



# Dalkeith HS Bulletin

Friday 15 March 2024

## IN THIS ISSUE



Rights Respecting  
Schools!

3



Sports Update!

4



Kier Construction!

6



Erupting volcano photographed from the flight to Iceland!



Mrs E. Ormerod  
Head Teacher

# Head Teacher's Update

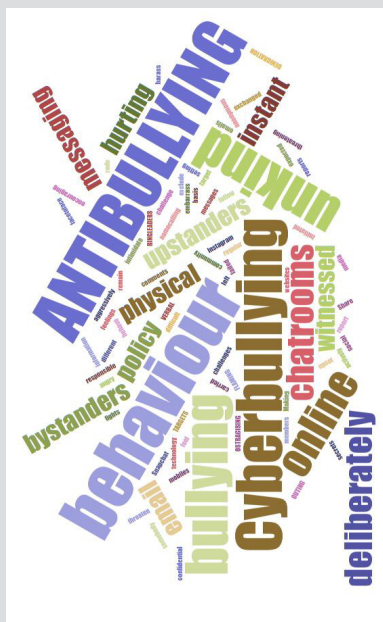
## Bullying and Equalities Working Group

### Calling all Parents / Carers!

I would like to create an online, short life, parent working group on Bullying and Equalities. I am hoping for a maximum of 8 parents across S1-S6. The first meeting will be to discuss a parental questionnaire on the topic.

If you would be interested to join can you please email: [dalkeith.hs@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:dalkeith.hs@midlothian.gov.uk)

Thank you,  
Mrs O'Connell  
DHT Pupil Support



Dear Parent/Carer,

### SQA assessments

I want to say a massive well done to our senior pupils who have been completing SQA assessments over the past couple of weeks. They have been working hard in and out of the classroom for write-ups, experiments, essays, orals, practical cookery, drama and music performances. The pupils have been very focused and I hope that these parts of the SQA final exams have gone well for all.

### S5 attainment meetings

Thank you to our S5 pupils who are studying 5 highers, and their parents, for attending attainment meetings last week. It was great to support pupils in their revision and set goals for the coming weeks to help them achieve the results they want. I hope the revision timetables are being used and everyone is sticking to them.

### Staffing

We have appointed two Maths teachers who will start with us in August, pending pre-employment checks. Next Monday we will interview for a Teacher of Drama post and I will report back once this post has been filled.

### Key dates

This week we are celebrating Red Nose day throughout the week. This is culminating in a dress down day on Friday the 15th March. Pupils are asked to give a donation to contribute to this good cause. A massive thank you for Ms Adam and Ms Dunion who have organised each event this week.

We will be holding S1 – S3 assemblies on Monday 18th March to discuss school and community expectations. This will include a reminder

of routines in the classroom, respecting our school environment, including the surrounding areas and setting the scene for the SQA exam season for our senior pupils.

On Thursday 21st we will be holding our Youth and Philanthropy Initiative finals. I am looking forward to hearing about the research the pupils have done into their charities and I wish all of the teams the best of luck for the day. The winning team will be given £3000 to donate to their chosen charity.

The Acting Head Teacher long leet interviews will take place on Friday 22nd March. This will include all stakeholders from our school community. Good luck to all candidates who are being interviewed on that day.

On the 26th March, Midlothian Council will be doing a quality assurance visit at Dalkeith High School. The focus will be on Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion. We hope to demonstrate the huge strides the school has made in developing the pupil support team and the supports we now have for young people in our school. I will report back to you on the outcome of this after the Easter holiday.

Our next Parent Partnership meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th March at Dalkeith High School. All parents are welcome to attend. The Parent partnership will send out an agenda in due course.

Finally, a reminder that the last day of term is Thursday the 28th March.

Enjoy the weekend and many thanks for reading our bulletin.

*Emma Ormerod*

Our Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) finalists took part in a workshop organised by our DYW co-ordinator Caroline Rosie. Emma, Melanie and Emily, from JP Morgan & Chase, delivered Presenting with Confidence to our finalist groups. The groups learn lots about tailoring presentations to an audience, how to tackle nerves and positive body language. The finalists demonstrated what they had learnt in the session by creating a presentation on how to make the best cup of tea - turns out there are quite a few tea connoisseurs in S2! We can't wait to see the final YPI presentations and find out who will win £3000 for their chosen charity.

