



# HOLYROOD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

It's hard to believe that Christmas is upon us already.

As always it's been a busy session for our School. I'd like to extend my thanks to you for your support this session both at the many events we have had and on a day to day basis.

This newsletter gives you an opportunity to get a flavour of some of the activities that our young people have been involved in in addition to progressing in their learning both within the Broad General Education and the Senior Phase.

I'd like to pay tribute to all of our Staff who are committed to providing our young people with the best possible experience. They are shattered but they tell me it's all been worth it!

I've had so many highlights this year and so many opportunities to be proud of our young people. It's humbling to work with young people who contribute so much in School and also in the Community.

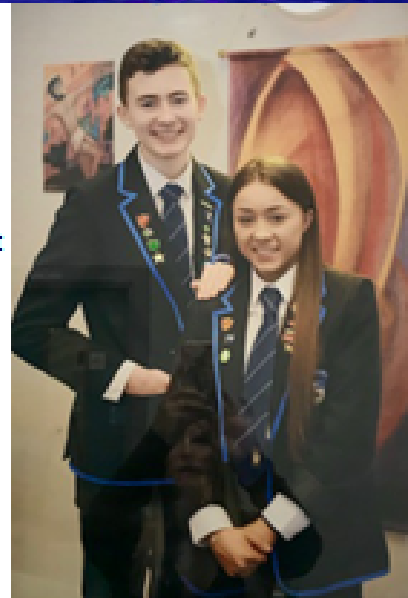
I know that our 4 new Deputy Heads are really enjoying their work here in Holyrood and have also been delighted with your support so thank you for that.

Unfortunately we have also experienced deep sadness this session with the tragic loss of one of our young people, Barry Arshad. Barry is and will be missed by everyone in our School Community. We extend our deepest sympathies to all Barry's family and friends and will continue to offer support to our young people through this very difficult time.

My prayers and best wishes go to all of you and your families this Christmas Season.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2019.

Sharon Watson



# Mathematics

## Higher Maths Trip to Ardentenny

A group of 68 pupils from S5/6 spent the weekend at Ardentenny residential centre, getting valuable study in for the upcoming prelim while also enjoying some outdoor activities such as gorge walking, rock hopping and archery! A great time was had by all with a mixture of group work, challenges, games and teaching taking place over the course of the weekend.



## Amazing News!

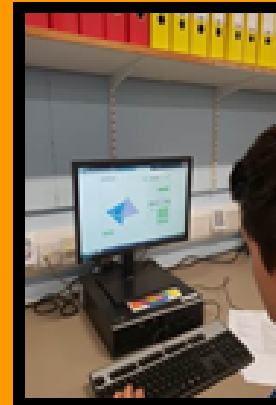
Jacques Heraghty of S5 has been selected for the Scottish Schools U18s International Squad.

This is an outstanding achievement by Jacques so please make sure to congratulate him if you see him.



# Business Education

The Department welcomed Ruth Hunter from Glasgow Libraries to work the young people in S4 and Higher Business Management pupils. The S4 Business Management classes completed workshops on Trademarks. They learned the importance of Trademarks to businesses and designed their own trademark. Higher Business Management pupils completed a workshop called Working for Yourself - this allowed our senior pupils to focus on future career paths.



Some of our S3 young people were fortunate to work with Young Enterprise Scotland on the High Street Challenge. The young people had to generate a business idea for an empty shop unit in Glasgow. There were lots of interesting ideas - watch out for the entrepreneurs of the future!



Amy Orsko from Matthew Algje provided the Higher Business Management classes with an interesting insight into sustainability and social responsibility within a business. This is one of the topics the higher class are required to study and may make an interesting topic to research.



The Stock Market Challenge – the Higher Business Management classes had an opportunity to spend £500,000 on stocks and commodities. Our top performing Traders were - Brandon and Holly from Mrs Agnew's/Ms McLachlan's class and Blair and Abdullah from Mr Docherty's class.

# Computing Department

## Bebras 2018

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over 40 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. All Computing Science students in S1-S3 participated in this competition with many receiving certificates of Merit and Distinction.

The following pupils finished in the top 10% in their age groups and have been invited to participate in Oxford University computational challenge in March – Ethan Lamb, Adam Scott,

Mircea Rusu, Thomas McKenna, Andrew Dale, Matthew Newman, Lucy O'Neill and Cara Lowe. Well done to them all.



