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June 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have just had a successful P7 visit and our excellent new S1 will be the biggest intake in recent years. We also said farewell to our fantastic S6 at the prom recently. As a group they have contributed so much to the school in their time here and we wish them well as they set off for university, college and work. I would also like to thank the Parent Council for their hard work in organising the excellent Summer Fair recently. This was well attended, helped to really promote the school, and, as well as raising a lot of money, was very good fun. – even the sponging of the heidi!

In May, whilst the SQA exams were on and running smoothly, all S1-3 students took part in the Health & Wellbeing Week activities which offered many opportunities for personal achievement and enjoyment, key aspects of the new curriculum. This was a real term highlight for me.

The other major development this term has been our decision to issue all S3- & S4 students with iPads in the new session. You will hear a lot more about this exciting initiative in August. Meanwhile, I wish you a very relaxing summer break and look forward to meeting you all after the holidays.

Mr T Rae,
(Head Teacher)



Whole School News

S6 House Captains

Braemar: Lara Clyde & Jack Brown

Dunvegan: Sarah Nisbet & Kirsty Davidson

Tantallon: Lauren Archibald, Claire Grant



At the prom

Our House Captains have been fantastic to work with this session, reliable, creative and great to work with. I wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their education at University/College.

Professional Review and Development

The busy summer term is also the season for staff to undergo meetings with line managers to discuss their professional review

and development. These important meetings pave the way for arranging Continuing Professional Development in line with School Improvement needs.

Timetabling and Staff Cover

Many readers will be aware that Tynecastle's new 2013-14 timetable kicked off on Monday 3 June. The school is one of the first in the City of Edinburgh to adopt a new electronic form of timetabling, which now 'speaks' to a similarly new Staff Cover system. Exciting times, and great progress for the school in line with Tynecastle's aim of leading innovation in the city.

Student Council Achievements

The 2012-13 Student Council achieved a great deal! Class representatives from senior classes compiled a power point presentation on these achievements which was shown during Tutor Group time prior to the election of our new representatives for Session 2013-14. We're really proud of the strong voice of our Student Council!

T Rae



S1/2 round up

This has been another busy term for our S1/2 students. Full reports for S2 were issued to parents / carers mid May and to S1 parents / carers at the start of June. We hope you have found these reports informative and invite you to return the acknowledgement slip at the back of the report with any comments you or your child would like to make, if you have not already done so.

S1/2 started their new timetable at the beginning of June, which can mean new teachers and also new subjects. S2 now have a dedicated period of Design every week. This highly popular course is planned and taught by teachers in our art and CDT departments and explores topics and skills across both subjects, creating final products which link with the design industry. With the change of timetable, S2 students have also now moved into S3 and have embarked on the third year of their Broad General Education, which has meant opting to focus on a particular subject within a

curricular area, for example biology within science or modern studies within social studies. Students will however continue with many aspects of all subjects in S3. There will be a further Review of Learning in Spring 2014 of S3, when students will decide which 6 subjects they wish to continue into the Senior Phase and exams.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Throughout this year, all S1/2 students have experienced different Interdisciplinary Learning projects. This is when learning about a topic covers two or more subject areas. Teachers plan to teach the knowledge and understanding at the same time to enable students to make connections between their learning. For example, in S1 in the Spring term, the project on Product Design was taught through Information Literacy, Art and Home Economics and focused on learning about the marketing, design and making of a chocolate bar and its wrapper. Each student then



produced their own bar with their individually created wrapper. This term in S1, the project has been 'Eating for Health and Fitness' and involved PE, Science, Home Economics and Maths. Students learned about the importance of healthy eating and regular exercise and learned about our metabolism and how to calculate their own Body Mass Index. This culminated in the students making one 'pledge' to improve their health and fitness over the next year. These pledges are displayed in the PE department and we intend to revisit them with the students at various points throughout next year. In S2, in addition to the timetabled period of design every week, there is also an Interdisciplinary Project on Marketing and Packaging taught in the CDT and Home Economics departments, which looks at the food manufacturing process from the factory to the supermarket shelf.

Junior Award Scheme Scotland (JASS)

I am delighted to say that all our S1 students have now

completed their Junior Award Scheme Scotland Gold level. This has involved them participating in 18 hours of the three units – Get Active, Stay Active; My Interests and Me and My World and also finally taking part in an Adventure Day in May, which involved them spending the day at John Muir Country Park near Dunbar. The Awards Ceremony to celebrate their achievements took place on Thursday 20 June. The awards were presented by MSP Marco Biaggi, Gavin Corbett, Green Councillor for Fountainbridge–Craiglockhart, Denis Dixon, SNP Councillor for Sighthill /Gorgie and Councillor Catherine Fullerton, Vice-Convenor of the Education, Children & Families Committee. Representatives of the organisations which our JASS projects supported – The Edinburgh Cat and Dog Home, Blenheim House for the Elderly, Redhall Special School and The Sick Kids Foundation were also present. I particularly enjoyed watching the film our S3 media students made to celebrate all the different projects. However, the stars of the show were undoubtedly the two kittens from The Edinburgh Dog and



Cat Home, who came along to collect their hand-knitted pet blankets.

