



Dalkeith HS Bulletin

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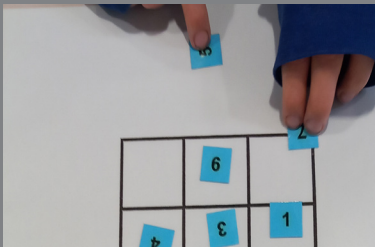
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Dalkeith High School
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GREASE

School Edition

19th & 20th June @ 7 pm

Adult: **£10**

Child/Pupil: **£5**

Tickets available from the
School Office and Parent Pay

£3 Cake and Coffee

@ the interval

Tickets available from the office



Grease is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatre Rights Worldwide (TRW)

www.theatricalrights.co.uk





Mrs E. Ormerod
Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Update

Help Celebrate BGE Achievements!

We would like to celebrate the out of school achievements of our juniors (current S1, S2 & S3) at the coming BGE Awards Ceremony. Examples could be; sporting achievements, extra curricular achievements, charity work or anything else that you feel deserves to be recognised.

If you would like to share your child's achievement with the school, please email the details of the achievement to the Head Teacher using the address below. Please include your child's name & class, your name, and your relationship to the child.

You may include a photograph if you wish.

Email us at dalkeith.hs@midlothian.gov.uk



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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of May. It has certainly been a very fast year.

Next week SQA exams continue with Art and Design, Sociology and Practical Metalwork. I wish all of the pupils sitting these final exams the best of luck. Remember your classroom teachers are on hand to answer any last minute revision questions.

We look forward to welcoming our new S5 and S6 cohorts back next week. A reminder that our new S6 cohort will have their induction day on Thursday 30th May and the new S5 cohort will have their induction on the 31st May. All year groups will be back in the building on Monday the 3rd of June.

On the 3rd of June the whole school will change timetable. This means that our school week will also change from this date. A reminder that Monday to Thursday the school day will be from 8:40am – 3:25pm and on a Friday the school day will be from 8:40am to 12:15pm.

Transport Services have been working alongside Education to ensure buses are in place for these changes. As part of the process there should not be morning drop-offs before 8.20am. The traffic management risk assessment has been carried out at the Campus. This should result in a revised phasing of the traffic lights at the Sainsbury Corner and at the entrance to the campus. The adjustments at these two sets of lights are designed to improve traffic flow. As always please feedback any issues and we will liaise with transport service on this.

Over the past few weeks we have been doing a re-focus on dress code and there have certainly been improvements. I want to thank families and pupils for their support with this. A reminder that all pupils should continue to wear dress code to school each day. Find the link to our dress code policy below:

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

There have been some changes to staffing over the past few weeks. Mr R. McGlade has now moved into his new post as Principal Teacher of Inclusion. He will lead this new department which now consists of a Teacher of inclusion/outreach, Ms L. Beattie and a Home Link Practitioner, Ms Norma Patterson.

We interviewed for a new History teacher on Wednesday this week and I am delighted to say that we have made an appointment. I will announce their name once a start date has been agreed.

We say goodbye to John McNeill, CDT Technician, who retires from Dalkeith after 40 years of service, on the 31st May. I wish John all the best for this new chapter, as I know he has some exciting plans just around the corner. He will be greatly missed by the Dalkeith team.

Over the coming weeks, we will be appointing a new Learning Support Assistant and a CDT technician to join our team as well as a new English Teacher. I hope to be able to announce these new staff members in due course.

A reminder also that Steven Illingworth, Acting Head Teacher, will be starting at Dalkeith on Monday the 3rd June and we look forward to welcoming him. Steven will work alongside me until I finish up for my maternity leave. This will allow for a robust transition.

Also, on the 3rd of June I am delighted to announce that we will be launching our new school website. This has been a labour of love over the past year and I want to thank all the staff and partner agencies who have helped to develop it. We are keen to ensure that this website is user friendly and holds the key information you need as parents or perspective parents. I look forward to sharing it with you on the 3rd of June and if you have any feedback please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Over the past couple of weeks we have had the great pleasure of welcoming our P7 cohort. They have been taking part in different subjects across the school and so far the feedback has been really positive. They have been an outstanding year group so far and we look forward to meeting with P7 parents on the 3rd June for the Information Evening.

