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Calling all budding Skiers!

We are looking to enter a team for the Midlothian Schools' Downhill Ski Race again this year which is due to take place on Wednesday 6th December at Hillend. Whether you are a Novice who can ski from the Middle station or an advanced level skier, we would love to hear from you. Last year we had great success so we would love to build on that this year. Please see Mrs Gatti in PE asap as closing date for entries is 27th November.



Lost Property!

We have a number of items of lost property which have been handed in to the school office over the past few months. If you have lost something in the school, can you come to the office to give a description so that we can check if we have it. Unclaimed items, that we have had for some time, will be passed to charity before the Christmas break.

Dear Parent/Carer,

I know it probably seems like a long time since the October holiday but I hope you all had a restful break with family and friends. Since then, all staff engaged in a training session with ADHD UK, to help us develop strategies to support young people who are diagnosed or who have neurodiverse traits. This professional development will continue throughout the year as we practise the strategies we learnt on the day.

On Thursday last week we welcomed all of our P7 parents and young people. Each faculty shared curricular information and throughout the evening there were a number of learning experiences which P7 pupils could take part in. It was brilliant to see the enthusiasm from our current S1 as they showed off their school. Our S1 pupils also led P7 pupils through science experiments, football sessions, cooking and more. The night was supported by our senior pupils who took parents and pupils on a tour of the school. I want to thank all parents/carers and P7 pupils for attending. We are looking forward to welcoming you back for more transition events across the year.

On Monday of this week we had our first quality assurance visit of the year. This focused on leadership of change and self-evaluation for self-improvement. We shared developments around our raising attainment and attendance strategy. The review team gave positive feedback about

the pace of change in the school and could see evidence of impact on young people as a result of our new strategies. I am delighted with the outcome of this visit and will continue to work hard with staff, pupils and parents to continue to make important improvements in Dalkeith High School.

We ended that Monday on an even bigger high, with the S1 Halloween disco. This event was organised by our School Captains and House Captains. They arranged music and games for the night. They put in a huge amount of effort to make decorations and without doubt it was a great success.

We are currently in the process of organising our careers and curriculum evening for the 21st of November. We have a huge number of representatives from universities, colleges, industry and more, coming on the night. Our own staff will also be available to explain curricular pathways and employability opportunities within their subject area. This evening is open to all pupils and parents and I would encourage you to attend. See further details in this bulletin.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the bulletin.

Emma Ormerod

In the Classroom...



S2 Art and Design pupils have been having a hoot making some clay owls. I'm sure you'll agree that their owls are very cute!

Holyrood Trip

Recently, the History Department ran a trip to Holyrood Palace and Edinburgh Castle to coincide with our 'Mary Queen of Scots' unit. Pupils were taken back in time on a tour of the Palace with over 900 years of History. Queen Mary resided at Holyrood Palace until her forced abdication in 1567. Pupils got to see first hand where Mary lived and ruled and the supposed mark where her close friend David Rizzio was dramatically murdered! To add to the experience, we visited Edinburgh Castle where we spent the morning exploring multiple attractions on offer. Pupils had the opportunity to see the Scottish Crown Jewels, the National War Museum, Mons Meg and much more. The weather allowed for a pleasant walk down the Royal Mile where pupils could really immerse themselves in the ancient history of Edinburgh. Overall, it was a fantastic day out and a wonderful opportunity for our S3 pupils to see first hand the History we have been studying in class. Many thanks to Ms Riddell, Mr Wilson, Miss McIntosh and Mrs McBride for their help on the trip.



In the Library...

Congratulations to Ashley our Library Monitor of the month for October. A big thank you for all her hard work in the School Library and her enthusiasm for reading and writing.



A big thank you to Ashley and Leah for organising our Halloween party for our S1-S3. They had pass the parcel, word-searches and they even set up the film - Coraline for the pupils to watch. A great time was had by all.



Amazing Grace!

