



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Bulletin



Greenland



Welcome back to the Polar Academy group! It sounds like the expedition to Greenland was truly a remarkable experience. From the breath-taking ice expeditions and the mesmerizing dance of the Aurora Borealis to the thrilling helicopter journeys over the Arctic landscape, the adventure must have been an unforgettable one. We eagerly anticipate next month's bulletin, where the group will delve into their reflections and share more in-depth stories of their journey. These first-hand accounts will undoubtedly inspire others and offer a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs faced in such a captivating environment. Stay tuned for an enlightening and inspiring narrative from these intrepid explorers!



In this bulletin you will find:

latest news and more. Keep reading!

My Crufts Success with Cooper!

I'm Nash Bell and on the 6th and 7th of March my success paid off at Crufts Young Kennel Club (YKC) Nationals, winning two seconds, a third and a fifth. placing in all categories for which I qualified. Competing in Heel work to Music (doggy dancing) and obedience. Heel work to music is when the dog performs a routine of tricks in time to the music in the form of a dance with the handler. Obedience comprises complex heel work, recall and retrieve as well as a demonstration of the dogs temperament and well being. Dogs are my passion. My only interest. I'm extremely proud to have achieved this.

Regularly Cooper and I travel independently 3 hours each way to training sessions with a world-class Crufts champion dog trainer who specialises in these dog sports. In January, Cooper and I won the title of freestyle starters UK Dog of the Year in the adult category. As a team journey to Crufts success began not long ago in May 2024 when they participated in their first Kennel Club Crufts qualifying competition.

In addition to competitive achievements, I contributed to the Crufts event as a volunteer photographer and submitted my photographs for use on the event's social media platforms and their official website. I will also be using these photos in my higher photography folio completely on dogs.

These achievements highlight not only my personal resilience but also the profound bond between assistance dog and handler. My story serves as an inspiration, showcasing how passion, dedication, and support can lead to outstanding accomplishments in the face of challenges.

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Judo

Jamie May's remarkable performance at the Judo British Schools competition is a testament to his dedication and skill in the sport. Representing Dalkeith High School, Jamie faced a challenging group of 17 competitors and emerged victorious in three out of his five matches. His tenacity and talent were evident as he advanced to the bronze medal match, narrowly missing out on a podium finish and securing a commendable fifth place. Competing at a national level is an impressive feat, and Jamie's achievement highlights his personal commitment and strength of his training. His success is sure to inspire his peers and set a high standard for future competitions.



SDS Cross Country

Pupils from the Hive competed at the SDS National Cross Country Championships on the 13th March 2025. Three pupils from the Hive, along with one from St David's Hub, put in exceptional performances on the day against a high quality group of runners. All runners should be very proud of their behaviour on the day and the exceptional effort they gave during the race. We finished with one medallist - Conor Cocksedge winning a silver medal in the S3/4 age category.



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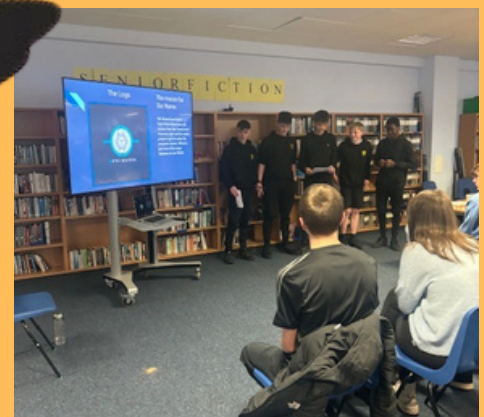
Shark Tank!

S3 Business Pupils have been working hard creating their own products and pitches to compete in a Shark Tank competition. On Wednesday 26th February, 15 groups presented their business ideas to the Head Teacher, their fellow pupils and a panel of Senior pupil judges. All groups created amazing pitches but in the end the judges chose 'No AI in We' as the winner, a device that detects if AI has been used on any form of software, created by Edie Green. 'AAE' were the runners up with their customisable hand bags and charms by Antonia, Abby and Ella and the pupils vote went to Sour Bull Energy, energy sweets created by Lauren, Sophie, Mya, Kyle and Dean.

