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Mrs E. Ormerod
Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Update

P6 & 7 Concert

Last week the Music Department invited Primary 6 & 7 pupils, who receive lessons with Midlothian Instrumental Service, to work collaboratively alongside our dedicated music instructors and DHS pupils in various musical workshops. These talented pupils worked hard all day to learn a variety of music, before showcasing their hard work to parents in an afternoon concert.



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had an amazing week at school, made all the better with this amazing weather!

Last Thursday we had our school prom which was honestly one of the best proms I have ever been to. The pupils were a delight to spend time with. The dj and the photographer separately emailed the school to report how polite and courteous our pupils were. A really fitting tribute to our lovely S6 cohort.

While we said goodbye to our S6 cohort, we welcomed our new S6 cohort who really have had an impressive start. Last week, eight of our new S6 pupils put themselves forward for the School Captains positions at school. They took part in a hustings event on Thursday in front of the whole school. Their presentations were well prepared, thought provoking and full of enthusiasm. Interviews for these positions take place on Friday the 16th and we wish all candidates the very best of luck.

Sports day took place on Tuesday this week. It was amazing to see so many of our young people take part. A huge thank you to the PE faculty and our sports and rec pupils who ran all of the events. There was a brilliant school spirit on the day and it was so lovely to see our pupils have fun and enjoy themselves at school. Congratulations to all the winners and participants!

Our P7 pupils were welcomed to Dalkeith High School this week. They have had fun following their new timetables and enjoying some of the new subjects on offer at secondary school. Well done to everyone as I know this can be an anxious time! We can't wait to have them back in August.

I was beaming with pride on Thursday night as I delivered academic and wider achievement awards to our BGE pupils. The talents of our young people are so impressive! Keep up the fantastic work! I am so proud of you all!

Recruitment has continued this week and I can confirm that we have appointed -

A new Maths Teacher, Chris Stirling, who will replace Mr Kirk Shaw.
A new, fixed term, Geography teacher, Lucy McIntosh, who will temporarily replace Mr Stuart Cormack
A new Pupil Care and Welfare officer, Emma McBride

All staff members will join us at the start of the academic year.

There will be more staffing updates next week as recruitment continues for a Principal Teacher of Enhanced and Complex Needs and Teacher of Spanish.

Next week we will celebrate the Expressive Arts Showcase. This will take place on Wednesday and I would encourage you to come watch, listen and view our young people's creative talents. On Thursday the 22nd we will be fundraising for Syria/ Ukraine across the whole school day. This is a day organised by our S3 pupils. They have done an amazing job creating activities for everyone to enjoy.

Enjoy the sun this weekend.

Emma Ormerod

Alton Towers!

The bus for Alton Towers will leave at 12:15 am on Mon 26th June.

Further Details will be emailed home and put on posters around the school.

DALKEITH HIGH SCHOOL
**EXPRESSIVE ARTS
SHOWCASE**
21ST JUNE 2023
18.00 - 20.30



TICKET PRICE: £3 (UNDER 5'S GO FREE)
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

DofE Gold Expedition

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants completed their assessment expedition from the 3rd - 6th June through the beautiful Great Glen. The group started at Dores on the shores of Loch Ness. It was a flat calm day and the sun was shining - absolutely perfect conditions for canoeing. After a fairly relaxed start the wind soon picked up which made for more challenging conditions on Loch Ness. Despite the winds and the rough waters the group made it to their first campsite at Foyers where they had a lovely evening enjoying the sun by the lochside. The next day saw the group heading for the end of the Loch and Fort Augustus. Again it was a really windy day which created some extremely challenging canoeing conditions along the loch. Everyone did fantastically well and powered on through despite the large swell on the loch! Having reached Fort Augustus the team portaged their canoes to the top of the locks then headed onto the final stretch of the day before camping in the trees at Kytra. Day three saw the group up early for what was to be the longest of the expedition. After a very pleasant paddle along the canal section the group were soon at Lagan and then onto Loch Lochy. Again the wind was blowing but at least it was at their backs so it didn't take too long to paddle the 15km or so down to their last wild campsite at Clunes. After a final night under canvas and brilliant bonfire on the lochside beach, the group set off on their final day - heading for Fort William. After completing the final section of Loch Lochy the group were back on the canal for the home stretch. Another beautiful section of canal was to follow before finally completing the expedition at the top of Neptune's Staircase. A truly incredible achievement and one which will surely live on in the memories of these intrepid explorers for years to come! Well done everybody and we look forward to seeing you all at Holyrood Palace when you will formally receive your awards!





**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Dalkeith High School

who spent

1417 Hours

volunteering between

1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

£6814

A handwritten signature in black ink.

RUTH MARVEL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

June 2023

Staff Health & Wellbeing Session



On Friday 9 June, staff took part in a Health & Wellbeing session after school led by Mrs Gatti and Mr Agnew.

There were many activities on offer, including: Art, Golf, Body Pump, Trail Running, Cookery, Tai Chi, Woodturning, Botanical Facial Experience and Fly Fishing! Mr McGlade led a Health & Wellbeing session in the apiary. Staff were buzzing after the experience and Mr Knight overcame his fear of the bees.

Mrs Ormerod, Mrs Kyle and Mrs Sutherland enjoyed trying their hands at woodturning in a session led by Mrs Kane. I think you will agree that their results are fantastic!

