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November 15th, 2024

Message from SLT

It's always a privilege to see the whole school gathered on Monday show their respect on Remembrance Day. It helps us connect to what is going on in the world, but also to those that we know who serve in our armed forces or have been affected by loss. It's good to see how our entire school community mark this occasion each year and thanks to all involved. You can find more details below.

Mr Chapman



Dates for your Diary

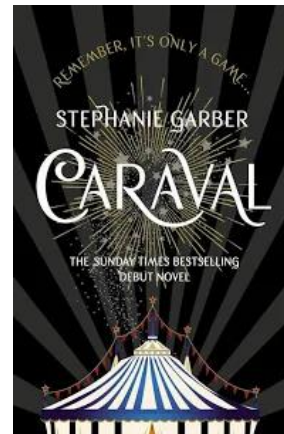
15th November Model United Nations

26th November N5 History Trip to Paxton House for Slavery Exhibition

10th December Christmas showcase from 5:00-7:00pm

Looking for your next read?

Caraval is an annual competition that travels around the world to perform and the audience takes part. The story follows a 17-year-old girl called Scarlett Dragna who has always been desperate to play in Caraval ever since she was told the stories about it from her grandmother. Every year she sends a letter to the master organiser Legend, but she gets no response. Her and younger sister Tella live with their very controlling and cruel father. As soon as her father has arranged a marriage for Scarlett her long-dreamt-of invitation finally arrives but she thinks that she will never be able to go. Against her will, Tella and a mysterious sailor take her to the island where Caraval is set but as soon as Scarlett wakes up Tella is missing. When Scarlett and the sailor get to the island they find out that the aim of the game is to find Tella and whoever finds her first wins. Scarlett must find Tella before the five nights are over or her sister will be gone forever. The book is mysterious, quick paced and very interesting with a very different plot twist.



Recommended by Beth

S2 Girls into Engineering Success!

A group of S2 girls have spent several lunchtimes with Ms Le-Mar over the last few weeks, working on their applications to the Strathclyde University 'Discovering Engineering for S2 Girls' workshops. The programme is open to all S2 girls in Scotland as part of Strathclyde's target to improve the gender imbalance in engineering.

Congratulations to Tabitha, Caitlin, Lexi, and Kaylin who have been accepted into the online workshops in January! This will involve practical equipment being sent to the school so that our students can complete the practical work alongside S2 students from across Scotland who will also be tuning in.

Congratulations to Melody and Abigail P who have been accepted into the in-person workshops which will take place at Strathclyde University in January!

There are very limited places available for these workshops each year so this it is an excellent achievement for our students. Well done to all the girls who took the time to work on an application. If you weren't successful this year, remember that Strathclyde also run an S3 course so there will be opportunities to apply for similar programmes in the future.

Remembrance Service

On Monday 11th November we joined with the nation to reflect and remember those who have served and sacrificed. We welcomed Rev Andy Haddow and Mark Bruce along with our senior students to speak. We heard from students who, on the battlefields trip in June, visited the bunker where the poem 'In Flanders Fields' was originally written. This gave context to a reading of the poem and allowed our young people to understand the gravity of the occasion. We also heard about the work carried out by the British Legion and the reasons for the continued need for the Poppy Appeal. The minute silence was honoured by all and concluded with Samuel poignantly playing of the bagpipes. The central message, 'Always grateful. Never forgotten.' underpinned all our remembrance reflections.



Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Application of Maths	S4 National 5	Mrs Atkinson	Calculator Graded assessment	19.11.24
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Textual Analysis	20.11.24
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	RUAЕ	20.11.24
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	RUAЕ	20.11.24
Maths Apps	S5/6 National 5	Mrs Atkinson	Calculator Graded assessment	21.11.24
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Critical Essay	25.11.24
Physics	National 5	Dr Lymer	Properties of matter	26/27.11.24
Physics	Higher	Ms Le-Mar	Electricity Unit assessment	04.12.24
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	18.12.24
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 2	18.12.24
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AH Physics Trip to Heriot-Watt Laboratories

Advanced Higher Physics students Anna, Isaac, and Szymon visited Heriot-Watt Physics Laboratories with Ms Le-Mar this week to begin their AH Physics Projects. The students have each chosen a topic for their investigation and were able to complete the first of their practical work using equipment at Heriot-Watt that we do not have available in the school.

Anna collected data to calculate the wavelength of a Helium-Neon laser using steel rule diffraction; Szymon has been determining gravitational field strength using a compound pendulum and Hooke's Law; and Isaac has been determining the speed of sound using stationary waves in a resonance tube. Isaac was also able to take advantage of the Wind Tunnel equipment at Heriot-Watt to support his Scottish Baccalaureate Project research into aerodynamics. The AH Physics students will be completing the remainder of their practical work, data analysis, and report writing in school over the next few weeks.



Longridge Fixture Reminders

Our **S1/2** team have a match on **Wednesday 20th November* (4-5pm)**. Please ensure you arrive quickly to PE straight after your period 7 class, quickly get changed and head up to the pitch for a team warm up! Check the sheet on the PE noticeboard to make sure you are playing!

Please see sign-up sheets/ team sheets as normal on the PE notice boards.