Grace Sharp of S3L competed at the The Classic Challenge Gymnastics 2023 recently & has secured herself a place in the Scottish Team for British Finals. This will take place in Guildford on 8-10th December, where she alongside 5 other team-mates from all over Scotland will compete against the rest of the UK. This is a huge achievement & getting to compete alongside the best in the UK is amazing! This photo was when she found out she'd secured her spot!



 A graphic with a network diagram of white circles connected by lines, and a yellow heart icon with a network symbol inside. The background is a modern building with large windows.

connect

Being connected makes us feel good. Text a friend or family member. Say "hi" to an old friend. Set up a group chat with people who have similar interests or join a club. Talk to a teacher. Making connections is just one of the steps you can take to improve your wellbeing.

"Small steps can help people make big changes to achieve what they really desire. That wish isn't going to go anywhere unless you do something about it. Every day, just do one thing. At the end of six months, you'll be somewhere."

Marlo Thomas

Background image by Katrina, Higher Photography

Dalkeith High School

Formal Assessment Calendar 2023

Date	Course	Level	Paper	Time	Venue
Mon 4 Dec (Morning)	Biology	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 11:30	Assembly Hall
	Biology	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 9:40	Assembly Hall
	Biology	H	Paper 2	10:10 - 12:30	Assembly Hall
	Biology	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 12:00	Assembly Hall
	Human Biology	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 9:40	Assembly Hall
	Human Biology	H	Paper 2	10:10 - 12:30	Assembly Hall
Mon 4 Dec (Afternoon)	Art & Design	N5	Paper 1	1:15 - 2:00	Assembly Hall
	Art & Design	H	Paper 1	1:15 - 2:30	Assembly Hall
	Spanish	N5	Paper 1 - Reading & Writing	12:30 - 2:00	Library
	Spanish	N5	Paper 2 - Listening	2:30 - 3:00	G221
Tues 5 Dec (Morning)	English	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:30	Assembly Hall
	English	H	Paper 2	11:00 - 12:30	Assembly Hall
	English	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:30	Assembly Hall
Tues 5 Dec (Afternoon)	English	AH	Paper 2	11:00 - 12:30	Assembly Hall
	Drama	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:30	Assembly Hall
	Music	AH	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:30	F303
Wed 6 Dec (Morning)	Application of Mathematics	N5	Paper 1	09:00 - 9:45	Library
	Application of Mathematics	N5	Paper 2	10:15 - 11:30	Library
	Application of Mathematics	H	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:30	F112
	Politics	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:05	Library
Wed 6 Dec (Afternoon)	Politics	H	Paper 2	10:35 - 11:25	Library
	History	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:30	Assembly Hall
Thurs 7 Dec (Morning)	Photography	H	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:00	Assembly Hall
	English	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:00	Assembly Hall
	English	N5	Paper 2	10:30 - 12:00	Assembly Hall
Thurs 7 Dec (Afternoon)	Modern Studies	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 11:00	Library
	Practical Cake Craft	N5	Paper 1	12:45 - 2:15	Assembly Hall
	Engineering Science	N5	Paper 1	12:45 - 2:35	Assembly Hall
	Engineering Science	H	Paper 1	12:45 - 3:15	Assembly Hall
	Engineering Science	AH	Paper 1	12:45 - 2:15	Assembly Hall
	Music	H	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:00	F303
Fri 8 Dec	Mathematics	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 9:45	Assembly Hall
	Mathematics	N5	Paper 2	10:30 - 11:45	Assembly Hall
	Mathematics	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:00	Assembly Hall
	Mathematics	H	Paper 2	10:30 - 11:45	Assembly Hall
	Mathematics	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 9:45	Assembly Hall
	Mathematics	AH	Paper 2	10:30 - 11:45	Assembly Hall
Mon 11 Dec (Morning)	Modern Studies	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:05	Library
	Modern Studies	H	Paper 2	10:40 - 11:30	Library
	French	N5	Paper 1 - Reading & Writing	12:30 - 2:00	Library
	French	N5	Paper 2 - Listening	2:30 - 3:00	G232
Mon 11 Dec (Afternoon)	RMPS	H	Paper 1	1:00 - 3:15	Library
	RMPS	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:35	Library
	Practical Cookery	N5	Paper 1	1:30 - 2:30	Library
Tues 12 Dec (Morning)	Modern Studies	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:15	Library
	History	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:30	Library
	History	H	Paper 2	11:00 - 12:30	Library
Tues 12 Dec (Afternoon)	History	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 12:00	Library
	Graphic Communication	N5	Paper 1	12:45 - 2:15	Library
	Graphic Communication	H	Paper 1	12:45 - 3:15	Library
	Media Studies	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 3:00	Library
Wed 13 Dec (Morning)	Business Management	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:20	Library
	Business Management	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:50	Library
	Business Management	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 11:00	Library
	Drama	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 11:30	Library
Wed 13 Dec (Afternoon)	Design & Manufacture	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:45	Library
	Physical Education	H	Paper 1	1:00 - 3:00	Library
Thurs 14 Dec (Morning)	Chemistry	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 11:30	Library
	Chemistry	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 9:40	Library
	Chemistry	H	Paper 2	10:10 - 12:30	Library
	Classical Studies	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:50	Library
Thurs 14 Dec (Afternoon)	Admin and IT	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:30	Library
	Practical Electronics	N5	Paper 1	1:30 - 2:30	Library
Fri 15 Dec	Geography	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:15	Library
	French	H	Paper 1 - Reading & Writing	10:00 - 12:00	Library
	French	H	Paper 2 - Listening	9:00 - 9:30	G228
Mon 18 Dec (Morning)	Geography	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 10:30	Library
	Geography	H	Paper 2	11:20 - 12:00	Library
Mon 18 Dec (Afternoon)	Music	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 1:45	F305
	Practical Woodwork	N5	Paper 1	1:00 - 2:00	Library
Tues 19 Dec (Morning)	Physics	N5	Paper 1	9:00 - 11:30	Library
	Physics	H	Paper 1	9:00 - 9:45	Library
	Physics	H	Paper 2	10:15 - 12:30	Library
	Chemistry	AH	Paper 1	9:00 - 12:00	Library