## Cyber Security Christmas Lecture

A group of S3 Computing Science students attended this lecture. Supported by Scottish Government and industry, the annual Cyber Security Christmas Lectures tour is now in her 7th year. Aimed at encouraging ages 12-18 to consider a career in cyber security, the lectures take the format of two hours of interactive and light hearted presentations on a wide range of security topics. Our pupils came away with a two of the prizes.

# Modern Languages

## Modern Languages

Etwinning is continuing this year working on several projects across the school. In social subjects classes are sharing work on the theme of human rights and human wrongs sharing research on child labour and the slave trade.

Across the school the theme of health and well-being is being promoted through a project called !Qué saboroso! Pupils are working with schools in Madrid and Malaga, Spain, a school in Jundenburg, Austria, Schwerin in Germany all through the medium of Spanish. They will compare eating habits and look at nutritional information of what we consume and the project will finish with a tapas making contest. Haggis paella anyone?

Continuing on the theme of health and well-being classes will also look at the lives of 10 prominent sports figures from Scotland researching and presenting different aspects of their lives to our partner school in Madrid. Our partner school will choose their 5 favourites and the linguistic challenge will henceforth begin.

In January S2 pupils will start a robotics challenge in partnership with their amigos from Boadilla del Monte. This will be lots of fun and of course help improve their programming skills.

Should you like to find out more about our etwinning projects or have any ideas you would like to propose for us to take forward please contact me on [gw09macinneslouisa@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09macinneslouisa@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)



# Physical Education

S5 & S6 Sports Leaders helped line judge and umpire at the South Badminton finals and were a credit to the school. The team of Active Schools Coordinators who supported the day were very impressed with them and thank them for doing such a great job.



This is the stats from session 17/18 for the lunch time and after school clubs provided in Holyrood. A huge credit to all the pupils who are attending these clubs and making use of what is available to them. Keep up all the good work for this session 18/19.

Santa Fit ran on Friday 14 December which was a huge success with all those classes who attended PE that day and got into the festive spirit. A special shout out to the S5 and S6 Sports Leaders from Mr Nolan's class who planned all their sessions and delivered on the day from beat the Santa, snowball fights, running to Lapland and building a snowman. Also to the Young Ambassadors who put the planning in to place beforehand to allow the day to happen. Great effort shown by all.

## Santa Fit!



# UK Parliament Week

During November S1 participated in a UK Parliament Week focus within Social Subjects. The S1 pupil, with the help of the S6 Democracy Team, held elections for the Pupil Parliament. Elections were held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and we were joined by Local MP, Stewart McDonald, who announced the results of the election. Daniel Sweeney was duly elected as the Lead Pupil Parliament Representative, with Anna McFadyen as the Depute Lead. S1 have since held their first Pupil Parliament meeting where they discussed a number of important issues. Meetings of the pupil parliament will be held monthly. The Pupil Parliament will now be rolled out to S2 and S3 next term.



## Police Scotland Visit

S4 Modern Studies pupils were visited by the Police Scotland Air Support Unit as part of the Crime and the Law unit. The Officers explained the role of the Air Support Unit and took part in a Q&A with pupils. The Officers also showed the young people some footage of how they track down criminals and help in the search for missing persons.





## Leadership Academy



Leadership Team	Links	Assembly	S3 Link	NIF Driver	Area of Leadership
<u>Lily Miller</u> (Head Girl)	Miss <u>Dastey</u>	S6 Miss <u>Dastey</u>		Leadership	Faith / Supervision <u>Rota</u> / Ethos / Charity Lead / Prefect lead
Fraser McFarlane (Head Boy)	Miss <u>Dastey</u> / Mrs Ford / Mr Quinn	S6 Miss <u>Dastey</u>		Leadership	S6 Events / Ethos / Charity Lead / Pupil Voice / Faith / Prefect lead
Ross Somerville	Mrs Brady / Mr Roy	S2 Mr Roy		Performance Info	Homework Club / Rights Respecting School
David John	Music Dept	S1 Mr Quinn		School Improvement	Events / <u>Rota</u> / S6 Mentoring
Paul O'Brien	Miss Ford / Mrs Brady	S5 Mrs Carroll		School Improvement	Fundraising / <u>Rota</u> / Pupil Voice
Daniel Gallagher	Mrs Davidson / Mr Cahill /	S4 Mr Docherty		Performance Info / Parental Engagement	Numeracy / Parental Engagement
Mark Docherty	Miss <u>Dastey</u> / Miss Divers / Mr Quinn	S1 Mr Quinn		HWB	<u>HWB</u> / Fundraising / SCOF Ambassador
Nicholas Graham	Mrs Brady	S3 Miss Gardner		School Improvement	Kentigern Club & Anti-Bullying
<u>Sarah Mehmood</u>	Miss <u>Dastey</u> / Mr Cahill	S1 Mr Quinn		Parental Engagement	Family learning / New pupils
Olivia Finlay	Miss Divers / SLT	S5 Mrs Carroll		School Leadership	School Standards / HWB
Sania Ilyas	Mrs Cooper	S1 Mr Quinn		School Improvement	EAL / New pupils
Sania Gulzar	Miss Longo / Mr Birr	S4 Mr Docherty		Parental Engagement	Literacy / Yearbook link

