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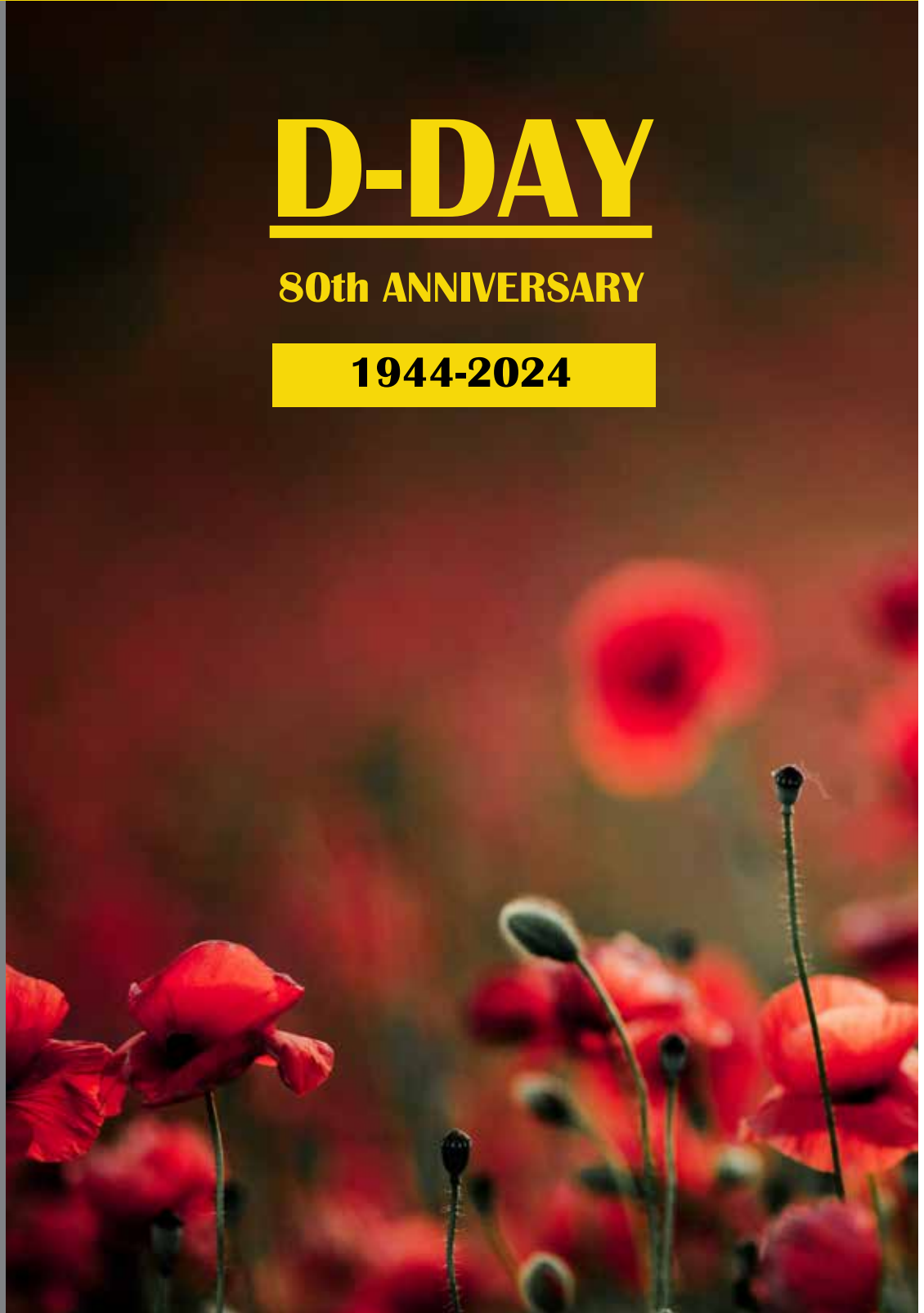
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Mrs E. Ormerod
Head Teacher

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Midlothian Athletics Champions!