Staff really enjoyed the afternoon and feel refreshed and ready to take on the last couple of weeks of term. More photos on the next page...



Staff Health & Wellbeing Session



Ms Muir led “a guided facial to refresh and revive your skin as we head in to the warmer summer months. We used some beautiful wild harvested and organic products in this full facial routine to give skin and mind a restful treat.”



A great afternoon of golf for staff at Duddingston Golf Club.

1st - Shaun 'always wins' Gordon

2nd - Daniel 'the bandit' Holligan

3rd - Fraser 'haven't played in years!' Agnew



COMMUNITY FUND

COOKERY CLASS

WITH CHEF ANDREA WARD

SIGN UP FOR A 3-WEEK COURSE

Two three week cookery class courses on Tuesdays 12pm-2pm at the One Dalkeith Hub. Learn some basic kitchen skills and tips on how to cook on a budget.

13TH-27TH JUNE & 4TH-18TH JULY

Classes are FREE to sign up email businessmanager@onedalkeith.info

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Dalkeith, EH22 1AG

COMMUNITY FUND

Pop-Up Community Restaurant

Supper Club

One Dalkeith

EVERYONE WELCOME

DROP-IN EVERY WEDNESDAY

AT THE ONE DALKEITH HUB

21 ESKDAILL COURT, DALKEITH

3:30PM - 7:30PM

FREE ACTIVITIES, SNACKS & SUPPER FOR ALL

ACTIVITIES VARY & INCLUDE, SEWING, TABLE TENNIS, POOL, BOARD GAMES, GAMES CONSOLES, MOVIES & WORKSHOPS

FOOD SERVED AT 5:30PM DROP IN ANYTIME

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DROP IN NO NEED TO BOOK

FREE FOOD AND ACTIVITIES

7TH OF JUNE MENU

SUMMER HERB FRITTATA
MIXED SALAD

VEGGIE PASTA BAKE
BOLOGNESE PASTA BAKE

ETON MESS

ONE DALKEITH, 21 ESKDAILL COURT, DALKEITH

BIKE WORKSHOP

21st of June from 3:30pm

Get your bike ready for the Summer! Pop into the One Dalkeith Hub, where experienced bike mechanics can service and carry out small repairs on your bike for FREE!

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One DALKEITH
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SQA Art Exhibition

"Flair" a celebration of creativity, is an online art exhibition created by the SQA which celebrates the work from selected pupils across Scotland's secondary schools. Work was selected from Art and Design, Photography and Fashion and Textiles from session 2021-22.

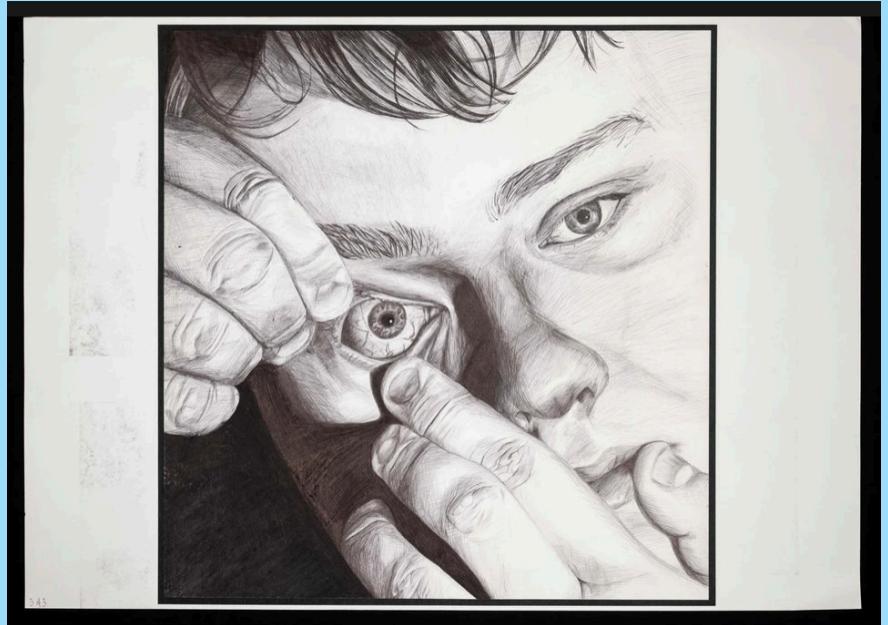
Owen Carlisle (formally S6) features in the creative exhibition as his work was selected as exceptional practice by the SQA.

Check out Owens excellent expressive portrait as well as other work from across Scotland schools here: <https://www.flair.sqa.org.uk>

Owen

Dalkeith High School

Aristotle's poetics inspired me to create a work that evoked fear. I wanted to push this and I thought the eyes would be the best way to create a universal and relatable sense of fear. I was also inspired by the contrast in Caravaggio's art and the loose but descriptive work in Munch's prints.



Library Monitor of the Year

Congratulations to Richie our Library Monitor of the year. A big thank you for all her hard work in the School Library and her enthusiasm for reading and writing. She is always eager to help make displays and was an integral part of the Dungeons and Dragons Club being set up.



Next Issue

Look out for Athletics news and some great photos from our amazing Sports Day in the next issue!



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