



Dalkeith HS Bulletin

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S2 Expressive Owl Paintings by; Vaila, Rebecca, Abby, Sol, Ashley, Antonia, Natalia, Maisie and Rowen



Mrs E. Ormerod
Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Update

Captain's Column



Last week, our House Captains were announced. We are delighted to say that our Lothian House Captains for this year are Harry Falconer and Jessica Barlow. Dalhousie House Captain is Ollie Henderson, Buccleuch; Lewis Johnson and Fazan Raja. And finally, Melville House Captains are Jack McDermott, Murray McDermott and Lewis Bourke. Keep a look out for House Challenges and the revival of Merits to gain House Points. We are excited to see what they will bring to DHS.

As spooky season is just around the corner, this year the S1 Halloween Disco will make a return! The disco will be on Monday the 30th of October after school at the Campus. Keep your eyes peeled for posters around the school. More information will be coming soon, which will include details about tickets and the schedule for the evening. Hope to see you there!

Other announcements;

S1 Halloween Disco is back this year!! It will be Monday the 30th after school at the Campus. More information coming soon, keep your eyes peeled for posters.

S6 Leavers Graduation will be Thursday the 18th of April

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our School Captains are off to a great start with their planning for the year ahead. You will see in this edition of the school bulletin that they have a dedicated section to tell you what they have been up to throughout the week. They will post an article in each edition of the bulletin to keep you all up-to-date.

Last week we announced all of our house captains. Congratulations to all the successful S6 candidates and well done to all who put themselves forward for a leadership role within the school. Please see the school captains' article for the names of our house captains this year!

All pupils are now taking part in a litter picking rota to ensure both our school campus and local community are kept tidy. We have seen an improvement with regards to litter across the school since assemblies and I want to thank our pupils for their continued efforts.

Last week we appointed Fraser Agnew and Gayle Gatti as Principal Teachers of Physical Education, with a whole school remit of Health and Wellbeing. Congratulations to both members of staff. Our Spanish Teacher advert is currently live and we expect to interview after the October holidays.

Our Senior Phase tracking closed last week and all faculties are currently in the process of putting interventions in place for pupils in S4-S6 who are not

achieving the expected target grade. Finally the SQA have announced the Exam timetable for 2024. Please follow the link below for access to the timetable and details on how to download the mySQA app.

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/1439.html>

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Emma Ormerod



Dress Code

Yes:

- School Hoodie / Zip-up (No tie expected)
- Plain Black Jumper / Cardigan (With white shirt & School tie)
- White full length t-shirt / shirt / blouse / polo-shirt
- Plain black jeans / trousers / skirt
- Black trainers (white sole/stripe acceptable) / Black shoes / Black boots

No:

- Non-school logos on t-shirts, cardigans, jumpers
- Baseball caps or hats
- Sports or football tops / tracksuits / joggers
- Blue / Grey / ripped or faded denim
- Cropped tops showing midriff
- Leggings (except with a skirt)
- Coloured trainers, crocs or sliders



Determined Happy Successful

In the Classroom...



Senior NPA Art pupils have been preparing stencils ready to be used to create a series of Screen Prints on the theme of 'Scotland'.