**DYW** Developing the Young Workforce



**ypi**  
YOUTH AND  
PHILANTHROPY  
INITIATIVE  
SCOTLAND



**RIGHTS  
RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS**



**NO DISCRIMINATION**

International Women's Day took place on Friday 8th of March. It was a chance for us to celebrate women's achievements, reflect on gender inequality and challenge discrimination still faced by women around the world today. In S4 PSE young people got the chance to explore Article 2: No Discrimination, with a focus on gender equality. Article 2 features in our school charter and states that no child should be treated unfairly for any reason. They should enjoy the same rights regardless of race, language spoken, religion, sexuality, disability or gender.

## Breakfast Club



We at Dalkeith High School are a health promoting school committed to encouraging our pupils to experience the positive benefits that come from a healthier lifestyle, making them aware of the choices available to them.

It is a proven fact that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, especially for young children and young adults. It provides them with energy and enables them to concentrate. Dalkeith High School Breakfast Club has around 30 pupils enjoying our Breakfast Club.

We would like to thank Aldi for their continued support.

We also receive a donation from a very generous lady towards our Club!



## HPV Vaccinations - Reminder

HPV vaccinations are scheduled to take place at DHS on Wednesday 20th March 2024. Consent forms have been issued to all S1s and any pupils who may have missed this vaccination previously. Please can completed consent forms be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

# Sports Update!

Congratulations to Logan Smith, who scored for CP Scotland football team against England at the weekend!



*Football*

*Badminton*



In an event organised by our Young ambassadors to promote competition within the club. Well done to Gregor Reid -Badminton club champion 2024.

*Gymnastics*



Congratulations to MA Gymnast Maesyn in S1 who has qualified for his first ever British Championships in the first year he is eligible. Fantastic achievement Mae-syn, well done!

Maesyn won silver in pommel, rings and floor, 4th in parallel bars and vault. He placed 4th overall at the Scottish championships.

Congratulations also to Grace Sharp who placed 7th in vault and to Alex Kerr who secured Gym Fest Gold for her trio!

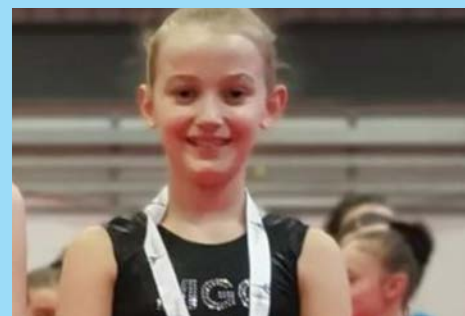
Thanks to sponsor Rybka.co.uk, Dalkeith fielded a strong 30 pupil team that competed in the Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships at Hopetoun house. Our transport, entry and vests were all covered and meant our pupils were able to compete against some of the top schools in Scotland.

We had some outstanding times and personal bests from our s1-S4 pupils. With such a high standard and difficult course, our pupils showed great grit and determination. Stand out performances from Isla Madhra who ran a brilliant race to secure 2nd place and a silver medal against over 200 competitors! Our S2 girls also did well with their team finishing in the top 7 with great performances from Beth McWilliam (12th) and Emma Thomson (top 25). Great achievements well done to all of those who competed.

Extended congratulations to both Isla Madhra and Beth McWilliam who both competed at the National Cross Country Championships for Lasswade Athletic Club. Isla won a bronze individual medal and Beth won a team Gold medal!



*x-country*



# DHS Learning & Teaching Update

We are delighted to share with you the latest developments in learning and teaching at our school. Since the beginning of the academic year, we have been diligently working on the implementation of our new Learning, Teaching and Assessment policy and Lesson Evaluation Toolkit, aiming to enhance the overall learning experience for our young people.

Our team has successfully rolled out the new policy, designed to create a more dynamic and effective learning environment. This policy was created through effective teacher and pupil collaboration and emphasises high quality teaching, increased engagement, and continuous improvement. We believe it will significantly contribute to the academic and personal development of each pupil at Dalkeith High School.

The introduction of our Lesson Evaluation Toolkit marks a crucial step in ensuring the quality and effectiveness of our classroom practice. This toolkit provides our teachers with a valuable resources to assess and refine their teaching methods, fostering a culture of constant improvement and innovation.

## Impact on Practice:

We are pleased to report that the implementation of these initiatives is already making a positive impact on teaching practices. Recent learning walks, where our staff observed and gathered data on classroom practice, have shown promising results. Teachers are actively incorporating new strategies and approaches to tailor their lessons to better meet the needs of our young people. Pupil Voice has played an important role so far on our journey towards excellence and through 5-a-day we regularly seek the views and opinions of our young people to help improve learning experiences for all.