Other calendar events of note are: Sports day on the 7th June, S6 Leavers Ceremony on the 10th June, the BGE awards ceremony on the 13th June, Prom on the 14th June and the cherry on top of this academic year will be our Grease production which takes place on the 19th and 20th June. We are very much looking forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to these events.

Take care

Emma Ormerod

World BMX!

Congratulations to Eilidh Watson who competed at the BMX World Championships in Rockhill USA this month. Eilidh, who is a member of the Cumberland Centurians BMX Club, made it to the 1/8ths in the female 14's and placed 31st out of 71 riders. Amazing achievement!



Seniors in the Hive took part in some 'travel training' this week, taking the bus into Dalkeith with staff to enjoy a special treat out before moving on next week.



Football!

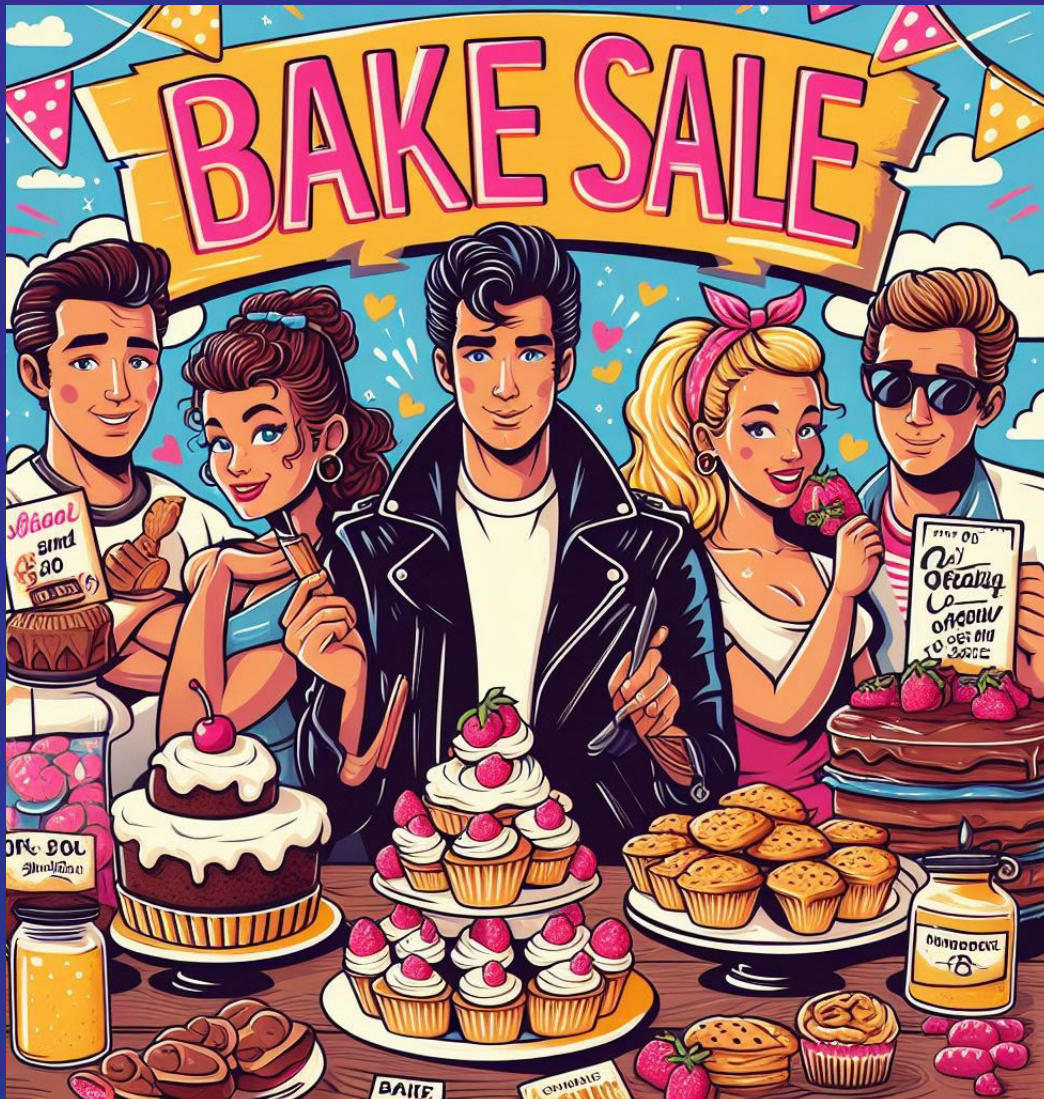
U13 League Cup

Our Under 13s made their competitive debut in the league cup. They were in a group with North Berwick and Ross High. Their first game was against Ross High and was very close, unfortunately Ross High scored in the last minute to take