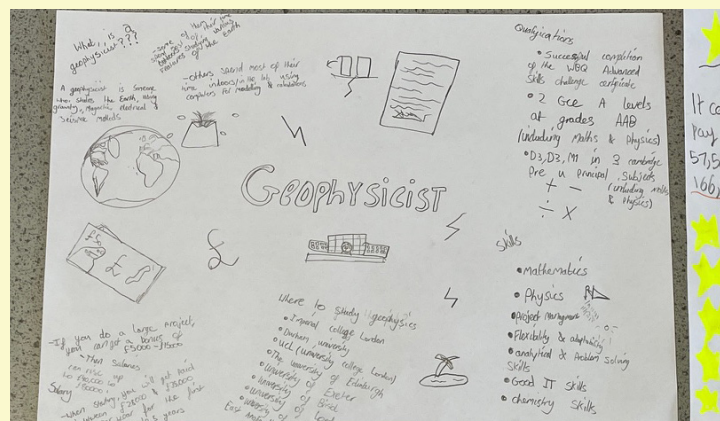
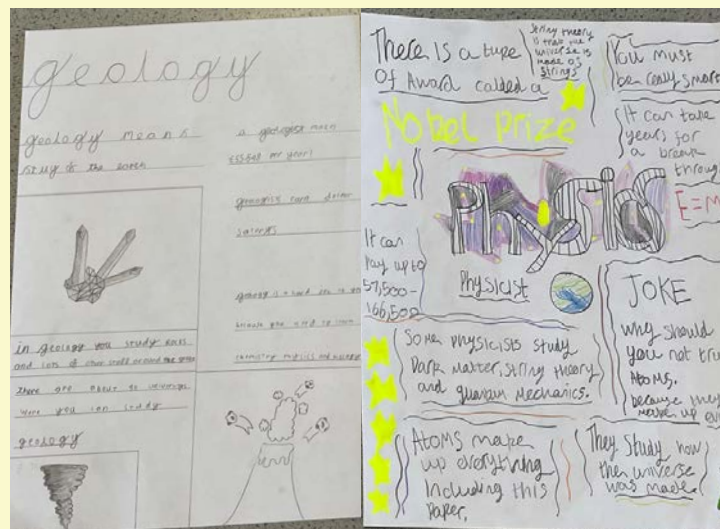
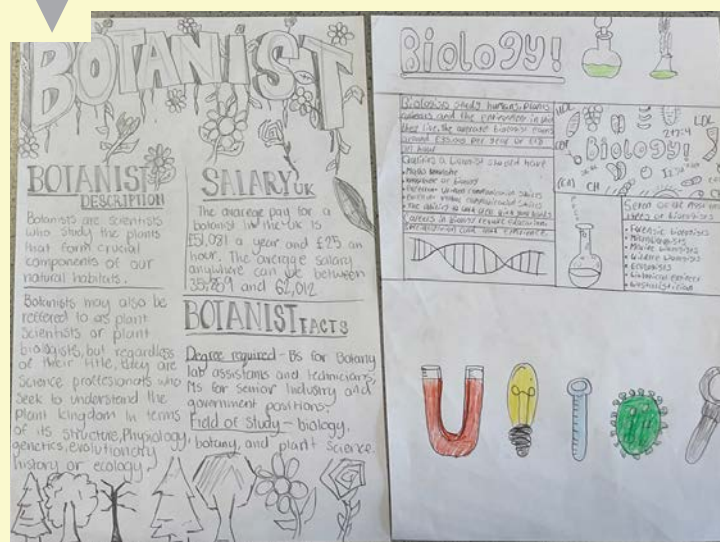
Advanced Higher Art pupils have been creating artworks for their personalised portfolios in animation and illustration.



Senior Art and Design pupils have been working on developing their practical folios. They have been exploring Design by focussing on Graphics or Body Adornment.

In the Classroom...

Ms Miller's S1 class have been researching careers in science and these are some of the information posters they have produced. We are very impressed with the creativity and effort!



We've got Chills

they're multipliyin' And we're losin' control, because the Expressive Arts Faculty are excited to announce Dalkeith High School's first School Show back from Covid - Grease! Audition sign-ups are on the 3rd of October, with auditions taking place on the 25th of October.

Grease Auditions

25th October 2023

Sign up on Tuesday 3rd October at Lunch
Miss Dunion - BGE
Miss Thomson - Senior

GREASE

Are you the one that we want?