The data collected from these learning walks is instrumental in shaping our ongoing efforts. We are using this information to identify areas of strength and areas for growth, ensuring that our strategies are evidence-based and responsive to the evolving needs of our pupils. Further to this, our next formal learning walks will involve a number of pupils accompanying members of staff during the visits and work with them to share their unique perspective and help identify strengths and areas for improvement as we move forward.

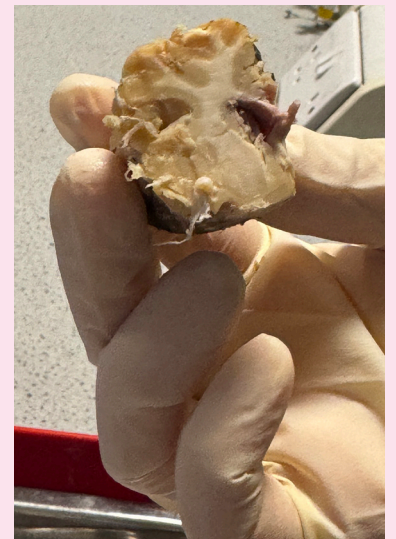
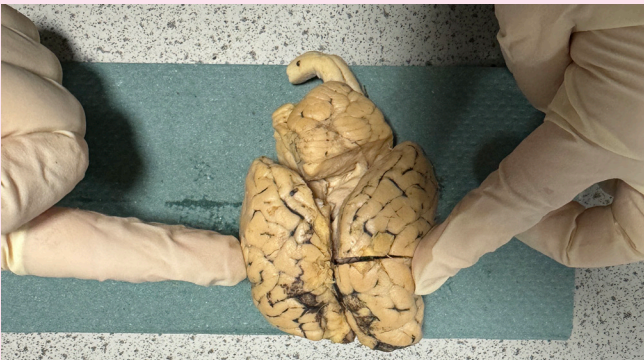
As we continue to progress in these initiatives, we are committed to maintaining open communication with you, our valued parents. Your support and partnership are vital components of our success, and we look forward to sharing further updates on our journey to provide the best possible education for your young people.

Sincerely,

Mr Gordon & the Learning and Teaching Working Group

## S2 Science

S2 science pupils had the amazing opportunity to study a real sheep brain thanks to our student teacher Miss Ratti!



# S2 Kier Construction Event



On Tuesday 5th March all of our S2 cohort took part in a construction event in the assembly hall hosted by Kier Construction. Pupils were given the opportunity to speak to a range of different employers from the construction industry and learn about their different roles within the company. The feedback from pupils from the event was extremely positive and we will be looking to run further events moving forward.

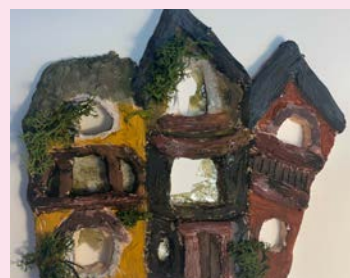
My thanks goes to Caroline Rosie from Developing the young workforce who helped to coordinate the event.



## Clay Buildings!

S2 pupils in Mrs Zielinski's Art and Design class have been inspired by the work of Joshua Smith, John Bricksels and Seth Clark when creating these fantastic abandoned and derelict buildings using clay.

Pupils learnt about relief artworks, building clay slabs, applying textures and adding embellishments to achieve their outcomes. Fantastic art work by all !