the win 2-1. The second game was against North Berwick and our boys bounced back with a 3-1 win. Our progression then relied on a North Berwick win in the last game as we could progress on goal difference or head-to-head. Thankfully the result went in our favour as North Berwick won 2-1 and our boys made it through to the final. The final takes place on Friday 24th May against Lasswade at Easthouses Lily Fc at 1.15pm.

U14 League Cup

A brilliant effort from our Under 14s in their competitive debut in the league cup. They were in a group against Preston Lodge, Lasswade and St Davids. They won their opening game against Preston Lodge 3-0 and won their second game 2-1 against Lasswade. It all went down to the final game against St Davids to see who would progress to the final. A competitive game which ended in a 2-0 win for St Davids. A great effort to come so close to making the final, we are looking forward to the season starting in August.

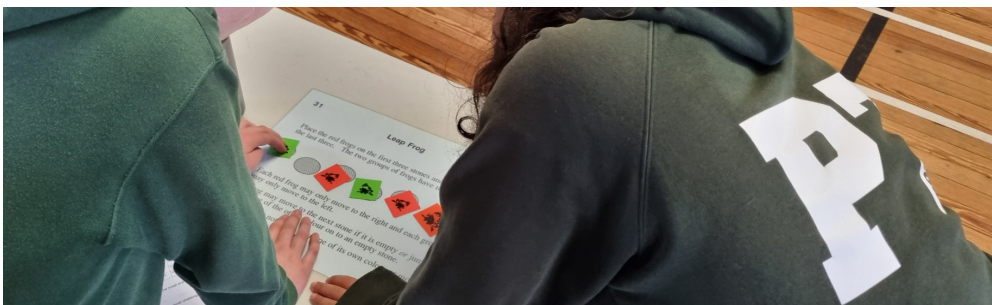
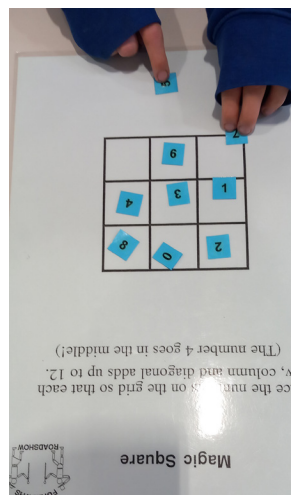
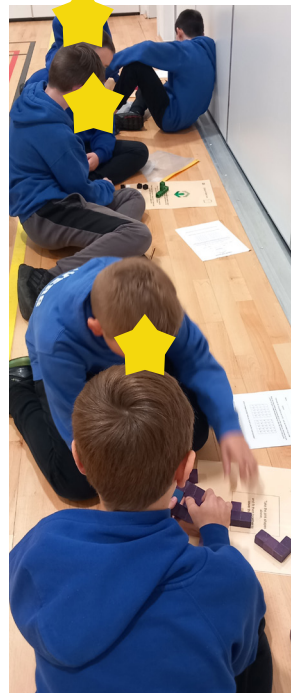
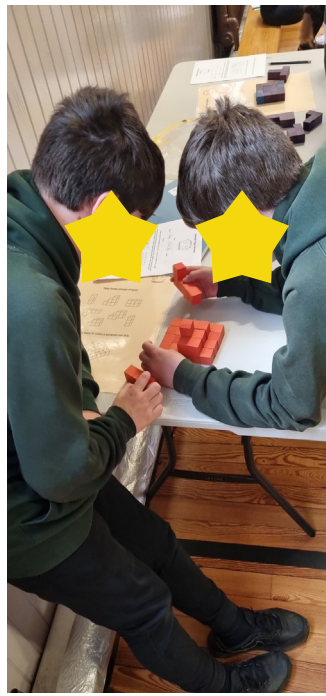
Fundraising for the School Show!