The other groups were:

- ID Man Bag
- Milky Magic
- Hair Tastic
- Up to Date
- Pure Skin
- K & T Clothing
- Opti-watch
- Style Machine
- Dale's Cookie Machine
- Comfy Couches
- DES Dog Collars
- Aeroball

A big well done to everyone involved!



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Many of our pupils will be leaving school this Summer. It is important to have a career plan in place as well as a back up option. Worth keeping a weekly check on recruitment websites like www.apprenticeships.scot, the job search tool on www.myworldofwork.co.uk as well as the padlet <http://tinyurl.com/2bcj29ws> While still at school, pupils can access my careers blog on Google Classrooms and the code is hyx3o5k Many leavers find jobs and apprenticeships through their family contacts so it is always worth speaking to friends and family as it can be amazing what they know.

It is not too late to apply to college, although some of the courses have closed already, there are still many courses to choose from. Check out our local colleges Edinburgh, Borders, Newbattle Abbey and SRUC at www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk , www.borderscollege.ac.uk , www.nac.ac.uk and www.sruc.ac.uk.

As for university, anyone applying now is seen as a late applicant and it is up to each individual university to decide if they will accept applications at this stage. All applications should be made through www.ucas.com

If you would like to speak to me about your young person's career ideas or feel they should speak to me - please contact me at barbara.moir@sds.co.uk

S3 Personal Development Award



The S3 PDA pupils have been making cards from egg boxes and craft materials for Easter or Mother's Day. We have been enjoying the display in the classroom until it's time for them to be sent home.

They have also been doing work planting primroses in the garden with Carrie Douglas from Volunteer Midlothian.



Since November, S2 pupils have been taking part in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). This project enables learners to understand real life social issues and engage with local charities who work to make a difference to the community, while developing their own values and skills for work. Pupils have worked together in groups to create a 'pitch' on which charity should receive a £3,000 grant.

We hosted our YPI final on the 20th of March this year and are delighted to say Ellis, Jack, Oliver and Finlay won the grant for the charity Child Bereavement UK. They produced a brilliant presentation which demonstrated their knowledge of bereavement, the charity, what they are planning on doing to help the charity and the impact the money will have. Well done!

All of our finalists were amazing and deserve recognition for the hard work they have done. They all raised awareness of their social issue, charity and the skills they have developed during YPI. It was amazing to see our young people speak so eloquently and passionately about issues that matter to them. Our other finalists represented CHAS - Thomas, Tommy and Archie, Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity - Andrea, Sophie, Orla and Ginevra, Urban Uprising - Rosa, Isabella and Isla, and the Canmore Trust - Sam, Peter, Ollie and Paige.



Meet the Author

On the 14th March, Danny Scott, author of the book series 'Scotland Stars' visited the School Library to talk to S1 pupils and give them an exclusive preview of his new book.

The S1 students were responsive, asking and answering questions, enhancing everyone's understanding of the skills and knowledge you need to be successful in football. At the end, following an exciting penalty shoot-out, the pupils made up the start of their own book!

OTHER NEWS...

Lost Property

Attention all staff and students: There is currently a collection of lost property items located in the office. If you have misplaced any personal belongings, please visit the office to claim them at your earliest convenience. Please be advised that any unclaimed items will be disposed of during the Easter Break. Make sure to retrieve your belongings before they are gone for good! Thank you for your cooperation.

Reusable Water Bottles

By choosing reusable water bottles, not only do pupils contribute to a healthier planet and promote a culture of environmental responsibility, they also save time and money by eliminating the need to leave the classroom for a cup of water or to purchase bottled water. Therefore, we encourage pupils to bring reusable water bottles to school and to fill them up during lunch or break times.

