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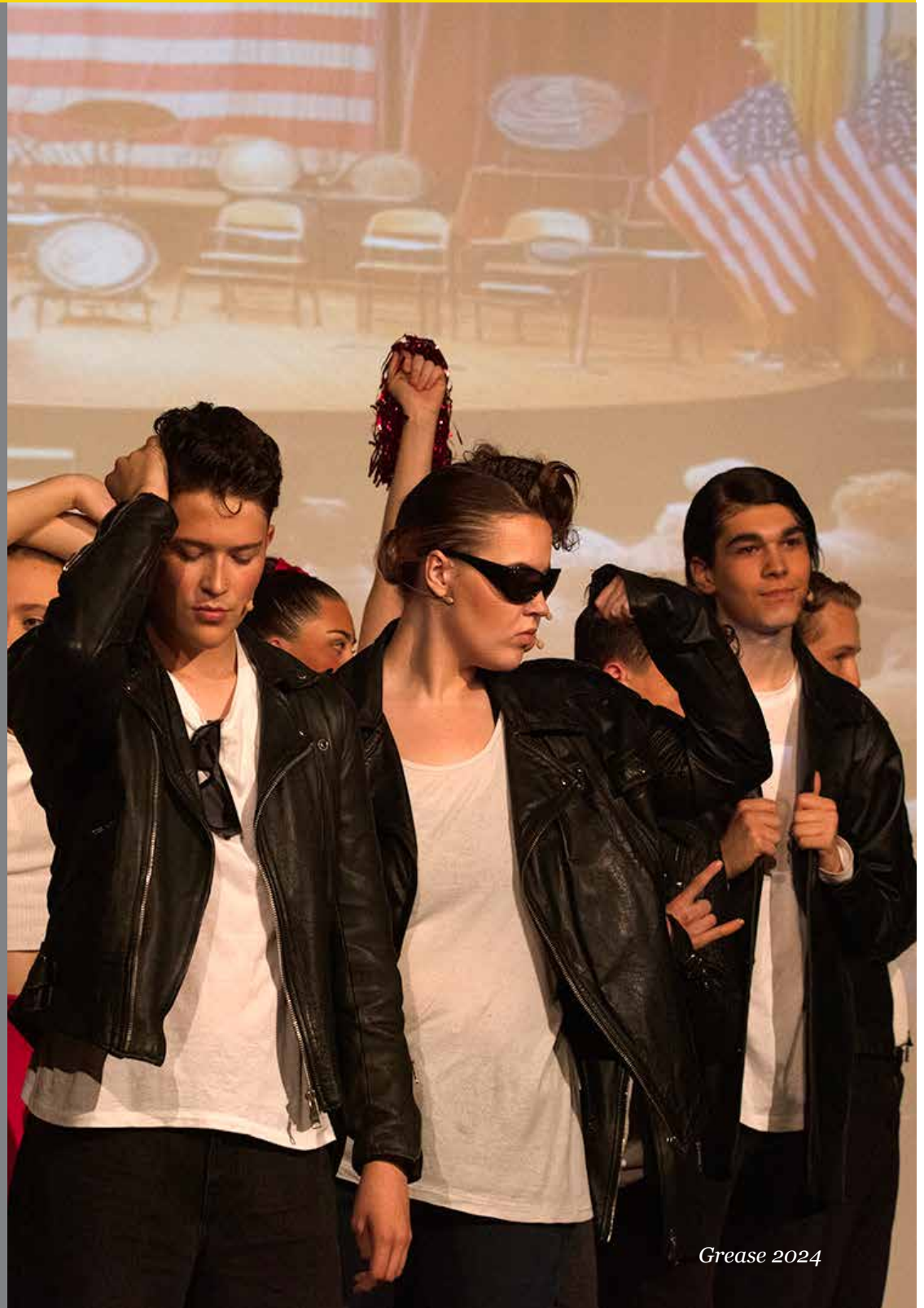
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Mr S. Illingworth
Head Teacher (acting)

Walk for MYPAS!

This year the Edinburgh Kiltwalk is taking place on Sunday 15th September. We are offering free places and MYPAS t-shirts, all we ask is that participants give fundraising a go on the lead up to the event.

