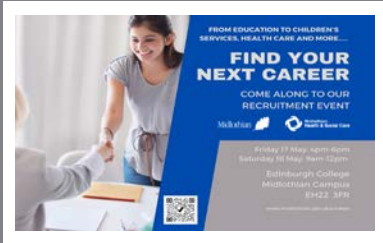




# Dalkeith HS Bulletin

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Six-spot Burnet moth by Archie Weir, S6





Mrs E. Ormerod  
Head Teacher

# Head Teacher's Update

## Scotland are World Champions!

Congratulations to Logan Smith who played in Scotland's cerebral palsy 7 a-side football team that defeated Northern Ireland to become world champions.

They ran out 4-0 winners in the IFCPF World Championships final held in Salou earlier this month.

Fantastic achievement for Logan and the team!



Dear Parent/Carer,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the SQA exam period already. I hope that the exams, which started this week, have gone well for our learners. It has been great to have our Seniors in school this week, working hard on their revision and preparations for their exams. As you know, exam leave starts on Monday 29th April and ends on 29th May. For those learners who do not have exam leave, there is a full Meaningful May programme in place for these young people. It is essential that pupils attend these sessions.

After exam leave, S4 pupils who are returning for S5 and S5 pupils who are returning to S6 will take part in an induction day before the start of the new timetable. The new S6 induction day will take place on Thursday 30th May and the new S5 induction day will take place on Friday the 31st May. A letter will follow with an outline of each induction day.

Last week our current S6 pupils had their leavers' day at Foxlake and while the weather was poor, the pupils enjoyed the experience with their year group. We are looking forward to celebrating their successes and achievements at their upcoming graduation ceremony on the 10th of June. I would encourage you to RSVP to the invitation, if you have not already done so. We look forward to seeing our S6 pupils and their parent/carers on the evening.

As of Monday, we will only have our S1 – S3 pupils in the building. We are going to use this time to refocus our attention on our school dress code. I would ask for parental and carer support with this. A separate letter will follow as a reminder of our school policy, which can be found at this link:

<https://dalkeith.mgfl.net/dress-code/>

If support is required, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Over the month of May we have a number of key dates in the diary I would like to highlight below:

- Monday 6th May – Bank holiday
- Wednesday 8th May – Parent Partnership Meeting 7pm – 9pm
- Tuesday 14th May – S1 Parent Consultation
- Monday 20th May – In-service day for staff

Over the course of May our P7 curricular transition visits will also begin. We are looking forward to welcoming our P7 groups up to Dalkeith High School for these visits.

I hope you have nice plans for the weekend. Take care

*Emma Ormerod*



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Could you knit or crochet mice like these to help with our project giving all P1s their own Mid Mouse to help them settle into school? Find out more, including the patterns, at: <http://ow.ly/4Oe750EhoE7>



MYPAS Charity Running Event – free entry to young people

There are a 10k and 5k trail runs and a children's 1k run – all in the beautiful surroundings of Dalkeith Country Park. More information on the Bluebell website: <https://www.bluebelltrail.co.uk/>

This year the event is taking place at the start of Mental Health Awareness Week (13th-19th May) and, appropriately, the theme this year is "Movement: Moving more for our mental health".

It is an inclusive event, as well as adult participation, it is open to children and young people of all abilities, to engage children in activity to improve mental health, wellbeing and physical fitness. We hope the experience encourages them to seek out subsequent regular activity, parkrun, athletic clubs, engagement with events organised by the Active Schools service, enjoyment of free open spaces, and so on. Children of 11 and older can enter the 5k and children of 15 and over can enter the 10k. Adults can enter the 5k and 10k. We also have a 1k junior race for children 10 and under (free entry for adults accompanying them).

Entry is free for children attending East Lothian, Midlothian and Gala Academy High Schools and we encourage schools to enter teams of children and young people, staff, parents and carers, healthy competition always welcome!

<https://www.bluebelltrail.co.uk/schools-entry-page.html>



## Scottish Schools Athletics / Pentathlon

Anyone interested in competing in the Scottish Schools Athletics Competition or Pentathlon please see Mrs Wilson in PE as soon as possible.