Easter Study Timetable

Subject	Level	Teacher	Date	Time	Room
Maths	N5	Mr Hope	07/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F121
Music	Higher	Mr Pyper	07/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F303
Maths/Apps	AH/Higher	Mr May	08/04/2025	12:30 - 15:30	F112
Maths	Higher/N5	Mrs Harcourt-Gill	08/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F114
Music	AH/Higher	Mr Pyper	08/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F303
Biology	N5	Miss Miller	09/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F221
Drama	N5	Miss Dunion	09/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	G770
Design & Manufacture	N5	Mr Tams	09/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	G205
English	N5	Miss Frith	09/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	G120
English	Higher	Miss Frith	09/04/2025	12:30 - 15:30	G120
Apps of Maths	Higher/N5	Mr Stirling	11/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F112
Apps of Maths	N5	Mr Norby	14/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F123
PE	Higher	Mrs Wilson-Black	14/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	New PE Classroom
Art and Design	N5	Ms Kyle	14/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	G302
Photography	Higher	Ms Kyle	14/04/2025	12:30 - 15:30	G302
Maths	AH/Higher	Mr Gibbs	15/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	F120
Drama	NPA	Miss Thomson	16/04/2025	9:00 - 12:00	G770
Drama	Higher	Miss Thomson	16/04/2025	12:30 - 15:30	G770

Help with school meals during holidays and strike action

Where a pupil is eligible for free school meals because of low income, they may get extra help during school holidays and in the event of strike action.

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants/2

Free school meals and clothing grants updates		
Payment	Paid to bank accounts	Details
School Holidays Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April	Wednesday 2 April	£23.10 per primary school pupil £26.40 per secondary school pupil

Supported Study Timetable

Day	Time	Subject / Level	Room	Teacher
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Art, Design and Photography	G3.02	Ms Kyle
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Art, Design and Photography	G303	Mrs Zielinski
Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Biology / All levels	F2.21	Miss Miller
Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Biology N5/H/AH	F2.33	Miss Maitland
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Biology N5/H/AH	F2.34	Miss Macpherson
Wednesday	Lunch	Biology/All Levels	F2.20	Mr Craig
Thursday	Lunch	Biology: all levels	F2.33	Miss Maitland
Monday to Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Business and Admin: all levels	G2.17/G2.18/G2.37	Ms Zhang, Ms Adam, Mr Hamilton
Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Chemistry Higher	F2.23	Mrs Mackenzie
Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Chemistry N5 (H/AH drop in)	F2.25	Mrs Lawson
Thursday	1:05pm - 1:55pm	Chemistry National 5	F2.24	Ms Mackay
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Design & Manufacture/Engineering Science	G2.02	Mr Ambrose
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Engineering Science	G2.02	Mr Whitmore
Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	English (Higher)	G.122	Ms McJennett
Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	English all levels	G1.17	Mr Johnstone
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	French National 5	G2.28	Mr Zirnheld
Thursday	1:05pm - 1:55pm	French/Spanish: All levels	G2.24	Mrs Heggie
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Geography - all levels	F1.11	Miss McIntosh
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Graphic Communication	G2.12	Mr Young
Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Higher/NPA/N5 Drama	G7.70/G7.71	Miss Thomson & Miss Dunion
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	History	G1.09	Mr Wilson
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	History National 5	G111	Ms Wilson, Ms Byres, Mr Holligan
Friday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: AH	F1.20	Mr Gibbs
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: All levels/courses incl H Apps	F1.22	Mr May
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: All levels/courses (not Higher Apps)	F1.18	Mr C Stirling
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: All levels/courses (not Higher Apps)	F1.21	Mr Hope
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: All levels/courses (not Higher Apps)	F1.20	Mr Gibbs
Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: All levels/courses*	F1.14	Mrs Harcourt-Gill
Wednesday	Lunch	MATHS: BGE	F1.22	Mr May
Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: N5 Mat / N5Apps	F1.23	Mr Norby
Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	MATHS: N5 Mat / N5Apps/ Higher Apps	F1.17	Mr R Stirling
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Physics N5 (H/AH drop in)	F2.25	Mrs Lawson
Wednesday	1:05pm - 1:55pm	Physics N5 + Higher	F2.27	Mr Dale

Achieve Online Revision

Over and above the in person revision sessions on offer, young people can also access ACHIEVE, an online revision tool offered for the majority of subjects.

The quickest way to access ACHIEVE is by following these 3 simple steps:

1. Visit <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/>
2. Sign up with your email address and password
3. When prompted, enter the Dalkeith High School code zyZRiN4Y

From here young people can select National 5 and Higher courses, and access the Learn, Assess and Self-evaluate modules for each.

More information will follow with regards to study leave and SQA arrangements.

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