This year we have teamed up with a local business in Dalkeith, Klassic Kilts, who are offering a wonderful discount on kilts to hire for the day for anyone who chooses MYPAS and wants to get in the spirit by wearing a kilt on the day! Their kilts are usually £49.90-£59.90 to hire, however participants who sign up to support MYPAS can show their confirmation in the shop and will be able to hire a kilt for the walk for only £20 – a brilliant 60-67% discount! We are incredibly appreciative of Klassic Kilts for supporting us and our walkers for the 2024 Edinburgh Kiltwalk.

Take part in either the 5, 11 or 21 mile walk and fundraise for MYPAS as you go.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

In my short time at Dalkeith High school I have been massively impressed by the dedication of staff, enthusiasm of pupils and support from parents and carers. All of which have been evident in a busy last few weeks of term.

Many of you will have enjoyed the wonderful production of Grease last week. The talent on and off stage was quite remarkable and a huge 'thank you' to everyone involved in making it such a success. Last week we also enjoyed a fun and competitive school sports day, with some long-standing records tumbling - thanks to the PE department for organising the event.

Following a very competitive process the School Captains for next session have been selected. I am really looking forward to working with them to take forward their priorities for next session. Mr Wilson also gathered the S6 together last week to organise the S6 committees, and there are already a range of exiting initiatives in the pipe-line.

We currently have pupils and staff visiting Canada for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and another group safely back from the Berlin History trip. Next week a group of pupils will be attending Wimbledon – I am very jealous! I look forward to hearing about their experiences and, once again, thank staff for organising these excellent opportunities for pupils.

A reminder to parents that pupils can sign up to receive SQA results by text or email by visiting the SQA website. The website also contains information about support available for young people getting their results. Appointments will be available on August 12th and 13th for pupils who would like to recourse

following their results – we will be in touch with how to make those appointments on results day.

We now have preferred candidates for the Maths teacher, Learning Support Assistant and CDT Technician posts recently advertised and are currently going through the normal pre-employment checks. We also look forward to welcoming five Newly Qualified Teachers to the school in August.

This week we are saying farewell and best wishes to Carolyn Kellagher (Science) and Hasan King (Maths) who will be taking up career breaks next session, and Diane Douglas (English) who is undertaking a secondment with the Digital Learning Team at Midlothian Council. Thanks also to Jake Nicholson (History) and Severine Landias (Languages) who will be moving on as of tomorrow.

Following the graduation ceremony and school prom we have now bid a formal farewell to our outgoing S6 and wish them all well. They have been a credit to the school and we look forward to hearing of their future successes.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Ormerod on the safe arrival of her new daughter earlier this week. Both Mum and baby are well and we are looking forward to Mrs Ormerod bringing her in to meet us.

Just a reminder that pupils will return to school on Wednesday August 14th – but, that is a long and (hopefully) sunny summer away!

Happy holidays.

Steven Illingworth

Bullying and Equalities Policy

Thank you to the 92 parents who complete our B & E questionnaire. These responses, along with staff and pupil feedback, have contributed to the creation of our new policy which will be launched in August.

A summary of the parental feedback:

55% believe that verbal abuse is the most common form of bullying at DHS.

58% believe they know how to report bullying incidents at DHS.

65% believe that it would be beneficial for DHS to provide links to resources to help support their children with bullying issues.

Dress Code / Uniform Bank

If anyone has any uniform items that no longer fit their child and are still in good condition, please hand them into the school office for our uniform bank.

We are happy to accept the following items:

Hoodies with the school logo; white shirts; white t-shirts; black t-shirts; black school skirts; black trousers.

Thank you!



P7-S1 Transition Visits

It was great to welcome our future S1's for their 3 day transition visits last week. They followed their August timetable for two days and finished with a Health and Wellbeing Day. This was a fantastic way to say 'goodbye and see you soon' to the P7's, they took part in several different sporting events from Rugby to Boccia to Dodge Ball and they also created their own smoothies on a smoothie bike and made a healthy pasta for athletes. A big thank you to all those involved.

Mrs O'Connell



In 'and out' the Science Classroom



Biology pupils have been investigating the wild spaces which have been encouraged to grow around the school, setting pitfall traps and sweep netting to find an array of interesting insects living in the school's wild grassland. Having a range and abundance of plants and insects will support other wildlife to make their home at Dalkeith High School.