*Senior training **WILL** still be on on Wednesday 20th November; this will be indoor. Seniors who volunteer at junior training will be with the S1/2 team to warm-up/coach/referee 😊

Hockey

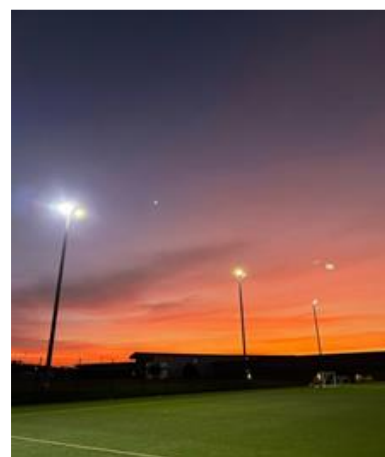
What a great way to start the school week with our Senior team hosting local side Longridge Towers School on Monday evening where the flood lights were now required! The match began evenly with both teams trying to find their rhythm with neither side taking their chances. It was all square still 15 minutes in, with no team converting for a lead. It came first from Longridge just before half time who just caught Eyemouth off guard with some quick passing weaving through the pitch. Eyemouth looked to settle at half time where they knew exactly what to do to beat Longridge's well set-up defence – release the ball early and talk to each other! And this certainly showed where the ball was swiftly moved up the pitch from the defence all the way up to the forwards in the circle where Edie and Heidi were both in great positions and were not giving up until that ball was in the goal! A powerful shot was taken by Edie which the keeper denied; however, Heidi was ready on the penalty spot for the rebound where she excellently flicked the ball right into the backboard evening up the scoreline for EYHS!

Unfortunately for Eyemouth, Longridge didn't let 1 goal break their stride! In the latter stages of the game, Longridge took advantage of our tired legs and found the goal a couple times again resulting in an unlucky loss for Eyemouth who really gave their all.

There were lots of positive to take away from this fixture, where both sides had a really enjoyable match – so enjoyable that in fact a rematch is already pencilled in the diary for Monday 9th December!

Despite a loss, it was a beautiful evening!

When winter brings you cold weather, it brings you lovely skies; all teams this week have been loving the beautiful sunsets whilst enjoying and working hard at their training sessions!



Once again, a free weekend for all hockey teams this week due to midweek fixtures against Longridge School! Enjoy!

Rugby

On Saturday the 8th of November, Berwickshire Schools (BS) S1 & 2 squads travelled to Selkirk RFC in a reversal of the fixtures from the week before! With both teams coming into this weekend off the back of impressive wins, their confidence was sky high!

The S1 team came in force with a squad of 2 players, with a strong mix of players from both High Schools. The Selkirk team played with a buzz that comes with being on your home ground, despite only having 12 players to call upon. To even the game, BS provided 5 different players each 3rd of the match so the game could be played with even numbers, and every player would get as much game time as possible. The game was more competitive than the previous week, with Selkirk enjoying a lot more of the ball and using it to good effect scoring three tries in total, all coming from their own players! However, the BS S1's proved too strong scoring 8 tries in total, with 2 being disallowed for running over the dead ball line. This was an entertaining match that finished 17-50 to the away side - with EYHS try scorers in Alistair and Daigan.

The S2 game was more keenly contested, as we knew it would be. Right from the warm-up you could tell this Selkirk side would bring a real intensity to the game, with organised defence and some fluid attack. Selkirk HS had the better of BS for large portions of the match, however the S2's from Berwickshire stood up and took the game on, scoring 5 strong tries in a losing effort. They have worked a lot on physicality, especially around the tackle and breakdown area, which halted the Selkirk attack on numerous occasions. Unfortunately, with a few new faces added into their team, the Selkirk S2's took the win, but the BS players can be proud of their determined performance. A special mention to Zane, an S1, who played up for the S2 team. He adapted to this new level well, scoring two tries against players older and more experienced than himself!

The players from all 3 BS teams get a well-deserved rest this coming weekend but will look to continue their impressive performances against local rivals Kelso HS on Saturday the 23rd at home!



Bingo!

This week has been Scottish Careers Week, so Gillian (SDS) & Emma (DYW) hosted a fun game of Career Bingo Thursday lunchtime. Those students that attended certainly had fun!



Messages from assemblies

This week assemblies have focussed on the councils YELL strategy (Youth Engagement Listen to Learn.) This is a new and innovative approach so that young people's voices can be heard. In a couple of weeks, the Leader of the Council Euan Jardine will be coming out to school, so we are busy discussing what ideas and suggestions we have for him!

Next week in reg classes, we will be having discussions about what matters to you and what questions or topics you would like to bring up with Euan. He would like to hear opinions from as many people, so it would be great if pupils can talk to each other, family members, and even people that you may work with, and think about what issues matter to you.

Suggested topics for discussion are: Education services, NHS services, council plans, community plans, anti-social behaviour, parks, leisure and sports facilities, council spending, wellbeing services, and transport. However, if you have anything else in mind, please bring along your ideas.

This is an opportunity for young people to:

- hear and highlight what the key issues in their community are
- meet the people who make decisions which affect them
- have their say on current issues
- be involved in the resolutions, how best to move forward
- give an indication of their priorities for the council to take forward

Assessment calendar

A complete calendar of planned SQA assessments for the year can be found here [Assessment calendar 2024-25](#)

Study Opportunities

	Subject	Teacher	Time
Monday	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
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	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
Thursday	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.

Upcoming prelims

DRAMA PERFORMANCE PRELIMS: These take place over the course of Thursday 21st November. Students studying National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher will be out of classes all day in order to be an audience for their peers which is necessary requirement of the SQA. Students who are acting are requested to wear all black on the day of the performance unless otherwise instructed.