E-portfolios

All our S1/2 students have continued to develop their own e-portfolio. The e-portfolio aims to provide our students with the opportunity to record their successes from both in and out of school and encourages them to reflect on their achievements and the skills they have developed as a result of their experiences by putting up regular 'posts'. You can access your son / daughter's own e-portfolio from home by asking them to log onto their GLOW account. There is a space for parents / carers to respond to the post or to add a new post. Please feel free to make a contribution.

Mrs Ramsay , S1-2 Year Head



JASS students ran 5 kilometres and raised £200 for the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh.



The successful runners



S3 / 4 Round-Up

The Summer Term has been busy for S3 and S4, with the older group beginning their first experience of 'real SQA exams', and the younger students reviewing their learning in order to select courses to continue into their S4. This was a very interesting and smooth process, with extremely high levels of satisfaction among students.

S3 students participated brilliantly in our Health and Wellbeing Days and, with senior students out of 'normal school' on exam business, some S3 students stepped very ably into 'ambassadorial role', helping out at Primary sports days and the like. We always hear great things from the community about our students!

Many S3 and S4 students have also participated in opportunities such as The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Youth Vision and learning experiences at Colleges and Universities. Enriching wider achievement experiences are

very much a feature of the Curriculum for Excellence, and S3 have recorded such experiences in their online e-portfolios. The culmination of their Broad General Education was celebrated by S3 (now S4!) in Celebrations of Achievement held on the afternoons of Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 June. It was great to see parents and carers in school to enjoy the proceedings; we all enjoyed the cup of tea afterwards!

Mrs Bell, S3-4 Year Head

S4 Added Value Event-

Our students had a fantastic experience at this event on the 21st June at Forrester & St Augustine's High Schools. The Added Value Event is a compulsory part of the new National qualifications and it aims to further develop student understanding of their performance in a competitive setting.

The Tynecastle students competed in four activity areas

- **Gymnastics & Dance**



- **Football**
- **Basketball**
- **Badminton**

The students competed to an extremely high level in all activities with some fantastic performances, they interacted well with those from others schools and all events were played in the correct sporting manner.

The Physical Education department were delighted with the effort, conduct & behaviour of all the students involved in the event. There were a credit to the school and themselves.

Mr Connell, PE

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition returns



Junior dancers



Footballers



S5 / 6 Round-up

The 2012-13 S6 Charities committee raised a staggering £1000 through dress down days etc for a variety of charities including Dreamz 4 U, Fresh Start and the British Heart Foundation.

The new S5/6 students have just completed their SQA exams. As in their prelims the students' attendance, punctuality and conduct during the exams was exceptionally good and I am confident that this will contribute to excellent final results

They returned from study leave on Thursday 6th June and undertook a varied Induction Programme designed to develop their ability to work as part of a team, their leadership skills and contribute to the wider life of the school.

S6 Conference took place at Napier University on 10th & 11th June. This involved five hundred and seventy S6 students from Tynecastle, Craigmount,

Forrester, St. Augustine's and Royal High schools working together to find out about different charitable organisations and working in teams of six to represent the charity by making and delivering a presentation to their peers. Both of the winning charities Hopscotch and RNLI will become adopted by Tynecastle High School and the other neighbourhood schools during next session. All monies raised will be presented to the charities at the next S6 Conference in June 14.

New S5/6 Wider Achievement Challenge 2013-14

From our work with employers, careers staff and what we read in the media we know that the competition for jobs, places on apprenticeships, places at colleges and Universities is great. We aim to prepare our Tynecastle students to have the edge over others when they leave school by ensuring that during the year they have undertaken a substantial wider achievement opportunity which they will be able to proudly use on their CV / application forms



and talk confidently about in an interview. The wider achievement opportunities available in school are endless but here are a few examples: Paired Reading, being a Buddy, a Restorative Practice mediator, a prefect, a House Captain, Wednesday lunchtime club assistant, a sports ambassador, Eco Group leader, Student Council leader.

Personal Achievement through internships

I am delighted to announce that Rhona Lloyd, Karolina Rut and Sanish Maharjan have been selected to attend a two week residential internship at the Scottish Government organised by Social Mobility Foundation in July. They will each receive a mentor, an action packed placement and university workshops as well as social activities. I wish them every success.

Career Academies

Hollie Sword - Career Academies Sir Win Bischoff Award

I am delighted to share with you that after winning the Scotland and Ireland regional final in this prestigious UK award, Hollie was recently announced in London as one of two UK overall



winners.

She wins an all expenses paid business trip to New York in September and £500 each year for 3 years to support study at university. The award is for the young person who has travelled the greatest distance in terms of development since starting the scheme.

Hollie is a worthy winner and we are all very proud of her and her achievements.



