

# NE WS

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Message from SLT

We've been thinking hard about how our young people can be successful in their important Senior years. Asking pupils, they were telling us that sometimes motivation can be an issue – and this has got us all thinking. All of us can find it hard to be motivated at times, so how do we avoid the distractions, choose not to procrastinate and get things done? We will be coming back to this theme over the next few months as we seek to listen to our young people so we can all be successful.

I would encourage you to look further at all of the many study opportunities that there are in school, as well as details around assessments which are coming up.

Mr Chapman

## Study Zone

Quiet study in the library has moved to a WEDNESDAY after school, not a Tuesday.

## iPad Ready!

Please ensure that iPads are charged and ready to go every morning. If there are any issues with iPads, please see Mr Watson. Teachers can sort out Glow and Showbie passwords—make sure you ask for help if your iPad is not working.

## Big Dig – Thank you!

Huge thanks to everyone who helped out last Friday afternoon on the school allotment with our “Big Dig”. We are so delighted that we managed to clear the entire raspberry bed and this week, the Horticulture students will apply mulch and replant the raspberries.

Our next “Big Dig” is on Friday 25th October, 1:30pm – 4pm. Tools and refreshments are provided, and we would be delighted to see you.



## Wider achievement: Dates for your diary

24<sup>th</sup> September S3/4/5 Horticulture Students go to Cheviot Trees in Foulden

28<sup>th</sup> September S1/2/3 Drama & Enrichment Students attend ‘Blood Brothers

1<sup>st</sup> October- Ten S5 and S6 pupils will take part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge.

3<sup>rd</sup> October- fours S3 and S4 students are heading to INSPIRE to take part in Borders Maths enterprise Day.

9<sup>th</sup> October Jenny Valentine, author, is coming to speak to all S2 pupils as part of the Berwick Literary Festival.

11<sup>th</sup> October James Robertson, author, is coming to speak with S3 pupils as part of the Berwick Literary Festival.

## Library

The library is open during the day and at break times for the following year groups:

Monday -S1

Tuesday - S2

Wednesday - S3

Thursday - S4

Friday - All Years

## Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
English	S4	Mrs Bewsey	Textual Analysis	24.09.24
History	S4	Miss Frost	Migration and Empire	24.09.24
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Critical Essay	25.09.24
English	S4	Mr MacKenzie	Textual Analysis	25.09.24
English	S4	Mrs Feeney	RUAE	25.09.24
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	RUAE	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

## Parents Space

Please check out this brilliant opportunity delivered by ParentSpace here in Eyemouth.

Handling Anger in the Family programme, starting on the 28th of October at the Hippodrome, Eyemouth.

The first two sessions focus on understanding our own anger as a natural emotion, and how to manage this using practical, easy to use, strategies. The final two sessions look at equipping parents/carers to help their child understand how anger affects them, how to recognise when they enter the anger river and practical and tested ways of handling anger safely and healthily.

You can get in touch via their website  
[www.parentspace.org.uk](http://www.parentspace.org.uk)  
Find us on Facebook: parents4parents  
Instagram: parentspacebordersscot



## Seasons for Growth

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Eyemouth High School we recognise that when changes occur in families through significant loss or change in circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful programme called Seasons for Growth. This year, the programme will initially be offered to our S2 pupils and we will be speaking to them about this opportunity in the forthcoming weeks. If you would like any further information or have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact our Home School Link Workers, Laura Simm and Sophie McNeil, at the High School on 018907 50363

## Study Opportunities

	Subject	Teacher	Time
<b>Monday</b>	Chemistry	Ms Blair and Miss Stevenson	Lunch
	English	Mrs Feeney	Lunch
	PE	Mrs Wright	Lunch
	Practical Cookery and Fashion	Mrs Dougal	Drop in after school
<b>Tuesday</b>	Biology	Mrs McDougall Welch	Afterschool Fortnightly
	Chemistry	Ms Blair	Lunch
	English	Mr MacKenzie	Lunch
	History	Miss Frost	Lunch/After school
	Maths	Mrs Dawson	After school
	Physics	Dr Lymer	Lunch
	Practical Cookery and Fashion	Mrs Dougal	Drop in after school
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art	Miss Graham and Mrs Cochrane	After school
	Business and Economics	Mrs Martin	After school
	English	Mrs Feeney	After school
	European Languages	Dr Martin	By arrangement
	Maths	Mr Krievs	Lunch
	Modern Studies and Politics	Mr Noon	After school
	PE	Miss Young	Lunch
	Practical Cookery and Fashion	Mrs Dougal	Drop in after school
<b>Thursday</b>	Biology	Miss Neil	Lunch
	Maths	Mrs Atkinson and Mr Bender	After school
	Modern Studies	Mr Noon	After school
	Physics	Ms Le-Mar	Lunch
	Practical Cookery and Fashion	Mrs Dougal	Drop in after school
	RMPS	Miss Smeaton	After school

N5 & H Engineering Science – available by arrangement with Miss MacGregor

N5 & H Graphic Communication – available by arrangement with Miss MacGregor

Drama and Music are bespoke to the student and students may be required for extra rehearsals and practice in the run up to exams. Where appropriate, parents will be informed when their young person is required to attend a specific session.