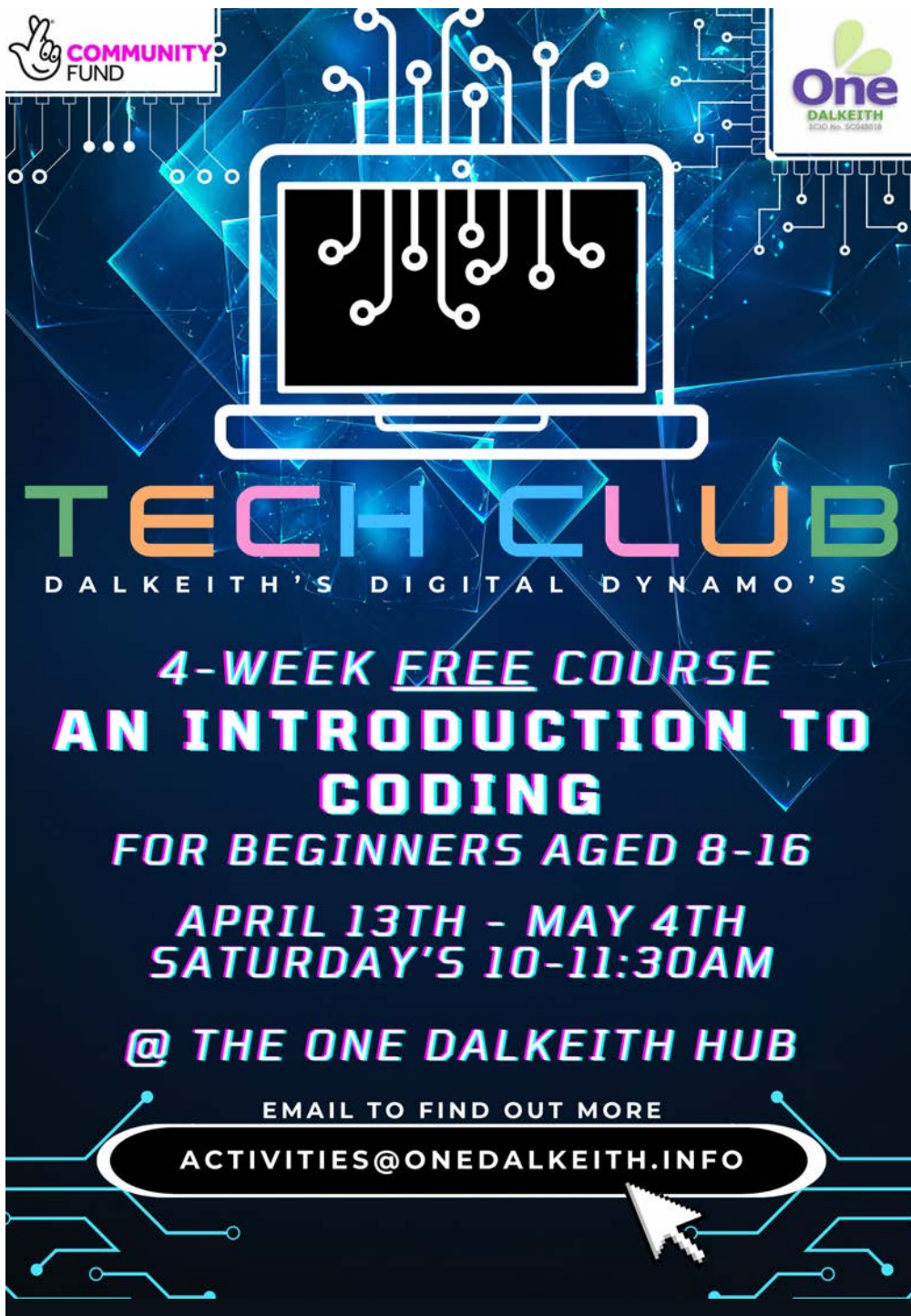


## Easter Study Timetable 2024

Subject	Level	Teacher	Date	Time	Room
Engineering Science	Higher	Mr Ambrose	29/3/2024	09:00-12:00	G202
Graphic Communication	Higher / National 5	Mr Young	29/3/2024	09:00-12:00	G212
Photography	Higher	Ms Kyle	1/4/2024	09:00-12:00	G302
Art and Design	Adv Higher	Ms Kyle	1/4/2024	12:30-15:30	G302
Art and Design	Adv Higher	Mrs Zielinski	1/4/2024	09:00-12:00	G303
Music	National 3-4	Mr Pyper	1/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F303
Music	National 5	Mr Pyper	1/4/2024	12:30-15:30	F303
History	National 5	Mr Holligan	3/4/2024	09:00-12:00	G112
History	Higher	Mr Holligan	3/4/2024	12:30-15:30	G112
Biology	Higher	Ms Macpherson	4/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F234
Chemistry	Adv Higher	Mrs Mackenzie	4/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F223
Chemistry	Higher	Ms Mackay	5/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F224
Biology	Higher Human / Adv Higher	Miss Miller	5/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F221
Mathematics	National 5 Maths	Mr R Stirling	8/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F123
Chemistry	National 5	Mrs Lawson	8/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F225
Physics	National 5	Mrs Lawson	8/4/2024	12:30-15:30	F225
Drama	Higher	Miss Thomson	8/4/2024	12:30-15:30	G771
Drama	NPA	Miss Thomson	8/4/2024	09:00-12:00	G771
Drama	National 5	Miss Dunion	8/4/2024	12:30-15:30	G770
Dance	Higher / National 5	Mrs Gatti	8/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F706
Mathematics	Adv Higher	Mr Gibbs	9/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F120
Mathematics	National 5 Application	Mrs Harcourt-Gill	10/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F114
Biology	National 5	Ms Macpherson	11/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F234
Mathematics	Higher Maths	Mr Gibbs	11/4/2024	09:00-12:00	F120

