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February 7th, 2025

Message from SLT

This week Mr Mackenzie has been exploring the theme of kindness in assemblies – the importance of kind words and deeds cannot be underestimated in any organisation, and in particular our school community. I was struck by his comment that we can easily put the emphasis on avoiding unkindness (which is of course, very important!) but can forget to consider the huge effects of being kind. The right encouragement, concern or just willingness to spend time with someone can make a huge difference. As we are now considering how we can improve post-Prelims this was a really useful message to hear!

Upcoming events

Thursday 13th February – Senior Choices Parents' Evening – come and hear all about our choices process. This will run from 6pm until 6:45pm in the Assembly Hall. All S3, S4 and S5 parents are invited.

Thursday 27th February – S3 Parents' Night – this is a chance to speak with subject staff about progress and options for next year.

Thursday 6th March – Our Careers Fair will take place from 4pm to 7pm – we will be hosting over 50 education providers, employers and businesses. There will be extra Careers Insights sessions with local businesses. Please see our Facebook page for more details.

Friday 21st March – Final submission date for Senior subject choices.

Thursday 29th May – Summer Showcase – the whole school and work with all of partners will be on show!

Upcoming assessments

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
PE	Higher	Miss Young	Netball	06.02.25
Physics	S3	Ms Le-Mar	Space	10.02.25
French/German	National 5	Dr Martin	First draft of writing assignment	11.02.25
Science	2P3	Miss Stevenson	Earth's Materials	11.02.25
Chemistry	Higher	Miss Stevenson	Proteins and Chemical Analysis	11.02.25
Physics	Higher	Ms Le-Mar	Particles	12.02.25
PE	Higher	Miss Young	Basketball	13.02.25
French/German	National 5	Dr Martin	Final draft of assignment	18.02.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 1	26.02.25
Admin and IT	National 5	Mrs Martin	Assignment Part 1	28.02.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	05.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	05.03.25
Admin and IT	National 5	Mrs Martin	Assignment Part 2	07.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 1	12.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 2	12.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	19.03.25
Admin and IT	Higher	Mrs Martin	Assignment	28.03.25

Hockey

We are delighted that all hockey teams will be back in action this week on **Friday 7th of February** where we will host Kelso High School at **Eyemouth**. Matches will begin at approximately 3:15pm where all support would be welcomed and gratefully appreciated!

Date for your diary: Friday 7th of March – rescheduled fixture away at **Berwickshire High School**, details TBC closer to the time.

Rugby

Last weekend saw the first fixtures of the 2025 Six Nations, which meant that rugby in Scotland came to a stand-still. However, our players carried on training and working towards their next fixtures. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in the search for an opponent for the weekend of the 8th of February, so the players are building towards their next games - Berwickshire Schools S1 & 2 will play Berwick and Kelso in a Round Robin format at Berwickshire High school, while the U15 team will travel to Kelso to play their U15 team in what are always competitive fixtures.

Reading schools

We are busy working towards our Reading Schools Bronze accreditation. We have a group of pupils and staff who are working through our action plan with the hopes of gathering enough evidence to receive our Bronze award in the Spring term. Our aim as a group is to build on the reading culture in the school by highlighting books, good reads for both pupils and staff and the showcase the importance of reading.

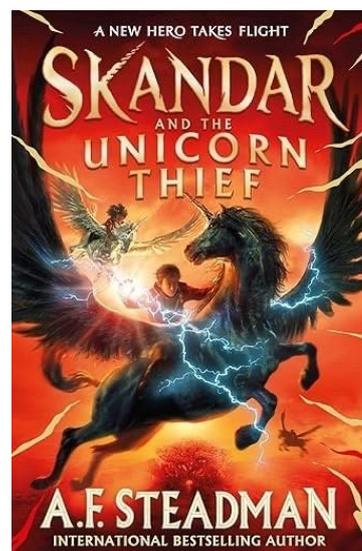
Watch this space!



Looking for your next read?

“Skandar and the unicorn thief” by A.F. Steadman is an action packed novel with thrilling plot twists and epic battles. It is set in modern times on an island next to the UK. Every year thousands of British children take the hatchery exam, an exam that determines if you are invited to the island to try the hatchery door and see if you are destined to be a unicorn rider. However, in this version of our world, unicorns are violent, merciless creatures and when they are unbonded to human riders they become terrifying, wild animals.

The story follows 13-year-old Skandar Smith who dreams of becoming a unicorn rider. But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true things take a dark turn when a twisted enemy steals the island's most powerful unicorn and Skandar begins to uncover secrets that could destroy his world and everything he believes. Perfect for fans of fantasy and action stories.



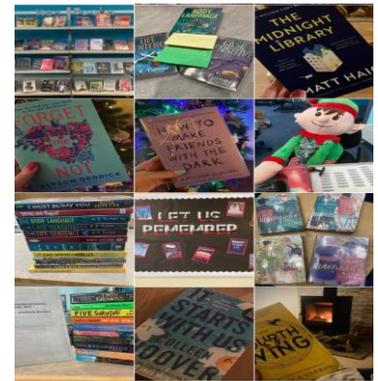
Recommended by Heidi

Senior book club

Our next two books for Senior book club are: Lord of the Flies and The Book Thief. We are meeting on the 11th and 12th of March if you want to join in.

Follow us on Instagram

@Eyemouthreads on Instagram is filled with book recommendations and things that are happening in school to celebrate reading! Why don't you give us a follow?



Duke of Edinburgh

Reminder to S3 Bronze to buy their licences on Parentpay before 14th February. Accounts on edofe will be created and allocated during Half Term ready for our first lunchtime meeting on 27th February.