*Mrs Turnbull,
S5-6 Year Head*

Extra-Curricular Highlights

Friday 15th March saw the first Staff v Student Olympics. This event was organised by two S4 students, Struan McCall and Steven Nicolson, who wanted to contribute towards fundraising for the Florida science trip.

The games included:

- * High Jump
- * Shot Putt
- * Golf – Putting
- * Long Jump
- * Illinois Agility Test
- * 3 Point Competition
- * Cross Bar Challenge
- * Beat the Goalie

After a very tense and close competition those in the staff team were the overall victors by just two events. They won 40 events but the students were very close behind with 38 wins. The individual student who won most events was Craig McKay in S4 and the best individual staff member was Mr Aitchison. The consolation prize went to

Struan McCall (S4) who despite being a competitive golfer lost

to Miss Gardner in the putting competition.

Although this event was the first of its kind it was well supported and there was healthy competition between all who took part. Many thanks to those who supported the event.

Miss L Moyes

Mr Aitchison and Craig McKay



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Tynecastle has had two successful DoE Training trips





recently. The Silver/Gold group travelled to Arrochar, involving a circular trip up Glen Loin, back via the Rest and be Thankful and a brave attempt on the Cobbler which failed as a result of the snow. The Bronze group went the following weekend to the Pentlands and climbed Caerketton, Allermuir and Harbour Hill, and camped at Bonaly Scout Ground. Special thanks to Ms Dolan for walking into town to fetch marshmallows and Ms Campbell for being a very positive role model for the students. Both groups impressed with their navigation, team work and camping skills and have learned a few important lessons along the way too as these anonymous quotes show....



“Do I need a sleeping bag for this trip?”

“I thought you were bringing the tent?!”

“Mr Harrison I can’t go without my shampoo and my onesie....”

The DoE Bronze group have also successfully completed their assessed expedition from Tibbie Shiels Inn, along the Southern Upland Way to Traquair. They were impressively self-sufficient and very quick too – well done team! DoE meets every Tuesday lunchtime and is open to students aged 14 and up. New members are always welcome.

Mr Harrison, Science





Green Achievers

Green Achievers is a new programme from the Green Team which began in January, despite the snow! Emily Sanderson, Project Co-ordinator, supports young people to succeed at school through learning and developing outdoor skills in team-work,



communication, conservation and even camp fire cooking. During this learning, personal confidence and skills increase and lots of fun is had by all. The 10 young people from Tynecastle High School have been working towards a John Muir Award throughout the 8 weeks by discovering and exploring a wide variety of wild

places including Cammo Estate in Edinburgh, and Hopetoun House and Vogrie Country Park in Midlothian.

The young people have been building igloos, felling trees, removing invasive plant species, meeting deer, toasting marshmallows and battling the wild winter weather.

Business Game

On Wednesday 10th April, five KPMG employees came to the school to run a 2 hour business game with 5th and 6th year accounts and business studies students. The session involved finding out about K-Electrical (a fictitious kettle manufacturing company). In groups of three students were asked to discuss some of the business decisions made by K-Electrical; whether they were good or bad and the advantages and disadvantages of each. All groups were allocated one of the key decisions on which they then presented their findings. The session included a brief skills workshop which provided hints and tips on how best to prepare



and deliver effective presentations. We saw excellent drawings, illustrations, and jokes in the students' presentations, which ensured that they grabbed the attention of those watching, got the key points across and were very memorable. We received many thanks from the KPMG team for the hard work of all the students taking part.

Ms Mech, Business

S1 Football Trip to Sunderland AFC

On Saturday 20th of April the S1 Football team travelled to the Stadium of Light for a full day of exciting football activities. Our day began bright and early at 5.45am when we met at Tynecastle High School and set

off on our journey south to



Sunderland. We were greeted by Sunderland Academy coaches who took us on a stadium tour around the magnificent Stadium of Light before then challenging the S1 football team with a fantastic coaching session.



This was a brilliant start to the day where we were able to learn lots about Sunderland AFC's History as well as have a taster of what it like being part of Paolo Di Canio's team. The day ended with us watching Sunderland AFC vs Everton FC as



the red and whites continued their battle against relegation. With the sun shining down on us we had a tremendous trip and were all able to leave having learnt something new!

Mr Rahimian and Mr Nisbet

Health and Wellbeing week



In May all S1-3 students participated in a week of Health and Wellbeing activities. These activities consisted of a Health Fair, Activity Days, S1 health project, S2 rugby tournament and S3 sports day. During the week students opted into activities such as paintballing, trampolining, football, surfing, cycling, rock climbing and visiting



Edinburgh Castle, Jupiter Artland, National Museum of Scotland, Go Ape and many other places. Students enjoyed their opportunity to spend two days learning outside the classroom, all the while experiencing new activities with students from different year groups.