Our 2024 athletics team saw some great results at the Midlothian schools Championships this year. Lots of medals, records, personal bests and stand out performances were celebrated.

After impressively winning all 4 of the relays Dalkeith came away with the overall win by 50 points to retain our title from last year. Team PE could not be more proud. Most of all for the support our pupils showed team mates and friends from other schools. Whether injured, overwhelmed, winning or losing they showed great motivation and encouragement.

A list of our Midlothian Champions can be seen on the back page.



Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been so nice to welcome back our new S5 and S6 cohorts after their exam leave. We have missed the hustle and bustle around the school.

Last week, we held our senior induction days, which went well. The pupils took part in mental health and wellbeing first aid, leadership workshops and financial planning. All of the pupils were engaged and we got brilliant feedback from all of our visitors. A reminder that Senior Commitments were due in on Monday the 3rd June, if your young person has not returned this, please can you encourage them to return it on Monday the 10th June.

Polar Academy visited this week to announce the draft expedition team and the draft leadership team. All of the pupils have been inspired by their experience so far. At Glenmore Lodge they completed a presentation about themselves and a Scottish explorer. The impact this has had on all of them has been remarkable. I want to say a huge congratulations to all of the pupils involved and we look forward to working with the families to fundraise over the course of next session.

Our P7 cohort all attended the P7 camp this week and enjoyed getting to know their new peer group. While they were off enjoying themselves, we welcomed our P7 families to Dalkeith High School for our pastoral information evening. If you missed the evening, the presentation shared will be uploaded onto the school website. The next transition event will be the three-day visit from the 12th June – 14th June. We are looking forward to seeing out new S1 cohort then.

On Thursday 6th June, our Advanced Higher History class joined me at the D-Day celebration event at Dalkeith Library. We heard the inspiring story of Group Captain James Stagg, who is a former pupil of Dalkeith High School and a DUX winner. It was an emotional morning but a brilliant celebration of the bravery shown on D-day. I

want to thank Midlothian Council for inviting Dalkeith High School to the event.

Next week, we invite the S6 class of 2024 back to school along with their parents to celebrate their graduation from Dalkeith High School. Danielle Rowley, former pupil, will be our guest speaker on the evening and we look forward to hearing about her journey since leaving Dalkeith High School, along with some words of wisdom. The evening starts at 6pm and there will be refreshments after the pupils have received their certificates. At the end of the week, the 2024 S6 cohort will have their school prom and we are all looking forward to celebrating with them on this special night.

We continue to recruit for next session. This week we appointed a new English Teacher, pending pre-employment checks, we hope this member of staff will join us on the 12th August 2024. Next week we will be recruiting for a teacher of Maths, a Learning Support Assistant and a CDT Technician. I want to welcome Elaine Laing, Learning Support Assistant to our Enhanced and Complex Needs Team. We will report to parents once these positions have been filled.

A reminder that tickets for our School Show – Grease, are now available to pay through parent pay. I would encourage you to come along on either the 19th or 20th June to watch the talented young people and staff on stage. We are very excited, as this is the first school show we have done since pre-covid.

Finally, I finish up on the 14th June for maternity leave and therefore this will be my last bulletin until May 2025. However, I will be leaving you all in the capable hands of Mr Steven Illingworth who is our Acting Head Teacher while I am off. I want to thank families for their support and well wishes over the past few months and I look forward to sharing my family news with you all in due course.

Enjoy your weekend

Emma Ormerod

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to Mrs McCabe's S1 class who are the Accelerated Reader Premiership Champions for 2023/2024. Accelerated Reader is a reading programme where pupils sit quizzes on the book they have read and are awarded points if they score 85% or more on the quiz. Mrs McCabe's class managed to gain a record breaking total of 2399 points accumulating 16 million words and 395 books read.



P7 Curricular visits

The P7's have joined us during the month of May and have had a great time, visiting several departments and experiencing a taste of High School life before we look forward to them joining us in August.