Laboratory Science pupils have been completing a series of challenges designed to encourage collaboration and problem solving, essential skills needed by scientists in the lab. Challenges to include: Spaghetti Tower, Egg Drop, Bridge the Gap, Float Your Boat and Flight School. We had some really creative designs which were brought to life with enthusiasm and skill.



S2 pupils were attempting to replicate snail slime found at the crime scene, from the CSI topic in Science.

#DHScience



Sports Day!

Sports Day 2024 winning House is Lothian! Well done to participants across the Houses as you all gained valuable points towards your house total. We also had a number of new school records achieved this year due to some outstanding individual performances from Isla in S2, Beth in S3, Emma in S3, Anna in S4 and Aaden in S4. The senior boys also achieved a new record time for the relay- Andrew, Tristan, Adam and Aaron.

The Staff v Pupils football match ended in a 4-1 win to the staff. Goal scorers were Mr Galbraith (1) and Mr Gordon (3). Keith in S3 was the goal scorer for the pupils with an excellent strike! Well done again to all pupils and staff involved in playing and organising the game.





MYPAS

LGBT+ Health and Wellbeing Summer Programme

WHAT: 5 x weekly sessions focused on activities that benefit health outcomes such as exercise and movement, nutrition and eating, art and creative expression, nature immersion and more!

WHO: Young people aged 12-21 in Midlothian who are LGBT+ or allies

WHEN + WHERE: Various locations in Midlothian and Edinburgh on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for roughly 3 hours. Times and dates provided upon registration. The sessions will run between July 1 and August 5.

HOW TO REGISTER: contact Peri via text/call on 07593562014 or email peri.hawks@mypas.co.uk

Please note, this is the second programme as part of a 3 year project. We will be offering these programmes 3 times per year with varying locations and topics. If you would like to be considered for future programmes, please contact Peri as above.

Mr Duncan Art Prize!

The prestigious “Mr Duncan Art Prize” commenced its eighth year where Mr Duncan (Curriculum Leader Social Subjects) challenges S2 Art and Design pupils to create Water Animal themed artworks. Mr Duncan loves fish, he is an avid fisherman where he enjoys fishing in Scotland and in sunnier climates whilst abroad on holiday, therefore he was keen to incorporate his passion for fishing and fish into an art project. Back in 2017 Mr Duncan approached the Art department staff to see if he could establish a competition, fast forward to today and the competition is still going strong with the level of creativity demonstrated by the young people getting stronger and stronger.

The competition is introduced by the Art teachers during the month of June with their new S2 classes. The rules are simple; Create an artwork following the theme ‘Water Animals’, the artwork can be in any media, it must be created independently and should demonstrate originality and creativity. This year the level of entries was incredible. It took Mr Duncan two periods to judge all 140 artworks which ranged from underwater scenes, tropical fish, octopus, seahorses and freshwater fish. Mr Duncan solely carried out the judging with no input from the Art department, after all it is his competition. Regarding this year’s competition, Mr Duncan said “the level of art was amazing, it is fantastic that we are still getting pupils excited when drawing fish. I look for artworks which are not necessarily the best artistically drawn as I want to see creativity and ones which are unique, I want the artwork to speak to me”.

Out of all the entries and a thorough judging process, Mr Duncan selected his top three artworks. Third place went to Orla Doyle for her eye-catching and bold pond scene, second place was awarded to Aiden Brown for his creative take on Mr Duncan himself where he morphed Mr Duncan with a Rainbow Trout and first place was awarded to Isla Madhra for her stunning Koi Carp which was created using coloured pencil. All three prize winners were hugely deserving of their prizes which consisted of a fish plush, some sweets and merit points for their house.

Mr Duncan and the Art department staff would like to say a huge well done to all pupils who submitted artworks to this year’s competition and a massive congratulations to the prize winners. We look forward to the competition again in 2025!