Below please find the winners of the house competitions which took place throughout Health and Wellbeing Week:

- S1 Sports Challenge - Dunvegan
- S3 Sports Day - Braemar
- S2 Rugby Tournament
- Winning team - Tahmith Ahmed, Brandon Anderson, Bradley Forbes, Ali Ghafoor, Amber Lee, Michael Robertson, Nathan Salkeld, Greg Thomson
- Fair play award - Moftah Ali, Iain Bladen, Lewis Howard, Kieran McCready, Gavin Rennie, Levi Russell, Mateusz Rybakowski, David Weddell
- MVP - Mikalai Malinski

London Dance Trip

Girls from S1-S3 visited London for two days as part of their Health and Wellbeing week. This trip was a great success, with the girls visiting Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and of course

the shops! We then saw a performance of Billy Elliott in Victoria Palace Theatre which was outstanding and the girls



were amazed by the dancing involved. To finish the trip, the girls visited Pineapple Dance Studios where they took part in a jazz class which they all seemed to really enjoy and worked very hard in. All the girls who went on the trip were a credit to themselves and the school.

The Dance Club performed at various events over the last few weeks including the Summer Performance Showcase, the school fair and at the Annual schools awards night.

Ms Moultray, PE



Crime Scene Investigation (Primary 6)

The annual interdisciplinary CSI primary transition event started in May with P6s from our cluster putting their detective skills to good use. Students worked in teams to solve a fictitious crime, using scientific data and their literacy skills to make deductions about prime suspects. We were once again impressed with the level of skill displayed on the day with some teams putting forward cases which would have convinced the wariest of judges. The Crime of the Missing Guitar called for students to work with peers from different Primary schools and S3 Tynecastle students in the English and Science departments. The students participated in a range of activities through the day



including statement writing, and practical experiments such as

paper chromatography and finger printing. Students also presented their final findings to the whole group.

Ms Davie, English

Project Linus Quilting Group

Members of the group have been very busy this term producing a number of



patchwork quilts for terminally ill and severely disadvantaged children. Many of the quilts are given to children in the Sick Kids Hospital in Edinburgh or Rachel House in Kinross. Aiming to be eco-friendly, the main parts of the quilts have been



constructed out of scrap pieces of fabric. Any tiny scraps of an unusable size have also been donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care where they receive money for textile recycling. The group meets on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes, and the pupils have worked very enthusiastically to donate their time and energy for those less fortunate than themselves.

Mrs Campbell, HE

Litter Less Lunchtimes Competition Winners

On May 8th our team were chosen as the winners of the City of Edinburgh Councils, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, Litter Less Lunchtimes Competition.

We entered this competition as part of our progress towards achieving Green Flag status at Tynecastle High School. The Eco-Warriors helped organise and support a small group of S1 students in their attempt to win a City of Edinburgh Council Competition. The Litter Less Lunchtimes Competition was designed to encourage

secondary schools to take action against lunchtime litter. That said, however, our school is one of the cleanest within the city and is often used as an example of good practice. Therefore, one of the aims of this project is for our school to become litter free.

The competition involved students thinking about what would stop them dropping litter, and coming up with an awareness campaign to engage the whole school in reducing the litter problem, both inside and outside the school grounds. It is a two part project with the first stage being to develop a litter awareness campaign with a video and materials to engage the schools and local



community. The team shot the video over the February half term and are in the process of producing materials to



encourage the school as well as the local community to use litter bins and recycle where possible. We hope you will support us in our efforts.

The team won £500 and a video camera for the school BUT the best part of the prize was the film being produced by a professional team from Screen Edinburgh as part of the councils litter information campaign.

I am immensely proud of all the students who were involved in this project.

Miss Moyes, Eco Co-ordinator

Edinburgh Schools Athletics Competition

Caley Hutchison recently competed in the Edinburgh Schools Athletics Competition



at Meadowbank Sports Centre. Caley participated in the 100m and this was the first time she has ever competed in an athletics event. Caley performed extremely well and finished third. Well done Caley.

John Muir Expedition: June 2013



We left on Sunday afternoon and headed to Braealeny near Callander. We were all kitted out in full mountain gear and given our rucksacks. Our intended destination for the evening was a reservoir 3km to the north. We successfully crossed two rivers above the missing bridge and made good time to the reservoir. There we discussed how to camp and we got to choose our own sites. Dylan Barnes had a beautiful view from his tent – a perfect



view of the reservoir and surrounding hills.

Tea of spaghetti bolognese was prepared together and then some of the boys had Pot Noodles as pudding! After tea we washed up using stream water and moss. In the evening we huddled under the group shelter and read some of 'Kidnapped'. We also learnt about the camp loos we were given a small spade and anti-bacterial hand wash!

It rained for the full day on Monday. This meant several streams were in full flow. We still needed to cross them but care was taken to ensure that we found safe places to do so. Lunch was held under the group shelter with Pepperoni, cuppa soup, cereal bars and chocolate.