Reminder to S4 Bronze to complete their final paperwork for their last section and upload all Assessor's Reports. We will be looking to launch S4 Silver from 1st March – please ask Mrs Bewsey if you have any questions. You must have completed your Bronze to join Silver.

Reading competition

Remember to vote for your favourite picture in our staff Love Story competition.

Staff were asked to take a photo reading with someone/something/somewhere they love and now it is time for you to choose your winner!

Voting closes on the 14th of February. Scan the QR code to vote!



Hot stuff!

A group of students from S3, 4 and 5, along with some of our wonderful community volunteers, were treated to an insightful and interesting composting workshop at the Abundant Borders community garden. Pete explained the fundamentals of their well-planned composting system, the results of which they use to support their adopted “no dig” system. We are excited to start implementing similar composting techniques in school, from collecting the organic waste that we generate in school, composting it in a (soon to be) well-organised system and then using it to growing new plants.

Huge thanks to Karen and Pete at Abundant Borders for an inspiring morning, and to SBCAN for supporting our composting project.



Eyemouth High School

2025 CAREERS FAIR

Thurs 6th March 4-7pm

Stalls confirmed: Army, Galedin Vets, Simpsons Malt, Police Scotland, British Gas, NHS Borders, Heriot Watt, Hastings Legal, Graham Reid, RAF, Glasgow Cali, Haven, Borders College, plus LOTS more!

Career Insight Talks:

4.15 - Royal Navy
4.45 - University of St Andrews
5.15 - Galedin Vets
5.45 - Careers in Architecture



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Revision

Mrs Bewsey's Higher Class Intervention: Grade Booster Monday Lunchtimes EN01

Mrs Feeney's English help session Monday at Lunchtime in ENG 04

Mrs Bewsey's National 5 Class Intervention: Grade Booster Tuesday Lunchtimes EN01
Bring Lunch

Mrs Feeney's English help session Wednesday after school

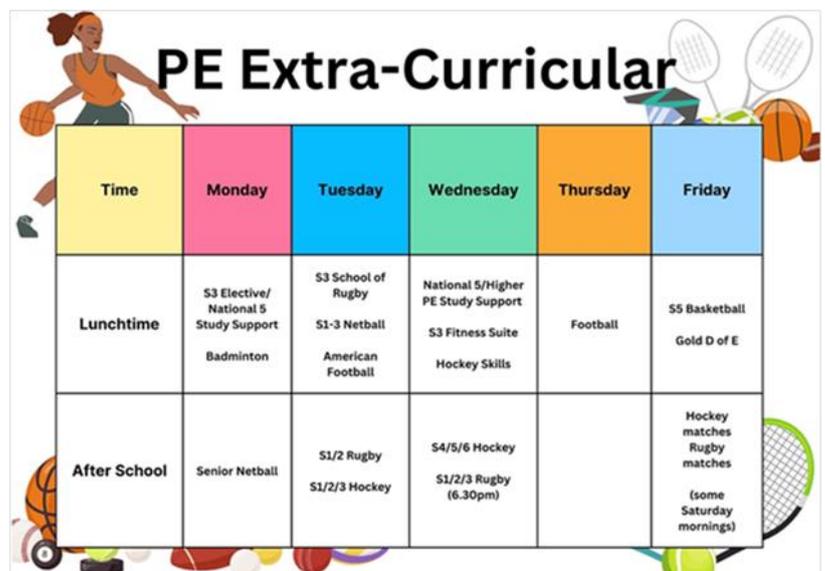
What's on in PE?

Please see our very busy timetable of varying activities in the PE department for students to attend during the week:

**please note that PE kit is required to attend any lunch/after school practical clubs.*

At several extra-curricular clubs this week we have had many discussions regarding appropriate clothing. As we know, the Scottish weather is very unpredictable, so please come to any clubs or fixtures both during and after school prepared for all weathers with:

- Plenty of warm layers that can be added or removed.
- Sport specific equipment; mouthguard, shin pads etc.
- Hat, gloves, scarf.
- Waterproof clothing.
- Any personal medication /inhalers.
- Sun cream.
- A dry change.
- Hair bobbles.
- Plenty of water.
- Food/snacks.



The image shows a colorful timetable titled "PE Extra-Curricular". The table has two rows: "Lunchtime" and "After School", and six columns: "Time", "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", and "Friday". The cells contain details of activities for each day and time slot.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	S3 Elective/ National 5 Study Support Badminton	S3 School of Rugby S1-3 Netball American Football	National 5/Higher PE Study Support S3 Fitness Suite Hockey Skills	Football	S5 Basketball Gold D of E
After School	Senior Netball	S1/2 Rugby S1/2/3 Hockey	S4/5/6 Hockey S1/2/3 Rugby (6.30pm)		Hockey matches Rugby matches (some Saturday mornings)

Royal Institution Mathematic Masterclasses

The school has been invited to nominate a select group of S2 students to participate in the Royal Institution Masterclasses in Mathematics. These Masterclasses are hosted at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Napier University, and the University of Edinburgh, with sessions available both in person and via Zoom.

The Ri Masterclasses are a series of engaging workshops led by mathematics experts from industry, academia, and education. Their goal is to inspire young people by showcasing the beauty and wonder of mathematics while fostering a genuine sense of enjoyment in the subject. These sessions provide students with an opportunity to explore mathematical topics in depth, going beyond the standard curriculum.

We are pleased to announce that the following pupils were accepted for this great opportunity:

M Blake

T Brown

L Burgon

A Gianniotis

F L-Batley

M Melvin

J Nisbet

A Potts

J O'Donnell

A Rushford

C Stephens