



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Bulletin



S1/S2 Rugby



Last month, our S1 and S2 boys took part in a friendly local rugby tournament against St David's and Newbattle. 16 pupils turned up to play for Dalkeith. Our Dalkeith players showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship by voluntarily joining Newbattle's smaller squad which allowed everyone to have more game time. Well done to all involved!



In this bulletin you will find:

an update from the Head Teacher, latest news and more. Keep reading!



Head Teacher's Update

Dear All,

It seems like no time that we were welcoming pupils back from their summer break – and here we are hurtling towards the Christmas holiday. Schools cram in a lot in the build up to Christmas, and this year is no different. I am particularly looking forward to the S5/6 Winter Ball and Expressive Arts Showcase, and thanks must go to everyone involved in making these, and all the other events, happen.

The bulletin always reminds me of the positive impact the young people of Dalkeith High School have on their community, with the mural project being a perfect example of this. Some of you may have read in the press about the amazing work done by our pupils alongside the renowned artist Chris Rutterford to create a mural to decorate the housing built on the former site of Dalkeith High School. When the mural was being created in the school there was an amazing feeling of positivity and shared purpose, and I know that this comes through in the work. We hope the mural continues to bring colour and, to quote Chris, 'soul' to the development for years to come.

It was also a pleasure to visit the Art Showcase last week. The quality of work on display was quite brilliant and it was great to see so many pupils and parents come in to see the fruits of all the hard work. We have another opportunity to enjoy the talent of our pupils at the Christmas Showcase on Thursday 12th (see the poster in this bulletin for details). The value of expressive arts for young people (and the rest of us) cannot be overstated. Evidence shows that being creative has a hugely positive impact on our wellbeing and it is wonderful to see all of the opportunities the pupils have to express themselves and develop their talents in a safe and encouraging environment.

This time of year can be filled with happiness and joy, but it can also be a very difficult time for many people. If this is true for you or someone you know please remember there are lots of organisations out there who can help. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you need help in accessing any support.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our whole school community well for the holiday season – have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Personal Development Award

SCOTTISH TREATS SERVED AT EARLY ST ANDREW'S DAY COFFEE MORNING!

On Monday 25th November, the S3 PDA class held an early St Andrew's Day coffee morning for the Support for Learning Department, a few of the Hive staff and Mr Illingworth, our Head Teacher. The class had already researched how St Andrew became Scotland's patron saint and had learned about some of the traditions of the day. They went to Aldi to buy the food, planned and organised the event and welcomed staff on the day. Scottish treats like shortbread and Tunnock's Tea Cakes were served, as well as delicious scones made by Maisie McShane's granny! Mrs Kelly was the winner of the Scottish quiz.



Bronze at the Nationals for Jamie!

Jamie May, 2D1, recently competed in the Scottish National Judo championships coming away with a Bronze medal in the B band under 46kg. As a result of this amazing achievement, Jamie has been offered a place to train on the Scotland talent development squad next year. Amazing achievement Jamie!

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DALKEITH HIGH PUPILS ARE CAREER READY

Mr Harris accompanied a group of our S5 pupils to the launch of the Career Ready Programme at Tynecastle Stadium on Friday 15th November. This is the first time in a number of years that Dalkeith HS has participated in this programme. Each pupil has been allocated a relevant mentor from the world of work and will undertake a paid internship in the summer of 2025. Opposite is a picture of the pupils meeting and networking with their mentors at the launch event.



The Team!

ASN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Pupils from the Hive and St David's Hub have joined together to take part in the ASN football league.

Teams meet once per month at Broadwood Stadium to compete in league fixtures against schools from across Scotland.

All players have thoroughly enjoyed the experience so far.

A big well done to all those taking part.

Boccia

ASN PUPILS ENJOY 'BOCCIA' EVENT LED BY OUR SENIOR PUPILS

Well done to the senior pupils that led the 'Additional Support Needs Midlothian Boccia event' on the 13th Nov. it was a big hit!

All leaders did a wonderful job with 69 pupils from across Midlothian enjoying the event.

For any young people looking to take part in Boccia or other activities, Active Schools will be starting a disability multi-sports club after the Christmas period. We will remind everyone at the start of the year about this opportunity.



Campus Careers Fair and DHS Curriculum Pathways Evening

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

This session's Campus Careers Fair ran alongside the Dalkeith High School Curriculum Pathways Evening on 12 November. Both events were very well-attended and the feedback from visitors was extremely positive. For those who could not make the evening, videos of the curriculum and course choice presentations are available now on the school website (link below).