### S6 Leadership Team update

We have an impressive S6 team who have now linked with departments and teachers on areas of school improvement.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their prefect and captains badges as a reward for their work.

The table highlights the area of the school particular leaders are overseeing.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas.





# ESOL ADULT CLASS!

## Free Adult English Class

### What is it?

- This is a class to help you improve your reading, writing, talking and listening skills in English.
- It is for adults with *any* level of English.
- It will be taught by Jim Callaghan an instructor from Glasgow Clyde College.
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### Where and when is it?

- It will be in Holyrood Secondary School in Modern Languages 3 (we will meet adults at the front door).
- It will be on Tuesday evenings from 16:00-18:00 (4-6pm).
- It will run from Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO class on February 12<sup>th</sup>.



# Religious Education



The Department of Religious Education has provided our pupils and pupils in our learning community with many opportunities for faith development since August '18.

In September many of 31 pupils and parents and guardians attended the Mass of Welcome. This was a beautiful celebration shared within our school community. Various 31 pupils used their talents and gifts within the liturgy through reading, processing with the gift and serving. The senior choir provided the music. The Home Economics department provided a fantastic cake to celebrate this occasion and highlighting the Centenary of Catholic Education.



In September pupils from across the school attended the Icon, Jesus our Teacher, Mass for High Schools at St Gabriel's parish, our pupils were included in the Bidding prayers and offertory procession. This started our celebrations for the Centenary of Catholic Education.



## Caritas Group



Prior to the September weekend our Caritas students attended their commission mass. The Caritas students will be endeavouring to complete 20 hours of faith witness in school, and 20 hours within their place of worship, attend Gathering Points to achieve the Award.

# Pilgrimage

In October a group of S1 pupils made a pilgrimage to the Icon of Jesus our Teacher in the Cathedral where they participated in Mass and a prayer service



In November to honour of deceased relatives and friend, all year groups completed November Lists. Senior pupils had an opportunity for adoration and prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Caritas students with Mrs Watson and Mrs McCoy attended the Prayer Breakfast at St Margaret Mary's Secondary in November. The group enjoyed breakfast, prayer and listening to a guest speaker. Our Caritas representatives also delivered the Prayers of the Faithful



On the 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> of November we celebrated Interfaith Week. Since August a group of 4 S2 pupils, have been Interfaith Ambassadors. They have been liaising with the Bishop's Conference of Scotland and Glasgow Museums, and visiting places of worship around Glasgow. These pupils planned, prepared and delivered two days of workshops including a video of the vast faiths within Holyrood, became mini curators organising artefacts into 4 different displays, treasure hunts and introduced guest speakers from the Sikh and Muslim communities. The S2 pupils delivered the days across our S1 year group.



# Religious Education...

For the Centenary exhibition hosted by SCES we provided images from Holyrood to fit the brief of Past Present and Future. Our Senior Choir performed at the opening of the event.



A group of ambassadors from Holyrood along with staff attended the Diocese Mass for High Schools celebrated by the Archbishop.

# Catholic Education week

To celebrate the Centenary of the Catholic Education, we hosted a Primary 7/ Caritas prayer retreat breakfast at the end of November. 200 P7 pupils represented our 9 primary schools from our learning community and engaged in a retreat based on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each group was led by four of our Caritas students. After our retreat we shared in a breakfast.



# Advent

This Advent the school community were encouraged to donate toiletries, hats, scarfs and other items to the Simon Community in Glasgow, many pupils brought in non perishable goods for a local food bank and many of school community donated a vast number of children's gifts to St Vincent de Paul who will deliver these to families throughout Glasgow.