Afterwards we continued on, slowly rising above the valley floor into the head of the valley where herds of deer were spotted. As we neared our destination the cloud lifted and everything became brighter – but not for long! We also passed a patch of snow. Finding suitable ground for camping was not easy due to the wet ground and the wind. However we pitched camp at the Bealach and quickly put the shelter up and got the stoves on. The boys were amazing. Everyone worked together to get tents up and food organised. Despite the very difficult conditions, the boys kept going. We all managed to get some sleep as we were all exhausted from the day's walking.

On Tuesday morning we awoke to find ourselves in the clouds. It was a source of great delight that we were breakfasting in the clouds! After packing up our tents, we followed the ridge to Beinn Each. We were now in proper high mountain terrain. Hence we talked a lot about how to walk safely and also to watch out for each other. This section involved much steeper



ascents than the day before and we worked hard to keep the group together without anyone feeling left behind. At one point the cloud lifted and we could see the other side of the valley where we had been the day before. Looking at the view, Kurt exclaimed "I feel like the king of the world!"



Once we reached Loch Lubnaig we were picked up by the service bus to Callander where ice cream was consumed, the cars retrieved and a safe return to Edinburgh was made. We arrived in school exhausted, very smelly and with a huge sense of achievement. Well done to Dylan Barnes, Dylan Peterkin, Michal Protasiuk, Ian Gourlay and Kurt Robertson-Christie. - Ms Semple, Drama

Transition Cycle Ride

Our hugely enjoyable cycle ride took place on Thursday 6th June.

Seven Stenhouse pupils joined us for lunch at the High School before setting back off to Stenhouse on what will be their route to school, should they choose to cycle to school in S1.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Ms Ashling Dolan for organising and supporting this event, and to Mr John DuPuy for introducing the pupils to bike maintenance and encouraging them to join bike club in S1.

Four of our own S1 pupils took part in the day, helping to encourage their new peers on the cycle. We had great weather and went on to enjoy a nice afternoon with the P7s in their garden at Stenhouse before coming back to the high school.



It was an excellent transition event all round for everyone involved.

Ms Brown, Active Schools

Faculty news



Interview with Ms Dolan

1. What would you rather fight, 100 duck sized horses or 1 horse sized duck?

Reply: 1 horse sized duck because ducks, on average, tend to be less intelligent than horses so I would have a better chance of outsmarting it.

2. What would be your weapon of choice for this fight?

Reply: Breadcrumbs .

3. What are your guilty pleasure songs?

Reply: AHA, Take on me
The Dawsons Creek Soundtrack, Season 1
B*witched, C'est la vie

4. Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?

Reply: Living in a mansion in Dunbar, teaching advanced higher maths and driving a Mini Cooper.

5. Milk or cereal in the bowl first?

Reply: Cereal first, to gauge how much milk is required.

6. What 3 pieces of equipment would you take if you were



going to be stranded on a desert island?

Reply: a compass and a map (these things count as one piece of equipment), a solar powered iPhone and a Swiss army knife.

7. Which celebrity/famous person would you like to have dinner with and why?

Reply: Pythagoras, so she could feed him beans (he had a phobia of beans).

8. Why do you hate Pythagoras?

Reply: I like beans, he does not. So just a general disagreement.

9. What made you want to become a maths teacher?

Reply: I always loved maths and philosophy. I saw the best way of continuing with both of these things would be to become a maths teacher while running a philosophy club.

11. Who would you want by your side in a wrestling match? You

do not know who your opponent will be.

Reply: Spiderman because he would be able to blind our opponents with his spider web.

12. If you could choose, what would your superpower be?

Reply: time travel/manipulation .

13. What is the most useless fact you know?

Reply: The definition of a kilogram is the weight of the international prototype kilogram (IPK) which is a piece of very dense metal. 3 independent, separate keys are required to access it and it is also referred to as 'Le Grand K'.

14. What is your favourite university and why?

Reply: Cork uni where I studied maths and philosophy. I was there for 3 years and it was my first experience of independence. I also discovered my love for philosophy and maths.



15. What do you feel will be your greatest achievement?

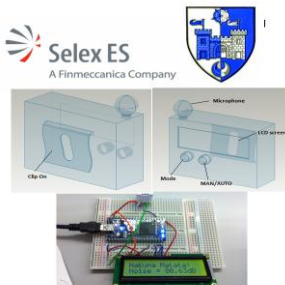
Reply: I will soon be sitting my driving test!

Ms Dolan was interviewed by *Sanish Maharjan and Alastair Nicholson*

Science

EES (Engineering Education Scheme) Group – Engineering Design Challenge 2013

The EES group went to Strathclyde University to present to a panel, Dragons Den style, their final Engineering Sound Sensing Project. Students had to deliver a 15 minute



presentation behind closed doors as well as answer plenty of questions from the judges and other guests. Our crack

team, made up of Alastair Nicholson, Karolina Rut, Steven Dick and Ludwik Bacmaga, produce a working model of an ultrasonic sound sensor. They left with enhanced teamwork, scientific report writing, problem solving and presentation skills, and managed to enjoy the challenging problems with which they were faced.