Cooking Group

Thursday Afternoons from 2nd November
for 10 weeks

3.30pm-5.30pm at the MARC building

- Come along to our cooking group in a local space - for people living in the Dalkeith/Woodburn area to meet weekly to cook tasty, affordable, healthy meals.
- The Cooking Group also offers the opportunity to gain an SQA Wellbeing qualification.



For more information contact: Heather.Ferguson@midlothian.gov.uk

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Winter Ready in Woodburn



Get your money sorted for this winter

Monday 6th November, 1.30pm – 4pm
MARC building, 10 Woodburn Road

Drop in for advice, information and tips on:

- Getting money you are entitled to
- Saving money on energy bills
- Managing debt or borrowing money
- Routes to employment



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Volunteers Wanted!

Could you volunteer some spare time with Active Schools Midlothian?

We're looking for volunteers passionate to lead or support sports/physical activity sessions for children aged between 5 – 18 years. Training and support provided.

Interested? Get in touch via this email address to start the ball rolling!

activeschools@midlothian.gov.uk

www.activemidlothian.org.uk/coaching-or-volunteering/



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 21 November: Campus Careers Fair and Dalkeith High School Curriculum Evening

On the evening of Tuesday 21 November, we will be combining with St David's High School and DYW Scotland to stage this year's Careers Fair.

Supplementing the Careers Fair, and new in format this year, is our Dalkeith High School Curriculum Pathways Evening.

Timings for the night are below.

The careers fair offers the opportunity to browse over 40 stalls set up by employers, apprenticeship providers, universities and further education providers, as well as stalls set up by local organisations offering post-school support. The time and space will be available for parents, carers and pupils to talk to experts about the pathways open to young people on leaving school.