Thursday 30th & Friday 31st of May

Come to the ballerina for a selection of sweet treats to support the upcoming school show, "Grease"

At BGE & Senior Break and Lunch



Maths Visit P7s!

Over the last couple of weeks, the Maths Department have been visiting our cluster primary schools to host the Fun Maths Roadshow: the final visit, to Tynewater, will take place next week.



Fantasy Football!

The school's Fantasy Football League has been running all season with 50 pupils and staff battling it out for top spot. The winner is Ms Bones who won by over 100 points and did the league, cup double! Congratulations to Sam in 3L2 who was the highest ranked pupil in 3rd. Well done to everyone who took part this year, look out for updates in August for the start of the new season.



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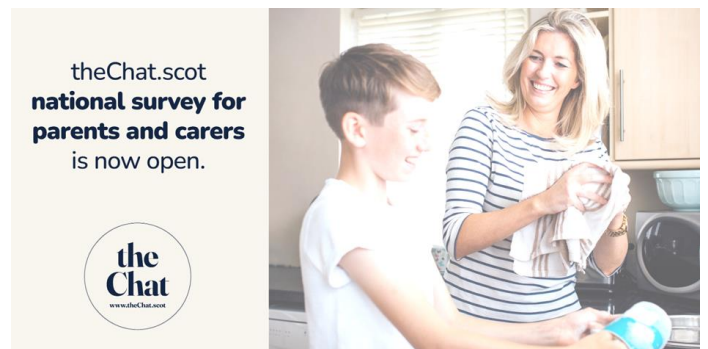
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The Chat

As you may know, there is currently a national survey open for parents and carers from theChat.

theChat is a research project finding out from parents and carers about where, what, when and how children and young people learn about relationships, sexual health and parenthood.

Part one of theChat focused on groups of parents and carers across the country, both in-person and online. The group Chats have led to the development of this national survey which can be found here - [National survey – theChat.scot](https://www.theChat.scot)



The childhood and teenage years are important in how we support our children to become the kind of young adults we want them to be. When it comes to learning about relationships, their bodies, or issues like consent or sexual health, what do you want your child to know or understand or be able to do?

The survey is open until 31 May to all parents and carers in Scotland.

Anti-Bullying Policy

We are currently reviewing our Anti Bullying Policy in Midlothian and I'm really keen to ensure that parents and carers are involved and that we gather your thoughts and opinions on this work. We will be holding a focus group on **Wednesday 29 May, 6.30-8.30pm at Lasswade High School**. This is open to all parents and carers of primary and secondary learners.

If you are interested in coming along and taking part, please complete this short Google form to reserve your space - <https://forms.gle/A5k6dKvRkSRibX1o9>

Cost of the School Day

I'm holding an online session with parents and carers around the cost of the school day. This includes topics such as school uniform, transport costs, school trips, eating at school, school clubs and home learning. It is my hope that our discussions will lead to us creating a group who can meaningfully look at the issues our families are facing and address them.

It's important that we do this and understand costs we can support families and prevent any stress or anxiety. We want to remove financial barriers to participation, making everyone feel included and support health and wellbeing of all. Our learners should feel included in all aspects of school life and feel safe and included in the school community.

This session will be held on **Monday 10 June, 7.00-8.30pm** and is open to all parents and carers who have learners in any of our primary or secondary schools. To take part, please follow this Teams link to the meeting:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 367 495 141 667

Passcode: Ys7Gpc

Contact

As Parent and Learner Liaison Officer, I support our schools and parents and carers to be meaningfully involved and engaged in their child's learning and school community. This happens in a variety of ways and I'm always keen to connect with you to offer any help or support you may find useful.

You can contact me by emailing the Parental Engagement mailbox – parentalengagement@midlothian.gov.uk or by calling 07464 061726.

Gail Currie
Parental & Learner Liaison Officer