Florida science trip

On Saturday 8th June the Florida group held a Race Night to raise funds for our trip. The event, held at Longstone Hearts Club was a brilliant evening full of winning for a few, losing for most and a lot of hilarity. The evening was a great success and raised £785. Thank you to all who supported us.

Miss Moyes

English

Recently, S1 English students entered a Young Writers competition called 'The Poetry Games'.



Of thousands of entrants from all over the UK and overseas, nine of our Tynecastle students have been chosen to have their poems published within a special anthology. Work was selected for publication based on perception, imagination, expression and creative use of language.

A copy of the book *'The poetry Games - Scotland and Wales'* will be kept at the British library and further libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland, providing a lasting record of their achievement. The school will also receive a complimentary copy for the school library.

The students received a bookmark and a certificate for their achievement.

I would like to congratulate the following budding poets on their great achievement:

Chloe Hogg 1D2

Holly Murray 1B1

Katie-Anne Walker 1T1

Megan Douglas 1B1

Connie Quinn 1D2

Ross Anderson 1D1

Alen Volozenoks 1D2

David Leslie 1D1

Azizur Loskar 1D2

Miss Farrelly, English

Visit to Jupiter Artland

Higher and Advanced Higher candidates had a great opportunity to explore their creative sides on a recent visit to the awe-inspiring park. Students benefited from a poet led workshop based on the poem 'Sweeney's Bothy'. Poet Ken Cockburn illustrated the importance of precision and differentiation in word choice when writing and asked students to experiment with ideas inspired by their surroundings.

Extracts from our Students' Pieces:



I settle on a verge of grass and
lie in nature's hand



But the trees close in on me like
a twisted wooden army

I suddenly feel so alone and dark
The light isn't where it used to be...

Matthew Scott

When I step into the centre of
the temple, I feel like a god.
Almost as if all the power was in
my hands.

Ashleigh King



Media

The S3 Media class will bring their year's work to a close with a showing of their most substantial project, a five minute film. Presentations will involve students offering their experiences of planning, producing, making and editing their completed projects.

S Davie, English

Art

Paolozzi Prize for Art Awards Ceremony

In April two of our senior students took part in the first



Paolozzi Prize for Art Awards Ceremony. This award is hosted by the National Galleries of Scotland to acknowledge and celebrate the artistic achievements of Edinburgh Schools Art Students. 120 Students attended from 13 high schools across Edinburgh.

The art department is delighted to announce that Maks Michalski in S5 received a Highly Commended award. This award recognises students who have faced challenges in learning and who have shown resilience and determination.



Kirsty Davidson in S6 was nominated for the 'New Directions' category which acknowledges students who have excelled in showing independence and ingenuity through exploring new ideas or methods in their art practice.

Further information, photos and a video can be found using the link below;

<http://edinburghbrightfutures.com/2013/04/18/paolozzi-prize-for-art-winners-announced/>

highlight was the presentation by costume design graduates which proved as theatrical and exciting as ever. The students loved the experience and it provided an insight into further learning and career opportunities in the arts.

To see highlights of this years show you can watch this video from your front row seats!

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=KKqFbGSBsZ8>

ECA Fashion Show April 2013

Some of our S4 and S5 students went to this years ECA fashion show held at the McEwan hall. Students saw a catwalk display by this year's graduates and some projects from 1st and 2nd year students. A particular





Modern Languages

Meeting Mandarin

In June, S2 and S3 students have been enjoying taster classes in Mandarin Chinese as part of their Broad General Education in Modern Languages. Students have been able to exchange personal information and learn the numbers as well as



developing some background cultural knowledge. Highlights have included practising writing symbols using paintbrushes and working on chopsticks technique.

Paris in the Springtime

The end of May saw 31 students and 4 members of staff heading off for the third annual S1/S2 France trip. This year we decided to once again take the train to Paris for 4 days of cultural activities and an opportunity to experience life in the capital of the French-



speaking world. Highlights of this year's trip identified by students included the view of Paris by night from the Eiffel Tower, exploring the shops in Montmartre and of course travelling by Métro, where there



is never a dull moment. We also found time for a market treasure hunt, a Seine cruise, walking the Champs Elysées, seeing the Mona Lisa in the Louvre and climbing the Arc de Triomphe. It may be exhausting, but we look forward to doing it all over again next year.

Mr Oswald

Parent Council Summer Fair

On Saturday 15 June students, parents, staff and community neighbours enjoyed a wonderful Summer Fair, the school's second in recent years. Stalls included plants, baking, books, raffle and Holiday Hamper, and activities such as Beat the Goalie and Coconut Shy were extremely popular.

There were lots of edible options for those attending, with coffee, tea and cake provided by our Home Economics Department, and World Challenge students selling hot dogs, smoothies and 'a Nepalese taster'.



