

26 June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another year, and what a great year it has been. Since our last newsletter in May we have been extremely busy starting with our Senior Induction programme for new S5 and S6. Following this we appointed our new House Captains – Brogan McLeod and Lauren McKinven for Braemar, Maya Watson and Declan Affley to Dunvegan and Amma Ali and Katie McKendrick for Tantallon. They have already undertaken some leadership training and have hit the ground running in this key role.

We have also been saying farewell to our S6 at their Prom on Friday. They were an amazing year group and it was lovely to share the fun of their evening and wish them all the very best for the future. At the opposite end of the school, we had a very successful Transition 4 days with our Primary 7 students. Again, we have a large intake with many families selecting Tynecastle. These were a great four days and we are looking forward to formally welcoming them as our new S1 in August.

June has also been very much a month of events. We held the screening of the Wilfred Owen film *The Burying Party* to bring alive his time in Edinburgh and teaching at Tynecastle for our students; we attended the RSA where one of our senior students had been nominated for The Paolozzi prize; we were the Pipe Band opening Saughton Park, at the renovated bandstand in the company of HRH Princes Royal; we had a wonderful evening with parents/carers and our wider community celebrating highlights of the year at our annual Celebration of Attainment and Achievement Awards event; and this week had a lovely time with members of our community at the Hearts of Hollywood: Family Film night at Tynecastle Park, which was organised by a group of our students alongside The Edinburgh International Festival as a taster of the fun to come in August, when Tynecastle Park is the venue for the opening concert featuring the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra on 2 August. Gorgie really is the centre of the arts scene these days and we look forward to seeing many of you at this free event.

Unfortunately, the year has also brought great sadness to our school but on Sunday I was so proud to be part of Team Tynecastle running 5k with an amazing group of staff at The Race for Life in memory of our dear colleague, Gillian Farrell. The fundraising for this has been tremendous and will be further supported by our bucket shake on Friday as part of our Dress Down Day.

To finish, I would just like to let you know how much I have appreciated all your support and input to ensuring that this year has been such a successful one for our school community. Without you as parents/carers, working together, we could not achieve any of this. And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a long and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards,



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Head Teacher

Please note that school finishes at 12 noon on Friday 28 June
Students return to school on Wednesday 14 August at 8.25am