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September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Message from SLT

We've been talking this week about having pride in our school – some of the teachers shared what they are most proud about – the achievements of our pupils, our links with the community (the Herring Queen got a special mention), the quiet and purposeful atmosphere and our brilliant building. We are so grateful that pupils make such a great contribution and that we work together to be successful.

We are so thrilled to be celebrating the achievements at our Senior Prize giving this week and to see so many of our young people being recognised for their hard work across a variety of prizes.

We are especially excited to welcome back a former teacher of Eyemouth High, Dr Audrey Cameron OBE, who addressed our winners. She also spent some time in the school speaking with the science department and having a tour of our great building.

## Sporting activities

Monday Lunchtimes – Badminton Club – Games Hall

Monday After School – S4-6 Netball – Games Hall

Tuesday 3:50-4:50 – S1-3 Hockey – Astro

Tuesday After School – S1/2 Rugby – Grass Pitch

Wednesday 3:50-4:50 – S4-6 Hockey – Astro

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 – Rugby – Grass Pitch

Thursday Lunchtime – S4-6 Hockey Skills – Astro

Friday afternoon/ Saturday Morning – Hockey Fixtures – Various Locations

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## Duke of Edinburgh

We had a fantastic expedition that involved 3 groups of bronze candidates navigating and hiking a total of sixteen miles. On day one we learned compass skills, map reading, equipment fitting & care, first aid, country code, teamwork and safety hazards. As the day continued, our groups impressed us with their teamwork – some taking extra weight for those struggling and all encouraging each other through those last few miles.

We arrived at our patch of grass for the night where we managed to get tents up and kit organised before the rain really started. The cooking demonstration was delivered during a monsoon style downpour which meant wet matches and lots of extra water in the cooking pots. We found the funny side and were rewarded with a rainbow. Dinner concluded with some epically sized soggy marshmallows and copious amounts of melted chocolate biscuits being consumed.

Day Two dawned very early with a lot of midges greeting us for our 6am start but this did not stop us as we started off walking at 8am. It was on the second day that our candidates were able to apply everything they'd learned the previous day and wow did they impress us! Independent work showed that they are an extremely capable bunch who are well prepared for their assessment later this month.



## **Wide achievement: Dates for your diary**

9<sup>th</sup> September Cambridge University Applicants attend UCAS support session in Kelso

14<sup>th</sup> September Debate Team attend Model United Nations Debate

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September S4 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition around Longformacus area

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

## **Message from assemblies**

This week in our assemblies we have continued the theme of what we are proud of. A central theme of this is about our success in helping students to learn successfully and achieve qualifications to take them on to the next stage in their journey. We are exceptionally proud of our results and all of the hard work our teachers and students put in to get there.

In the coming weeks, we will be speaking to students about the very best strategies for learning, both in and out of school. We will be sharing some of these messages with you too; your support for learning at home is really important. To help us get it right, we are asking senior students to complete a survey in school to tell us what helps them to learn, and what might be getting in the way.

Watch this space for further information about opportunities for supported study. We are off to a great start!

## **Clubs**

Neurodivergent Club: Monday at lunchtime in Miss A-B's room

Duke of Edinburgh S4 Bronze: Monday and Wednesday lunchtime in Mrs Bewsey's room.

Book club: first week of every month

Debate Club: Wednesday in Mr Noon's room

Greenpower Club: Wednesday in the Technology Barn

Chess Club: Thursday in Mr Bender's room

## Senior Book Club

On Wednesday we had lunch in the library and launched our brand new Senior Book Club. We agreed that we'll meet once a month to discuss the book we've all read. This month the choices were: 'Matt Haig's 'The Midnight Library' and Kirstin Hannah's 'The Nightingale'. There was much excited chat about various novels we've been indulging in over the summer and ideas for future book choices.

This is open for staff and S4-6 students. If you'd like to join in but missed the meeting, please pop and see Mrs Feeney to grab a copy of the book and get reading! Next meeting first week of October.

## Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Economics	Higher	Mrs Martin	Progress Test (up to and including Markets)	12.09.24
Physics	Advanced Higher	Ms Le Mar	Rotational Motion	13.09.24
Physics	Higher	Ms 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
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	RUAЕ	25.09.24
Physics	S3	Ms Le Mar	Waves assessment	26.09.24
Practical Cookery	National 4/5	Mrs Dougal	Unit 1	01.10.24

## Study Zone

The library will be open every Tuesday after school for quiet, independent study. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regular revision is key to success so please encourage your young person to attend any lunch time or after school sessions that are on offer.