One brilliant feature of this year's Fair was the first appearance of our very own Tynecastle Bunting! Parent Council members and students worked with Mrs Jane Campbell (Design Faculty) to make hundreds of metres of beautiful bunting. Sewing contributions came from many sources, including an 88 year old lady who lives in Thurso! We look forward to our brilliant bunting adorning many more happy school occasions.



The weather was extremely kind to us, and many of those attending commented on the very happy atmosphere. Our congratulations and thanks to Parent Council Chair Mrs Brownlee and her fantastic team of helpers.

Mrs Bell, DHT

Bendo Cup

Friday 14th June saw the annual S5 V S6 Bendo Cup. This football match is in memory of David Bendo.

After a tense opening 10 minutes the S5 team began to dominate and create chances leading to the first of their 7 goals.

The match raised £108 which will be donated to a suitable charity.

Tom Griffin & Miss Moyes

Active Schools and Transition



I am very excited to announce our first attendance at an Active Schools High School Mixed Hockey Festival!



Well done to Bethany Ferguson, Ellie Thomson, Rachel Hall, Kay Patterson and Heather Burns for their fantastic performance yesterday at Meggetland.

Our girls were amazing, this being the first time they had all played together as a team. Of the four games, we drew two and the girls played exceptionally well, with a goal from Kay!

I am very proud of them all and am very much looking forward to more hockey at Tynecastle. Watch this space!

Ms Brown, Active Schools



Edinburgh High Schools Golf League

The first round of the Edinburgh High Schools Golf League took place at Carrick Knowe golf course on Friday 12th April. There were 25 competitors from 7 schools across Edinburgh. Considering the weather, the course was in excellent condition and the scoring was of a superb standard on a testing day.

There are three divisions; Individual Handicap, Individual Scratch and a Team Division. After the first round only 7 shots separates the top 4 schools in the Team Division!



Tynecastle came 3rd in the Team Division with an impressive 208- well done! The leading handicap score was shot by Craig McKay (S4) from Tynecastle with an

impressive 43 points. Well done Craig!

Girls Golf

If any girls are interested in getting involved in golf, please see Pam, your Active Schools Co-ordinator for more details.

Volunteer Lunch

Staff and senior students were invited to attend a 'Volunteer Lunch' to thank them for their commitment and dedication to physical activity lunchtime and extra curricular clubs with the Active Schools and PE programme.

We currently have eleven staff members and twelve senior pupils who regularly give up their time to volunteer at with lunchtime and extra curricular clubs and events. Without this weekly help, physical activity provision within the high school would be very limited.



A big thank you to all who regularly commit their time; it is greatly appreciated.

Want to get involved next year? Contact Pam, your Active Schools Co-ordinator to help out. The more people who help, the less you have to volunteer!

Pam Brown
Active Schools Co-ordinator
Tynecastle HS and Cluster
Primaries
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P7 Transition Day

Active Schools held a fun filled transition festival at Tynecastle High School for all P7 pupils within the cluster primaries. The event, which took place on the astro turf pitch, involved eight different activity stations. Over 160 P7 pupils enjoyed trying out a variety of activities including orienteering, hockey, bike maintenance and dance. The tasters are a great insight into some of the extra curricular activities that they can join when they come to the high school in S1.

If you want to get involved, come and see Pam, your Active Schools Co-ordinator, in the music base.

Information for Parents/Carers

Parent Council News

Student Planners

Look out next term for our 2013-14 Student Learning Planners, issued free of charge to all students, courtesy of our Parent Council kindly requesting a donation from North British Distillers. Customised elements of the planner include pages on Health and Fitness, Active Schools, Learning and Social Goals, Home Study and Reading Strategies. We also arrange for our P7 pupils at Dalry, Balgreen, Stenhouse and Craiglockhart Primary Schools to receive Tynecastle Cluster Planners.

Communication

Effective communication is vital to the successful running of a





school. Tynecastle High School prides itself on being open and approachable to all parents, pupils and visitors.

The school regularly provides feedback to parents and carers on the progress of their child and their achievements and successes, not just when there are concerns. Parents should feel confident in contacting the school with any concerns they may have. The first point of contact is always your child's Support for Pupils Teacher. However, please do not hesitate to ask for your child's Year Head, or the Head Teacher.

The Support for Pupils Team

House Group	Support for Pupils Teacher
Braemar	Mr Aitchison
Dunvegan	Mr Simpson
Tantallon	Mrs Reid

Depute Heads for 2013-2014

Year Group	Depute Head Teacher
S1-S3	Mrs Ramsay
S4-S6	Mrs Bell

Updating Information

It is vital that the school holds up-to-date contact information for all students and their parents/carers. Please notify the school if emergency contact details change, if there is a change of address, or a change of phone number.

Please notify the school of your email address if you are happy to be contacted in this way. The school will send text message alerts to parents/carers prior to important events, such as Parent Consultation Evenings. Information can also be found on our website.

Please contact the Absence Line on 0131 337 0336 to notify or update the school of any student absences.