<https://dalkeith.mgfl.net/curriculum-evening-presentations/>

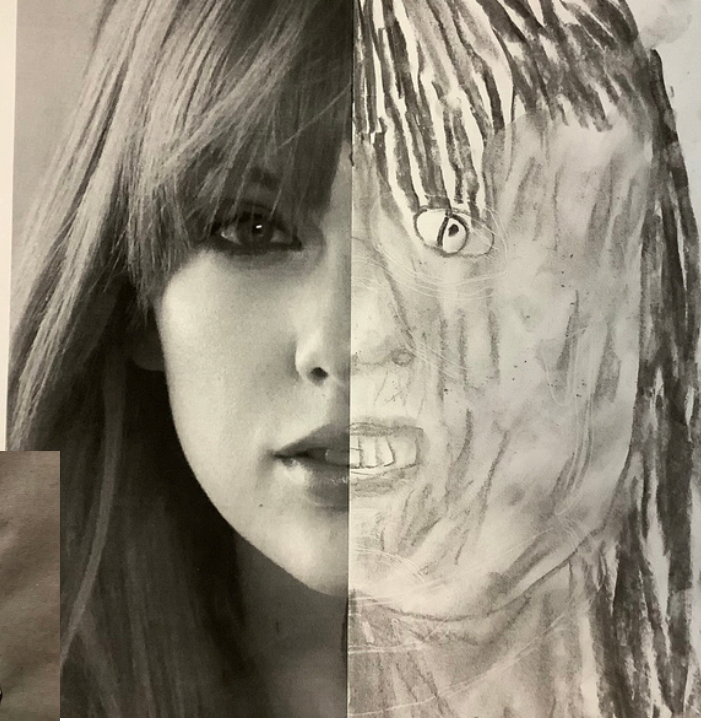


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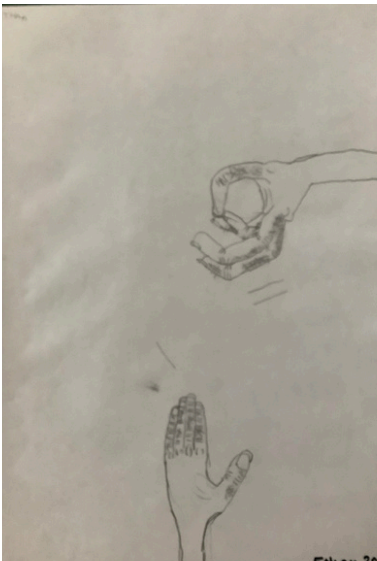
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Portraits

In recent weeks students in the Hive have been developing their drawing skills using different types of media within the context of Portraits



The Hive Classroom News





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EDINBURGH & MIDLOTHIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five swimmers represented Dalkeith HS at the annual Edinburgh & Midlothian Swimming Championships on Saturday 16th November. All five set a number of personal bests across their events and did themselves proud. Three of our swimmers also finished with medals - a huge achievement as the standard of swimming was very high.

Ritchie Saunders

15/16 200m breaststroke - Gold medal & PB

15/16 100m backstroke - Gold medal & PB

Tim Medinets

15/16 100m freestyle - Bronze medal & PB

Isla Madhra

13/14 200m breaststroke - Bronze medal

Rebecca Collins and Willis Chan also swam fantastic times in very competitive races.

Well done to all swimmers for representing the school so brilliantly.



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Hadrian's Wall

PUPILS EXPERIENCE THE RUINS OF ONE OF
ROME'S GREATEST ENGINEERING PROJECTS



At the end of October, forty pupils from the Higher Classics classes took a trip down to the North of England to visit Hadrian's Wall and Vindolanda Fort.

Higher Classics involves the study of the Ancient World including Roman society and empire as well as Ancient Athens. Pupils got to experience the ruins of one of Rome's greatest engineering projects - Hadrian's Wall and get a sense of how Rome controlled and maintained her Empire.

After exploring Housestead's Fort and the wall itself, we headed to Vindolanda, one of the largest and well preserved Roman forts in the north of England. Pupils were guided round this active archaeological site by Mr Holligan where they saw where Roman commanders lived, dined and entertained, where soldiers socialised in drinking halls and how the Romans created advanced sewage and heating systems. Vindolanda also has a museum where pupils could see real finds from the archaeological digs there, including personal letters, weapons and coinage.

It was a fantastic day out where pupils got to experience first-hand how the Roman world functioned and the impact they would have had on native people. The pupils were a credit to the school and had a lovely day. Thank you to all the staff involved in running the trip, Mr Holligan, Ms McDougall, Mr Wilson and Ms Wilson and thank you to the sun for coming out in October!



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OTHER NEWS...



Flu Immunisation

The Nasal Flu immunisation is due to take place at DHS on Monday 9th December. If you haven't already returned your young persons consent form please can you do so as soon as possible.



Canteen Christmas Lunch

A reminder that the annual Canteen Christmas Lunch will be available on 11th December this year!



Lost Property

We have various items of lost property at the school office. If your young person has lost anything, please ask them to come along to the school office before the end of term. Items will be disposed of after this date.



Christmas Honey Offer!

XMAS OFFER! We are buzzing that our Scottish Blossom Honey made by our very own bees at Dalkeith High School is on offer at £6 a jar, or 2 for £10. Speak to one of the staff members at the office or to Mr McGlade!

COMING UP...



**DALKEITH
HIGH
SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS
SHOWCASE**

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN FROM 6PM

PERFORMANCES START 6:30PM

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

TICKETS £4

