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February 14th, 2025

Message from SLT

Happy Valentine's Day to all! It's been a really busy half-term, full of prelims, storms, dark mornings and even burst water main drama! I've been impressed by the dedication of staff and pupils to work hard and achieve in everything they are doing. We have now a short break to recharge then the really important work of finishing assignments and coursework, completing assessments and preparing for exams begins. Mixed in is the coursing process for next year's study. You will find details in this newsletter every week of assessments coming up and study opportunities - please look at these closely. On our website there is a comprehensive list of these for the year - [Assessment Calendar and Study Information](#)

Upcoming events

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
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
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	05.03.25
Admin and IT	National 5	Mrs Martin	Assignment Part 2	07.03.25
Physics	Higher	Dr Lymer	Electricity	7.03.25
Science	2P4	Ms Le-Mar	Body Systems	11.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 1	12.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 2	12.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 2	12.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Textual Analysis	13.03.25
Science	2P1	Ms Le-Mar	Electricity	14.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	Paper 2	19.03.25
Media	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Full exam paper	19.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	19.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Feeney	Paper 1	19.03.25
Media	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Full exam paper	20.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	Critical essay	20.03.25
English	National 5	Mrs Bewsey	RUAЕ	26.03.25
English	Higher	Mrs Bewsey	RUAЕ	26.03.25
Admin and IT	Higher	Mrs Martin	Assignment	28.03.25

Hockey

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and bought from our hockey bake sale last week, after a final count we are delighted to announce that we managed to raise **£170** which will go towards the cost of buses to games! Thank you as always for supporting this, whether you baked or donated, and we hope you enjoyed some sweet treats!

Dates for your hockey diary:

- **Friday 7th of March (afternoon)** – rescheduled fixture away at **Berwickshire High School**. Details TBC closer to the time.
- **Friday 21st of March (afternoon)** – **S3 Tournament** (combination of an S2/3 team) @ **Tweedbank Sports Complex**. Details TBC closer to the time.
- **Saturday 22nd of March (morning)** – **S1 Tournament @ Jedburgh Grammar Campus**. Details TBC closer to the time.

Expressive Arts Final Practical Performance exams

Music National 5 and Higher: Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March - each student has been given a specific examination time - please check TEAMS!

Drama National 5: Tuesday 18th March - ALL DAY

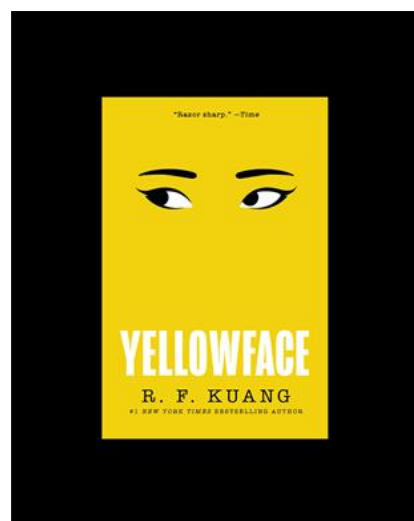
Drama Higher: Thursday 27th March - ALL DAY

Drama Adv Higher: Wednesday 23rd April - 9.30am

PERFORMANCE ENRICHMENT: Rehearsals going well for our abridged version of 'ANNIE' and tickets will be on sale week beginning Monday 10th March - watch this space!

Looking for your next read?

Yellow face is a story about a struggling author, June Hayward, witnessing her best friend, Athena, experience a tragic accident and die. June then steals Athena's current manuscript and attempts to pass it off as her own. She successfully sells the book but doing so has to lie and change who she is as a person. The book brings up challenging issues such as racial privilege, cultural sensitivity and personal integrity. The fast paced with neither strictly good or bad characters make this book highly engaging while the underlying themes add interest and open your eyes to the harsh reality of the publishing world.



Message from assemblies

Chaplains have been into school this week continuing our message of kindness. They have been reminding us of the Golden Rule - that we should do to others just as we would expect them to do to you. They have emphasised the importance and benefits of being kind to all involved!

Rugby

A restful weekend was had by all rugby players last weekend with no luck in finding an opponent! However, no rest this weekend for the Berwickshire Schools S1 & 2 as they will face Berwick and Kelso teams in a Round Robin format at Berwickshire High school on Saturday morning kicking off at 10am. The Berwickshire U15 team will travel to Kelso to play their U15 team in what are always competitive fixtures. Good luck to all!

Love Story winner

Congratulations to Mrs Feeney who won the Love Story photo competition! Thank you to everyone who voted- there will be another competition next month for World Book Day.