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Wednesday Lunchtime Clubs

Come along, join in and have fun
– it's free!



Activity	Time	Where	Contact
S1/S2 Dance	1 – 1.45pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Clarke
S1 Dodgeball	1 – 1.45pm	Small Gym	PE staff
S1 – S6 Football	1 – 1.45pm	Astro Pitch	PE Staff
S1 – S6 Badminton	1 – 1.45pm	Large Games Hall	PE Staff
S3 – S6 Fitness	1 – 1.45pm	Fitness Gym	Mr Revolta
S1 – S6 Fencing	1 – 1.45pm	Large Games Hall	Mr Love

A similar programme of lunch time clubs and after school activities will run in session 2013-14



Day	Activity	Time	Where	Contact
Monday	Volleyball	3.30 – 4.30pm	Large games Hall	PE staff
	S1 – S3 Dance	3.30 – 4.30pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Clarke
	S1 Boys Football	3.30 – 4.45pm	Astro Pitch	Mr Nisbet/ Mr Rahimian
	S1 – S6 Girls Hockey	3.30 – 4.45pm	Astro Pitch	Hockey coach
	S3 – S6 Girls Fitness	3.45 – 4.45pm	Fitness Gym	PE Staff
	S1 – S6 Gymnastics	3.30 – 4.30pm	Small Games Hall	Miss Moultray
Tuesday	S1 – S2 Basketball	3.30 – 4.45pm	Large Games Hall	Tom Griffin and Anas Tahir
	S3 – S6 Fitness	3.30 – 4.30pm	Fitness Gym	Mr Revolta
	S1 – S6 Badminton	4.00-4.50pm	Large Games Hall	Sean McKinnon and Ross Anderson
	S1 – S6 Girls Football	3.30-4.30pm	Astro Pitch	Miss Moultray
Wednesday	S3 – S6 Girls Fitness	3.45 – 4.45pm	Fitness Gym	PE Staff
	S1 Table Tennis	3.45-4.45pm	Small Games Hall	Table Tennis coach
	S1 – S6 Cross Country	4.00 – 6.00pm See Mr Simpson for fixtures)	PE Base	Mr Simpson
	S1 – S2 Netball	3.45-4.45pm	Large Games Hall	Miss Moultray
Thursday	S1 – S3 Rugby	3.30 – 4.45pm	Astro Pitch	Mr Dennis
	S1 – S3 Girls Basketball	3.30 – 4.45pm	Small Games Hall	Miss Gardner and Kennedy Davidson
	S3 – S6 Basketball	3.30 – 4.45pm	Large Games Hall	Mr Mackay
	S3 – S6 Fitness	3.30 – 4.30pm	Fitness Gym	Mr Revolta
	S1 – S3 Dance	3.30-4.30pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Clarke



Friday 28th June	End of term assemblies Term ends
Monday 12th August	Staff resume
Tuesday 13th August	Staff only
Wednesday 14th August	Students Resume
Monday 26th August	S1 Parents' Transition Meeting 5.30-7pm Parent Council First Meeting – all welcome
Tuesday 3rd September	Student Photographs S1,S3 & S5/6
Monday 16th September	Autumn Holiday
Friday 27th September	S4-6 Tracking Reports issued
Saturday 28th September	Doors Open Day 12-4pm
Tuesday 2nd October	HPV injections
Thursday/Friday 10th/11th October	S1-3 Alton Towers Trip
Friday 11th October	Term Ends
Monday 14th October	Science trip to Florida leaves
Monday 21st October	Science trip to Florida returns
Monday 21st October	Staff resume
Tuesday 22nd October	Students Resume
Thursday 31st October	S1 Parents' Consultation
Wednesday 13th November	S4 Parents' Consultation
Tuesday 10th December	S5/6 Parents' Consultation
Week beginning Monday 16th December	Pantomime
Thursday 19th December	Term Ends



Staff changes

Farewell to:

Mrs Campbell, Home Economics
Mrs Clancy, Youth Strategy
Ms McAleece, Religious and
Moral Education
Mr Rose, Computing
Ms Shearer, Science
Ms Zhang, Modern Languages

On secondment:

Mrs Turnbull, Depute Head, will
be on a secondment next
session

**Best wishes for a long and
happy retirement to:**

Mr Tillie, Curriculum Leader,
Religious and Moral Education
Mr Whitelaw, CDT technician
and Clerical Assistant
Mr Wilson, English

**Best wishes to this year's
probationers who are moving
on to pastures new:**

Ms Dearness, Science
Ms Dolan, Mathematics
Ms Farrelly, English

Mr Nisbet, PE
Mr Rahimian, Modern Studies

On maternity leave:

Mrs Brown, History
Mrs Barry, Religious and Moral
Education

Welcome to:

Mrs West, Modern Languages
(returning from maternity leave)
Mr Urquhart, English

New probationers:

Mr Durie, English
Mr Glazier, Mathematics
Ms MacRae, Science



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