## Midlothian Dance

If you would like to compete in the Midlothian Dance Competition, in June, please speak to a teacher in PE.

 A recruitment event poster. On the left, a young man in a black shirt is smiling and shaking hands. The poster text is as follows:
 

FROM EDUCATION TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES, HEALTH CARE AND MORE.....

# FIND YOUR NEXT CAREER

COME ALONG TO OUR RECRUITMENT EVENT

Midlothian  Midlothian Health & Social Care 

Friday 17 May: 4pm-6pm  
Saturday 18 May: 9am-12pm

Edinburgh College  
Midlothian Campus  
EH22 3FR

[www.midlothian.gov.uk/careers](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/careers)

A QR code is located at the bottom left of the poster.

You can also apply online:

For more Midlothian Council jobs: <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/midlothian-council/jobs?type=internal,external>

For more NHS Health and Social Care jobs: <https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk/Home/Job?>

Leaving school or starting to consider a future career that will make a difference? Come along to a recruitment event at Edinburgh College's Eskbank Campus on Friday 17 May between 4pm and 6pm and Saturday 18 May from 9am to noon. Teams from Midlothian Council's Education and Children's Services, Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership, Skills Development Scotland, the Department of Work and Pensions and the Third Sector will be on hand with information on job opportunities including apprenticeships and training.

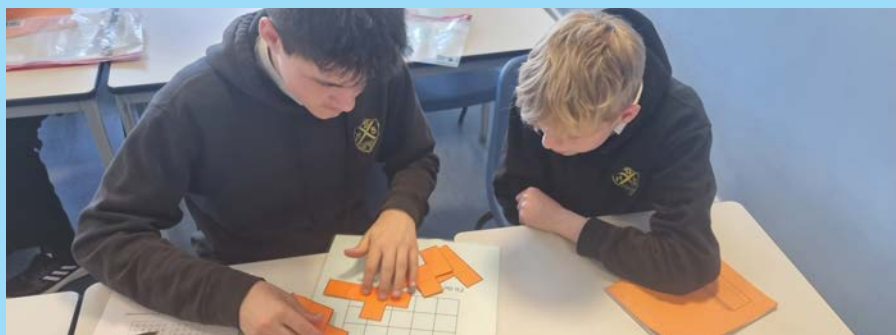
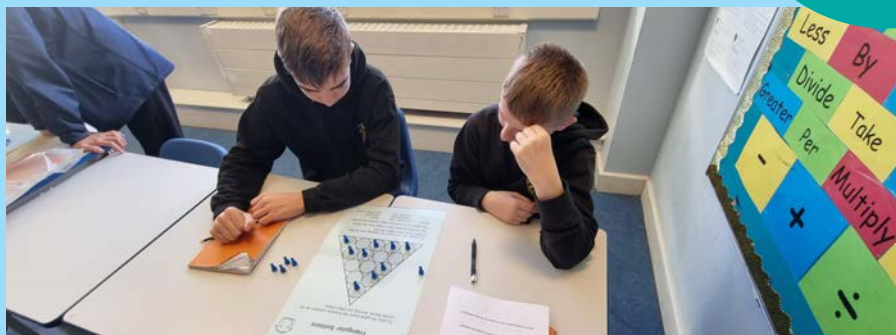
The kind of jobs and careers information on offer will be:

- Teachers
- Learning Assistants
- Early Year Practitioners
- Children Services Practitioners – who work at Hawthorn Family Learning Centre
- Children and Family Practitioners who work within our residential houses or within our social work teams
- Social workers in Adult Services, Justice and Children and Families
- Youth Workers
- Care assistants to work in our adult care homes
- Care at home staff - supporting people in their own homes
- Business Support roles and lots more...

Come along for a chat to find out what's on offer, how to apply and funded training and support available.



Fun Maths Roadshow -  
Some S2 pupils undertook some of the Fun Maths Roadshow problems.



# Sports Update!

## Rugby

Lewis Sutherland spent the Easter holidays training and playing rugby with the Borders & East Lothian regional team. He is part of the Scottish Rugby Pathways program and was selected to play against the Edinburgh regional team and then against the Glasgow region and the Caledonia region. They drew with Edinburgh and Glasgow and narrowly lost to Caledonia.