Mrs O'Connell



Junior Young Musician 2024

The Junior Midlothian Young Musician of the Year 2024 took place on Wednesday the 29th of May, at which DHS pupil Rachel Suen was the runner up after performing her two solos on Xylophone and Glockenspiel. Rachel went on to play the same pieces for her Trinity Grade 3 Tuned percussion exam on Monday and was awarded a pass with distinction after an exceptional performance to the examiner. A big congratulations to Rachel for these two amazing achievements.



‘We’re coming ...’

And so is ex-pupil Ryan Porteous. Ryan, a pupil at Dalkeith High School from 2011 to 2016, is expected to shore up the Scotland defence in the upcoming 2024 European Football Championship.

Ryan was a member of our very own ‘Invincibles’ - a DHS team who, incredibly, won five league titles without defeat. A product of the youth setup at Hibernian FC, Ryan played more than 150 games for the club before moving to Watford in the English Championship in January 2023. Ryan has endeared himself to fans of both club and country with his crunching tackles and tireless work rate, not to mention the skills he honed on the playing fields of Midlothian.

Internationally, Ryan gained his first cap for Scotland against Ukraine in September 2022. He then went on to play a key role in the qualifying campaign for Euro 2024, starting seven of the eight group matches.

Ryan also grabbed his first international goal in the process, scoring in the 3-0 away win against Cyprus.

Everyone at Dalkeith High School is extremely proud of Ryan’s considerable achievements, wishing him all the best for the games in Germany. Clean sheets and maybe even a goal will do nicely, Ryan!



East & Midlothian League Cup Winners!



Well done to our Under 13s football team (S1) who won the East and Midlothian League Cup. It was a thrilling game against Lasswade which saw our team lead 6-1 at half time. It was a game of two halves as Lasswade came back into the game and managed to score a few goals to bring the score back to 6-5 with five minutes left to play. Thankfully the team managed to hold on and in the end it finished 6-5 to Dalkeith. The trophy they won is called the Charlie Wood Cup. Charlie was a history teacher here at DHS who then became Principal Teacher of History and he used to run the football leagues for all of the schools. This is the first time Dalkeith High School have won the cup so great to have it here on display.

Dalkeith High School
PRESENTS

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



Group Captain James Martin Stagg, from Dalkeith, helped save D-Day!

Thursday 6th June 2024 marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day. 80 years ago, over 156,000 allied troops took part in Operation Overlord, in which the Navy, Air Force and Army stormed the Normandy beaches to turn the tide of the Second World War. Although there were thousands of casualties, the mainly British, American and Canadian offensive was a huge success and went on to recapture Paris from the Nazis three months later. However, it may not have been such a success without one of our former pupils, James Stagg, who was a chief meteorological officer during the war and convinced the British and American command to hold off their offensive until the 6th of June, due to his weather forecasts. If the weather had been wrong, D-Day may have been a disaster and we do not know what the outcome of the war would have been.

On Thursday, Mr Holligan and Mrs Ormerod took a few senior pupils to Dalkeith Library to commemorate the D-Day anniversary with representatives from across the council.

I hope pupils feel a sense of pride and inspiration hearing the incredible story of a former pupil. Pupils can read our board dedicated to James Stagg in the corridor up to block one or visit his name on the former Dux medallist boards down by the canteen. I have also attached an article if you would like to know more about the story.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-48498383>



Midlothian Schools' Athletics Champions!

Emma Thomson	Hurdles (S2)
Grace Sharp	Hurdles (S3)
Mia Tye	100m and new record holder (S2)
Anna Lawson	100m and 200m Champion (S3)
Beth McWilliam	300m and new record holder (S3) and 800m (S3)
Aiden Robertson	800m and New record holder (S3)
Yvie Burnett	200m (S3)
Isla Madras	1500m (S2)
Olivia Brogan	Discus (S3)
Rory Gilmour	Long Jump (S2)
Ruadhan Perring-Montoya	High Jump (S2)



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