Monday Lunch Clubs

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
1.05-1.45	Badminton	S4-6	Games Hall 1	Aaron C
12.15-12.55	Sfl Club	All are welcome	G216	Mrs Jardine
12.15-12.55	Match of the Day	S1-3	Nurture Base F3.01	Mr Cormack
1.05	Nat 5 Biology	S4-6	Science	Mrs Kellagher

Tuesday Lunch Clubs

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
12.15-12.55	Badminton	S1-3	Games Hall 1	S5/S6 Vol & Cameron E
1.05-1.45	Volleyball	S4-6	Games Hall 1	Alan O, Logan S, Ben I
12.15-12.55	SFL Club	All are welcome	G216	Mrs Jardine
12.15-12.55	Film Club	S1-3	Nurture Base F3.01	Mr Cormack
1.05	Nat 5 Maths Apps	S4-6	F1.22	Mr May
12.15	STEAM club	S1	F2.33	Ms Mac/Ms Maitland

Wednesday Lunch Clubs

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
1.05-1.45	Table Tennis	S4-6	Games Hall 1	Max M, Harvey H, Cameron S, Adam B, Tristan T
Nov—Mar 12.15-12.55	Dodgeball	S1-3	Games Hall 1	Sport and Rec - Andrew M, Will M
12.15-12.55	Sfl Club	All are welcome	G216	Mrs Jardine
12.15-12.55	Games and Jigsaws	S1-3	Nurture Base F3.01	Mr Cormack

Thursday Lunch Clubs

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
Sept-December 12.15-12.55	American Football	S1/2	Games Hall 1	Campbell, Murray
1.05-1.45	Fitness Suite	S4-6	Games Hall 1	Lucy, Anastasia
12.15-12.55	Sfl Club	All are welcome	G216	Mrs Jardine
12.15-12.55	Quiet Space	S1-3	Nurture Base F3.01	Mr Cormack
1.05-1.45	Chemistry & Physics Study Clubs	S4-6	F2.25	Mrs Lawson
1.05-1.45	Biology	S4-6	Science	Mr Craig
1.05-1.45	Biology	S4-6	Science	Ms Miller/MsMac
1.05-1.45	Higher Biology	S4-6	F2.33	Ms Maitland

Monday After School

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
3.25-4.15pm	Fitness	S1-3	Fitness Suite	Mrs Wilson Black/Aaron C/Jay M
3.25-4.15pm	Basketball	S1-3	Games Hall 1	Mr Cartwright/Celina W
3.25-4.15pm	Hockey	All	Games Hall 2	Freya M/Evie M/Rachel T
3.25-4.15pm	Football	S1	Astro	Kenzie B/Danny R/Finlay M
3.25-4.15pm	Netball	All	Games Hall 3	Mrs Blackhall , Miss Adams
3.30-4.30	Drama	S1-3	G770	Miss Thomson
3.30– 4.30	Nat 5 Apps Maths & All levels Maths	S4-6	F1.14	Mrs Harcourt-Gill
3.30 - 4.30	N5 Maths	S4-6	F1.17	Mr King

Tuesday After School

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
3.25-4.15pm	Fitness	S3-6	Fitness Suite	Mr Duncan
3.25-4.15pm	Athletics	All	Track	Mrs Wilson, Venus L, Kieran A
3.30-4.30	Drama Study club	S4-6	G770	Miss Thomson

Wednesday After School

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
3.25-4.15pm	Football	Girls Campus squad	Astro	Miss Piskowski
3.25-4.15pm	Badminton	S3-6	Games Hall 1 and 2	Mr Agnew/Mr Hamilton
3.25-4.15pm	Senior Football	Selected squad	Grass	Mr Galbraith
3.25-4.15pm	Rugby	All	Grass	Miss Phillips
3.25-4.15pm	Football	U15 selected squad	Astro	Stuart Mclay
3.25-4.45	Art and Photography Study club	S4-6	Art	Mrs Zielinski
3.30-4.30	Engineering science and Design and Manufacture	S4-6	G2.16	Mr Tams
3.30-4.30	Maths Higher	S4-6	F1.22	Mr May
3.30—4.30	Nat 5 Maths and Nat 3 Apps	S4-6	F1.23	Mr Stirling

Thursday After School

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
3.25-4.15pm	Volleyball	S3-6	Games Hall 1	Mrs Gatti
3.25-4.15pm	Rugby	All	Grass Pitches	Mr Dale, Finlay Gordon
3.25-4.45	Warhammer	All welcome—(PLEASE COLLECT A LETTER FROM Mrs Zielinski)	Art	Mrs Zielinski
3.25—4.15	Higher Maths Apps All levels Maths	S4-6	F112	Mrs Shankland
3.30-4.30	Maths Nat 5	S4-6	F1.20	Mr Gibbs

Friday After School

When?	Activity	Who for?	Where?	Leader
1.05	Maths Advanced Higher	S6	F1.20	Mr Gibbs

"Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind."