## Football

### S6 Friendly

Our S6s had their final game for Dalkeith in a friendly fixture against St Davids prior to their exams. A thrilling game that was played in great spirits with Dalkeith managing the win in the end.

### League Cups

Our Under 13s, Under 14s and Under 15s teams will be competing in their league cups over the next few weeks.

### Under 13s

Our under 13s will be taking part in their tournament on Friday 10th May at 2.15pm at our Campus. Please feel free to come along and cheer them on in their first competitive outing!

### Under 14s

Our under 14s tournament will take place on Friday 26th April at 2.15pm at our Campus. We will let you know how they get on in their first competitive outing!

### Under 15s

Our Under 15s tournament took place on Friday 19th April. The team played very well and finished with 9 points and were very close to qualifying for the final. Despite finishing on the same number of points, The deciding factor was the head to head record which meant our team missed out. A brilliant effort on the day in what has been a very good season for the team.

## Basketball

Harry Falconer 6L1 was selected for the Scotland under 18 Basketball team and assigned the role of Captain! He played in the four nations tournament this month in Dundee.



## Swimming



Congratulations to Anna Lawson who was crowned Scottish National Age Group Champion swimming 50m Free-style, this month at the Scottish National Age Group Championships in Aberdeen. A fantastic achievement and one we are very proud of. Well done Anna!

Ritchie Saunders (2B2) also competed at the Scottish National Age Groups Swimming Championships over 5 days in Aberdeen during the Easter break. Ritchie competed in 8 individual events and made 4 national finals, finishing in the top 10 in Scotland for each of these events.

This event brings together the very top age group swimmers in the country and even qualifying for the competition is a massive achievement.



## RETURN YOUR CHROMEBOOK

IN 6 EASY STEPS

1. Download any files you want to keep from your device
2. Log out of the device and power it down
3. Remove any stickers/labels and clean with an antibacterial wipe
4. Put the charger in the case with the device
5. Return the device, case and charger to school
6. Sign out of your school Google account on all personal devices

## Leavers:

Please can your young persons Chromebook, case and charger be returned to the school office after their last exam has taken place. The "6 Easy Steps" guideline has been uploaded to Google Classroom. Please ensure all steps have been taken before returning. A leavers form should also be completed at this time. Many thanks

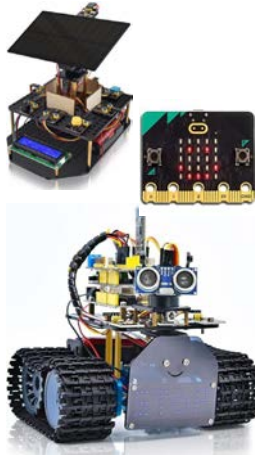
### The Tech Shed @ Dalkeith library

Coding, Sensors & Robots for Young  
Engineers

Tech Shed is for anyone under 16 interested in coding & electronics.

Try out projects to make your own light sensors, motion detectors, and build and programme your own robots!

**Dalkeith Library**  
Every Friday from  
**April 26th**  
3.00 - 4.00pm



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## GREASE

Rehearsals: For attention of all cast

As advised at last weeks rehearsal, we're now on the final straight towards Dalkeith High School's production of 'Grease', so rehearsals will be changing slightly, please find all the information below:

Wednesday: 15:25-17:30

Fridays 13:05-15:30

Rehearsals are for all cast members and those on study leave should still attend where possible.

As always if you can't make it, please let your Music or Drama Teacher know.



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## Careers Advice

Barbara Moir is our Skills Development Scotland Careers Adviser for Dalkeith High School. If you have any queries about your career plans, you can contact Barbara at [barbara.moir@sds.co.uk](mailto:barbara.moir@sds.co.uk) or call on 07887 831027.

Barbara will be working over the Summer break and will be in touch with our school leavers to see if they have a job or college place fixed up. If not, Barbara will be able to tell you about the apprenticeships, university courses, etc that are available.

Local opportunities can be found on the Midlothian CLLE and Partners Opportunities Padlet at <http://tinyurl.com/2bcj29ws>