Why not spend some time this week reading a book you love?



British Physics Olympiad Success

Well done to all the Physics students who have taken part in the British Physics Olympiad Competitions so far this year! The competition questions require excellent problem-solving skills to and the ability to apply physics concepts to new situations.

Isaac and Szymon achieved Bronze I and Bronze II awards respectively in the AH level competition. This is an excellent achievement, well done!

Students taking Higher Physics had the opportunity to take part in the Online Multiple-Choice Competition.

The next competitions are:
Higher Physics – Senior Physics Challenge written paper on Friday 7th March
N5 Physics – Intermediate Physics Challenge written paper on Friday 28th February



Speak to Ms Le-Mar if you would like to take part.

Teamwork on the Allotment

Following the brilliant composting workshop at Abundant Borders last week, we've been implementing some of the principles that we learnt. This is our first attempt at "no dig" where we removed any seed heads from the remaining weeds and then covered the bed in cardboard. After warming our hands (perhaps we should have removed the tape and labels from the cardboard boxes in the heated greenhouse!), we then emptied the contents of our five (cold) composting bins and seaweed fertiliser over the bed. It was pleasing to see how our "homemade" compost had produced a fine, loose, soil-like material - so (green) fingers crossed, it will provide the perfect environment for the new growing season. This was a joint effort between both Horticulture classes and great to see such efficient teamwork.



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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Macbeth

Mrs Bewsey, Mrs Feeney and seventeen S4 pupils attended the screening of Macbeth at the Maltings on Wednesday evening. The performance was amazing and seeing the play being performed on stage, brought the story alive for our pupils.

The stage production was powerful and we all thoroughly enjoyed the performance.



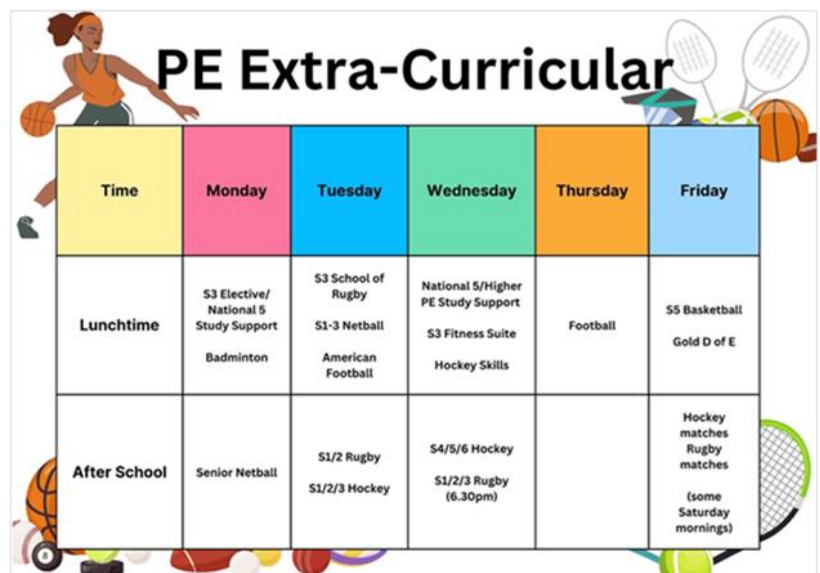
What's on in PE?

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.



PE Extra-Curricular

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)

Coming soon “Left to their Own Devices?” workshop

When and where?

Monday 10th March 10am-12pm (Galashiels)
or
Tuesday 11th March 10am – 12pm (Coldstream)

Free Booking

www.tickettailor.com/events/parentspace

What to expect?

The session is made up of video clips and discussion time which will allow parents/carers to gain some insight and understanding of the online world that our children and young people inhabit.

We'll explore the impact of the digital world on teenagers and younger children.

Give practical advice and resources for you to take home on screen time, social media and consumer culture.

Tackle some of the more serious issues such as online bullying, grooming and pornography.

Trigger Warning

Some parts of this workshop include discussions on pornography and sexting which some people may find distressing.

If you'd like more information on this before signing up please contact sarah@parentspace.org.uk.

You are also free to leave the session and come back at any point.

Feedback

Like all our courses, this is a Care for the Family product, designed by a team of psychologists and researchers in the UK.

Left to their Own Devices was released in 2021 and is currently being updated, and ParentSpace are part of their consultation process.

We see this course as an opportunity for you to contribute to that process, and we welcome your input, experience, and feedback.



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