Bruce Lee



take notice

Stop for a moment and look for the beautiful things around you. Look for the things in your room that make you smile or go outside and feel the warmth of the sun or the cool breeze on your face. Go to a place that makes you feel good, take a deep breath, look, listen and relax.

Background image by Ellie, Higher Photography

Midlothian Council is conducting a survey on outdoor play spaces. Children and young people, share your thoughts on where you play and hang out with friends. Take the survey here:

<https://midlothiancouncil.citizenspace.com/planning/playingoutsidesurvey/>



Fort Kinnaird Jobs Fair

Thursday 5th October 2023
10am – 1pm

Recruitment and Skills Centre 31 Fleming House,
Fort Kinnaird, Edinburgh, EH15 3RD

Are you looking for a job in
retail or hospitality?

Come along to our Jobs Fair to secure
your chance to speak directly with Fort
Kinnaird employers.

Seasonal opportunities available!

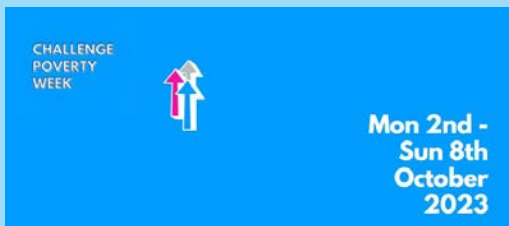
To book a slot or to find out further information,
Please Email: enquiries@rscfortkinnaird.co.uk

Equity in Dalkeith High School

This year we will continue to strive for Equity across our whole school and wider learning community.

Challenge Poverty Week

Next week is Challenge Poverty Week, an opportunity for our school to raise its voice against poverty and unite with others across Scotland in thinking about how we can challenge, mitigate and reduce poverty in our settings. In PSE all year groups will be taking part in the Big Question activity encouraging us to think about how we as a school can support our school community and I look forward to sharing the exciting ideas our young people come up with.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club continues to run every morning from 8am until 8.40am from the Nurture base. All welcome.

Essentials Hub

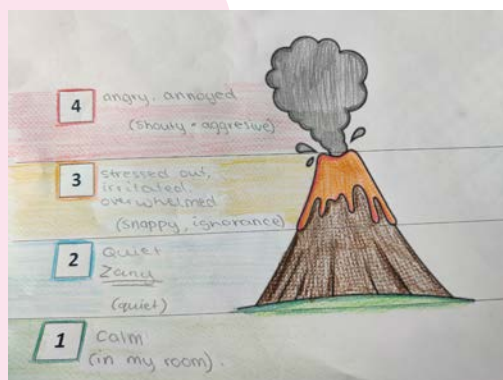
As the winter draws in and the need for warm clothing becomes necessary we would like to remind our young people and families that we have a number of warm jackets available in various sizes as well as essential toiletries. If you would like to access either of these resources please contact your child's house team.

Uniform Bank

While all our young people are looking very smart in the new school dress code, we appreciate that sourcing appropriate garments can be expensive. Our plan is to start a Uniform Bank where clothing can be accessed for free. We would greatly appreciate any donations of good quality hoodies, shirts or trousers/jeans which can be handed into the school office.

Nurture News

In Nurture over the last few weeks we have been learning about emotions and how to manage them. Pupils have been doing activities to help them name their emotions and identify their actions when feeling stressed or angry. This week we have been looking at activities which help keep us happy and calm including painting, exercise, music and being out in nature. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at strategies which help regulate our emotions when we are upset.



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