## Staffing

We are saying goodbye to Mr Scott who is taking up a post at Peebles High School as PT Pastoral. We wish him all the best in his new post.

Congratulations to Mr MacKenzie who has been appointed PT of Health and Well-being.

Well done to Mrs Lowe who is now our PT of Positive Destinations.

## Study opportunities

<b>Monday</b>			
	Chemistry	Lunch	Ms Blair and Miss Stevenson
	PE	Lunch	Mrs Wright
<b>Tuesday</b>			
	Art	After school	Mrs Cochrane and Miss Graham
	Biology	Fortnightly	Biology Staff
	Maths	Afterschool	Mrs Dawson
	N5 Physics	Lunch	Dr Lymer
<b>Wednesday</b>			
	Modern Studies and Politics	Afterschool	Mr Noon
	PE	Lunch	Miss Young
<b>Thursday</b>			
	Physics	Lunch	Ms Le Mar

### S3 trip to Jupiter Artland

S3 Art students experienced the remarkable space that is Jupiter Artland in the sunshine on Wednesday. This did not disappoint yet again and our students got to experience this unique creative space first hand. Education and outreach are at the heart of Jupiter Artland's ethos with its aim to engage every single child in Scotland by offering free school visits. As with previous years we are grateful to Ahlstrom for funding the transport for us in this 2024 year. Students created Art works in the woods inspired by the artist Shane Waltener. Waltener draws inspiration from craft traditions as much as art history, sculptures, installations and performance work which are all referenced in some way to domestic crafts such as knitting, crochet, lace making techniques, sugar craft and cooking. The outcome of his work tells of these histories. We hope this Jupiter Artland experience inspired this group of students to think and dream big. This is an amazing resource we all have access to, and it is 10 minutes from the city bypass.



## Hockey

Well done to all those who played in the first fixtures of the weekend at home to Berwickshire High School! Some excellent performances across both matches saw the senior team win, while the S1-3 competed well, particularly with the S1s playing in their first competitive games. This week the teams will travel to Earlston for games against Hawick High School on Saturday morning, 10am push back.

## Rugby

Well done to all involved in friendly matches against Kelso at the weekend. A Some excellent performances across all three games and a first run out for S1s which improved their confidence and skill level in a competitive fixture. This week, they play Earlston High School/Melrose at Berwickshire High School with all games kicking off at 10am.



## 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.

## Greenpower

On Friday 29th August, the Eyemouth High ERacing team packed up its car, the Beast from the East, to set the fastest hill climb time. The event was part of the Scottish Electric Chariot Championship, organised by the Jim Clark Trust. The drive was to test their metal sprinting up a hill on the Kinneil Estate, Bo’ness. The Bo’ness Revival Hill Climb was celebrating their 90th anniversary that weekend with their annual historic race.

The four drivers honed their racing lines throughout the day, shaving seconds off laps after lap. They were up against drivers from three other schools. In the end, our best time came within two seconds of first place. The team performed their duties with distinction and showed good sportsmanship to other teams and they certainly were a credit to the school. The team hopes to return to the event in the future, with the top step as their goal.

Special thanks to Eyemouth Rotary, as member Jim Hettrick helped tow the car to the event and supported the team throughout the day.

Mr Watson - Team Principal & Greenpower Ambassador  
Mr Bender - Technical Director



## Prizegiving

Last night we celebrated the achievements of our Senior pupils, with keynote speaker, Dr Audrey Cameron OBE. The evening was a chance to reward pupils for their hard work over the past year both in and out of the classroom and we are so proud of everything that our pupils have achieved.

The night could not have happened without the generosity of our partners who graciously donate money for prizes. Thank you for your continued support. We also want to thank Mrs Dishington in the school office for all of her hard work in organising the evening.

The evening saw the new Head Team make their debut with speeches around different types of achievement and the power the achieving. We also had some wonderful singing from two S4 pupils, Freya and Eloise. Well done to everyone!

We were all inspired by Dr Cameron's words as she talked about the power of education and how once barriers to learning are lifted, anything is possible. She reminisced about her time as a student teacher at Eyemouth and how her experience here was one of the first times that she felt that she was equal to everyone else. She is a true inspiration and showed us all that anything is possible if we only work hard. We want to thank her for coming and spending time with us.

The prestigious Dux Award was won by Shadrach Wray for his consistent outstanding academic performance. In his final three years at Eyemouth High he managed to achieve top scores for all sixteen of his examinations, National 5s, Highers, Advanced Highers and Scottish Baccalaureate in Science with distinction.

We also want to thank everyone for coming along and supporting the school and the young people of Eyemouth.