Students in the Hive visited Edinburgh Zoo on Monday for their end of term outing. They enjoyed an interesting and informative 'Sensory Walk' before exploring the hillside in groups to see all the different animals.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY THIS SUMMER:
 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE | FOOTBALL CAMPS | SWIMMING & DIVING LESSONS | SPORTS & LEISURE | SNOWSPORTS & TUBING | MESSY PLAY | ARTS & CRAFTS | LEGO EVENTS | BOOKBUG | CODING | STORYTELLING | FREE FAMILY FUN DAYS AND MORE!

www.midlothian.gov.uk/summer-fun 

 **Uniform**



School Hoodie



School 3/4 Zip-up

Yes:

- School Hoodie / Zip-up (No tie expected)
- Plain Black Jumper / Cardigan (With white shirt & School tie)
- White full length t-shirt / shirt / blouse / polo-shirt
- Plain black jeans / trousers / skirt
- Black trainers (white sole/stripe acceptable) / Black shoes / Black boots

No:

- Non-school logos on t-shirts, cardigans, jumpers
- Baseball caps or hats
- Sports or football tops / tracksuits / joggers
- Blue / Grey / ripped or faded denim
- Cropped tops showing midriff
- Leggings (except with a skirt)
- Coloured trainers, crocs or sliders

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For the first time in almost six years, musical theatre returned to Dalkeith High School last week in the school's production of Grease. A cast of over fifty students and teachers put in an unmeasurable number of late nights and hours of hard work to refine their acting, dancing and singing skills, which resulted in an exceptionally exciting and successful performance. Tickets were in high demand as both nights ended up selling out and pupils performed to over 260 audience members each night - no small feat for anyone. Although it was sad to see so many of our S6's leaving this year, we were delighted to be able to see them perform on stage one last time. As the directors of the show, we were all absolutely blown away with the quality of performing shown by all of the pupils and staff who participated and hope that they will continue growing beyond their journey at Dalkeith. The Music and Drama staff have already been bombarded with questions about the next musical (date and show TBD) but for now, we're looking forward to a well deserved rest before the start of a new school year, with many more performing opportunities for our young people to look forward to. A final thanks to everyone that supported the show, as without the help of the staff, parents and especially the pupils, we would not have been able to make the musical as big of a success as it was. We hope you all have a relaxing break and we're looking forward to seeing you after the holiday.

Miss Thompson, Miss Dunion, Mr Carvel & Mr Pyper.



GREASE





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Pupil Post!



The trip to the biolabs on campus was worth it to say the least. It enlightened me more on how DNA profiling works, expanding my knowledge from what I have previously learned in class while feeling like a real scientist by using the lab-grade equipment such as the pipette and learning how to use them, which allowed me to get a better idea of what working in this specific field is like. I got to do another practical which is the gel electrophoresis which I found amusing by how small quantities of liquids can be analysed using a special light. We had to analyse DNA to match to a criminal's and we did it by comparing all the samples to the actual one by looking at which sample has similar lines. The afternoon rotation in the afternoon was my favourite! We went around the building and took a visit to their natural history collection which was said to be real animals that had been preserved, there were many including fossils and bones of different species, butterflies etc. all of which was so fascinating. I was absorbed listening to the researchers who brought deer antlers and animals with unusual metabolisms, explaining what they are studying for, how they study them, why they chose to study what they study which gives me an idea of what I could potentially do in the future. This is an experience that I personally enjoyed and would recommend it to those who are interested in anything related to biology!

Tisha Alam

Christmas Enterprise Project!

Five S3 girls (Zainab Sarwar, Ellie Watt, Orlaith Jeffords, Ruby Wallace and Eva Kerr) were chosen as winners by Morrison Construction after their efforts in the Christmas Enterprise project. The girls came up with a creative product and made the most profit overall. A representative from Morrison Construction came to meet with the team and commended them on their efforts. They were chosen as the overall winners for their creative Christmas Chocolate Baubles and were given a £25 Amazon voucher each as a prize.





Congratulations to Dalkeith pupil and dancer, Orlyn Fallis, who graduated from the PASS Academy course on 24th June. The graduation was held at Edinburgh College (Granton Campus) where students participated in a morning of dance workshops delivered by visiting professionals, then performed to an audience of over 100 dancers and teachers from all over Scotland.

'Students have embraced this opportunity, achieving fantastic results. We are so proud of them and just want to say a huge thank you to you for your support.'

Sharon Jones
Director
KIC Dance Company



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