Running alongside the Careers Fair, our Curriculum Pathways Evening will offer informative talks on the curriculum in S3 and the senior phase. And even more: teachers from all the departments in the school will be on hand to provide information and advice about the pathways through the subjects and experiences they offer.

The programme for the night is as follows:

Campus Careers Fair	-	5 p.m. to 7. 30 p.m.
DHS Department Consultation Stations	-	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
DHS Senior Phase Curriculum (S4 – S6) Talk	-	5 p.m. to 5. 45 p.m.
BGE Curriculum (S3) Talk	-	5. 15 p.m. to 5. 45 p.m.
DHS Senior Phase Curriculum (S4 – S6) Talk	-	5. 55 p.m. to 6. 40 p.m.
BGE Curriculum (S3) Talk	-	6. 10 p.m. to 6. 40 p.m.
DHS Senior Phase Curriculum (S4-S6) Talk	-	6. 45 p.m. to 7. 30 p.m.
BGE Curriculum (S3) Talk	-	7 to 7. 30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

(Please note that extra parking will be available in the bus bays at the back of the school.)



Photography Competition!

The Scottish Civic Trust" is welcoming submissions for their 2024 Photography Competition. The competition is open to all S1-S6 pupils. Images entered should be in response to the category; My Community.If you would like to enter please read the information for details and inspiration. Please share your photograph with Mrs Zielinski before the deadline of 12th January.

If you have any questions or would like advice on taking or selecting your photograph then please speak to Mrs Zielinski in the Art Dept.

More information can be found on our website: <https://edublog.mgfl.net/dalkeithhs/2023/11/02/photography-competition/>

My Place
PHOTOGRAPHY

My Place Photography Competition
2024 Theme: My Community

Use this handy guide to understand the 2024 theme!

We have created this guide to give more information about this year's theme and to offer some inspiration on what you could photograph as your entry for the competition.

Take a walk around your local area and pay attention to how local communities use and interact with the buildings, places, and spaces around you!

What is community?

Community a word used to describe a group of people who have things in common.

They might live in the same neighbourhood, go to the same school, attend the same place of worship, do the same sport, or have similar cultural backgrounds.

There are lots of interesting and unique communities in Scotland - show us yours!

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My Community I-SPY

I spy with my little eye... the places and spaces important to my community!

Take a walk around your local area and pay attention to how local communities use and interact with the buildings, places, and spaces around you!

This activity was created by University of Glasgow student Wahne using photographs of places in her community.



School

On average we spend over 16,000 hours at school! It is where we learn new things and make friends.



Home

Many different types of buildings can be homes, from houses, flats, caravans, and even boats!



Playground

Do you love to play on the swings or go down the slide? In all weather children enjoy the playground!

My Community I-SPY



Parks

Spending time in nature is an important part of life. Get inspired by the trees, grass, and wildlife you spot.



Shops

From corner shops, to toy shops, to big supermarkets, businesses play an important part in communities.



Places of Worship

If you are religious, then the building you worship is a special place. It is where your community meets to share beliefs and ideas.



Restaurants

Do you have a favourite meal or type of food? Having a meal in a restaurant can also be a way to celebrate big events like birthdays.

Midlothian Primary Schools' Hockey Festival

On Wednesday 25th of October, the school hosted this tournament which was supported by Scottish Hockey and ran by Active Schools. We were asked if we could provide some helpers to referee/coach and assist with the running of the day, and so Mrs Gatti tracked down a number of Hockey enthusiasts! Abbey Brunton, Lizzie Kennedy-Milne, Ines Morton, Peter Reed, Vaugh Smith and Rachel Todd all gave up their time to help on a VERY wet and miserable day and were a credit to themselves, their hockey club and the school. A special mention to Freyja Morton who was also looking forward to helping but after sustaining a hockey related injury was no longer able to help. Huge thanks to all pupils involved and we hope you get well soon Freyja!



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