: this club will meet on Monday's at lunch in Mrs Martin's business from Monday the 2nd of September. Bring your lunch!

Senior book club for S4-S6: the first meeting will take place on Tuesday the 3rd of September in the library. Bring your lunch.

Showbie Codes

S3 Business - EWF96F

Nat 5 Business Management -
E3KG69

Higher Business Management -
EKTWGB

Higher Economics - EQUF68

UCAS - EP3QJT

Senior pupils

Is your young person interested in an Apprenticeship with **Lothian NHS** in the future? See Mrs Lowe or Mrs Millar for details about an online information session.