## Duke of Edinburgh

S4 Bronze groups were able to demonstrate their learning during their Qualifying Expedition this week. They spent two days hiking and wild camping using their skills independently. Groups flew solo navigating themselves and working together to complete their group aims. Thankfully, Monday and Tuesday got the best of the weather, and we had glorious sunshine with lots of great views to enjoy.

All groups made great time on day one and came into camp around 3pm ready to get set up and cook dinner. We had great fun with post dinner entertainment being a giant game of coco-in.

The morning of day two was less jolly as we were joined by swarms of midges and the reality of sleeping on roll mats with blisters and achy joints set in, but the groups showed their stoic nature, and we were impressed with how well they looked after each other. We watched daybreak with a beautiful dawn before heading out for another day of compass work and hill walking.

All groups were victorious and made it to finish points in good time. We have lots of stories to tell, some whopping blisters and a fair few bug bites but everyone has loved completing their Bronze Expedition and can now enjoy the glory of a successful assessment.



## Hockey

A big well done to all junior pupils who travelled to Earlston again last weekend this time to play Earlston High School. Eyemouth fielded two squads (an S1 team and a S2-3 team) where squads turned up very determined to show their skills learnt at training, and they played some brilliant games against some very experienced Earlston teams. Eyemouth demonstrated definite improvement from previous weeks proving that the effort put into training is all worth it! Well done all!

Our hockey teams will be back into action on **Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>** of September where we will travel to Jedburgh Grammar School.



## Rugby

Well done to all pupils who travelled to Jedburgh Grammar School on Saturday for our school fixtures. All teams stuck together very well right until the end against three very experienced Jedburgh teams. The S1 team showed great endeavour in the game to keep Jedburgh under pressure for periods of the game. The S2's played a very expansive game scoring some excellent long range tries but ultimately lost out to a more physical Jed team. The U15 team battled through a tough match, coming away with some scintillating scores. Their opposition however took the win, but they can take away lots of positives from this experience.

These teams will continue to grow in ability and confidence throughout the season, with their next fixture being at Galashiels Academy on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

## **Visitors – of the aquatic kind!**

The pond on the school allotment has been host to some unexpected visitors – in the form of a small family of fish! We have no idea how they arrived and would be happy to receive any offers of a new home for them (please contact Dr Lymer at [gw22lymerkatherine@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw22lymerkatherine@glow.sch.uk) ).

We are in the process of developing a wildlife pond and, due to our successful application to Bright Green Nature, we will shortly be the proud owners of an array of native plants – both in and around the pond. In order to ensure the sustainability of the natural environment, we would appreciate your help in keeping out any “alien” species – and particularly those who would benefit from warmer climates!

## **Model United Conference at George Watson's College**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Jake, Alfie, Sophie, Frejya, Hannah, Catherine, Alistair and Colby attended the Model United Conference at George Watson's College in Edinburgh representing Iran and Spain.

The Day started out with talks from three Scottish MSP's. These insightful talks provided valuable advice on how to present oneself in a debating scenario and modelled how to put over an argument with integrity. From there, the young people went into their committees where they worked with 150 students from all over Scotland to resolve the following world issues 'The civil war in Myanmar', 'The ongoing issues around human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo', 'A cyber-attack on the British military' and 'The climate induced refugee crisis'.

Alastair and Alfie had a little bit too much fun in the Cybercrime committee with the gossip box! Just before lunch some breaking news emerged that a new element had been discovered which could potentially have nuclear properties and countries such as Russia, USA and China were wanting to take control of it. During lunch, each country drew up resolutions to this world problem and lobbied other countries to support their papers.

The day culminated in a General Assembly where resolutions were put forward and amendments were debated. Spain bravely and eloquently took the stand to debate their resolution and were an absolute credit to the school. The whole day was a resounding success and Mr Noon and Mrs Martin were incredibly proud of the way our young people presented themselves. The next United Nations conference is in North Berwick in November, we can't wait!