## Support Study Timetable 2023 - 2024

Day	Time	Session or Drop in	Subject / Level	Room	Teacher
Monday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Maths - all	F114	Mrs Harcourt-Gill
Monday	1.05-1.45pm	Session	Biology - N5	F228	Mrs Kellagher
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Session	Music - N5	F303	Mr Pyper
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Drop-in	English - any	G120	Miss Frith
Monday/Thursday	1:05-1:45pm	Drop in	Chemistry - Higher	F2.2	Ms Mackay
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Session	Drama - Higher / National 5	G771 & G770	Miss Thomson & Miss Dunion
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Session	Business - National 5 / Higher	G237	Miss Adam
Tuesday	1.05-1.45pm	Drop in	Maths - all	F121	Mr May
Tuesday	3:40-4:45pm	Session	Dance - N5/H	GH1/ Assembly	Mrs Gatti
Wednesday	1:05-1:35 pm	Drop in	Drama - Higher	G771	Miss Thomson
Wednesday	1:05-1:45pm	Drop in	Maths - N5 Apps	F118	Mr C Stirling
Wednesday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Maths - all	F121	Mr May
Wednesday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Maths - N5 Mat/Higher Apps	F117	Mr King
Wednesday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Maths - N5 Mat/Nat 5 Apps	F123	Mr R Stirling
Wednesday	3.25-4.25pm	Session	Physics and Chemistry All Levels	F225	Mrs Lawson
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Drop in	Biology - N5 and Higher Human	F234	Miss Macpherson
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Drop in	Design and Manufacture - N5	G216	Mr Tams / Mr MacGregor
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Drop in	Engineering Science - Higher	G202	Mr Ambrose
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Drop in	Graphic Communication -N5/Higher	G212	Mr Young
Wednesday	3.25-4.25pm	Session	English - H	G113	Mrs Melian
Wednesday and Thursday	3.25-5.00pm	Drop in	Art and Design - N5 to H and NPA Photography Level 4-5	G303	Mrs Zielinski
Wednesday and Thursday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Art and Design - N5 to AH and Photography Higher	G302	Ms Kyle
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Session	Business & Admin - National 5 /	G218	Mr Hamilton
Thursday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Maths - N5 Apps	F118	Mr C Stirling
Thursday	3.25-4.25pm	Drop in	Maths - N5 Mat	F120	Mr Gibbs
Thursday	1.05-1.45pm	Session	Physics and Chemistry All Levels	F225	Mrs Lawson
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Drop in	Engineering Science - Higher	G202	Mr Ambrose
Friday	1.05-2.05 pm	Drop in	Maths - AH	F120	Mr Gibbs
Friday	1.05-2.05 pm	Drop in	Design and Manufacture - N5	G203	Mr Tams / Mr MacGregor



**COMMUNITY FUND**

**One DALKEITH**  
300 Rm. SCHMIDT

# TECH CLUB

DALKEITH'S DIGITAL DYNAMO'S

## 4-WEEK FREE COURSE AN INTRODUCTION TO CODING

### FOR BEGINNERS AGED 8-16

### APRIL 13TH - MAY 4TH SATURDAY'S 10-11:30AM

### @ THE ONE DALKEITH HUB

EMAIL TO FIND OUT MORE  
**ACTIVITIES@ONEDALKEITH.INFO**



Congratulations to Isla Madhra who played in the Edinburgh Music Competition Festival this month at St Michaels All Saints in Tollcross. Isla entered 2 classes in the brass/woodwind section. She played in level 1 with her Cornet at and then level 2 with her Clarinet. Isla played excellently & was awarded runner up/highly commended in both her classes.



**Dalkeith High School**  
2 Cousland Road, Dalkeith  
Midlothian EH22 2PS

Tel: 0131 654 4701  
Fax: 0131 663 7311

Email: [dalkeith.hs@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:dalkeith.hs@midlothian.gov.uk)

<http://dalkeith.mgfl.net/>



**Dalkeith High School PTA & PC**



@DalkeithHighSchoolParentCouncilandPTA

The Fantasy Football Manager of the month for February is Petter in 6M after receiving 338 points! Petter will receive a prize and a house merit token. Ms Bones is still at the top of the leaderboard with a 50 point lead so pupils will need to manage their teams well in order to catch her by the end of the season.

