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Dear Parent / Carer,

It was great meeting so many of you again at the Awards Ceremony this week, and last week's Parent Council Fair. This year I thought the Fair had a particularly vibrant atmosphere and definitely benefited from being linked with the Gorgie/Dalry Gala Day.

You will see from this newsletter it's been another busy and successful term. The new National exams went well, and we look forward to hearing the results in August. For those in S4 not sitting a full set of N5 exams we put on our new and innovative Meaningful May skills-based programme, aimed at preparing students for the best possible start to S5; or to prepare those who were leaving for college and work. It was also good to see our departing S6 again at the recent prom, held in the stunning function room of the National Gallery.

Our third annual Health & Wellbeing week also helped to define a very positive term and has featured highly in student feedback of best memories of the year. Many also mentioned participating in the many successful trips such as the Gaelic trip to Skye, where some of our younger students performed their play on the Highland Clearances. Further afield, the trip to Paris also went well and currently we have a large group of senior students in Bolivia as part of the World Challenge programme. You can follow their community project work and trekking on Twitter. Please sign up to follow our school account if you have not already done so as we will be issuing a lot of information through this next session.

In the meantime I wish you all a very relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the new term.

Mr T Rae,
(Head Teacher)
Whole School News

Award Ceremony



Samba band start the evening

Thanks to all who attended the event last night, and especially our guest speaker Karl Cleghorn. It was great to celebrate the achievements of our students this session. The theme for the evening was that we are a school that goes the extra mile for our students.



Cleghorn

Karl

Thanks also to the dancers and musicians who provided the excellent performances.



Students were rewarded with merits for consistent effort and application, and of course in S4-6 there were the usual awards for academic excellence. Our new Skills &



Attitudes awards are proving popular with students. These

recognise life and vocational skills such as problem-solving, creativity and communication. We were also very proud of those who received Duke of Edinburgh Awards and progress in EAL and Student Choice awards. Details can be found on our website. In true Scottish education tradition, the final award of the evening, the Dux, went to Alastair Nicholson, who could not be with us on the night as he is currently trekking and working on community projects in Bolivia with a large group of S5 and S6 students. It was great to view Alastair's filmed greeting at the ceremony.



*Alastair
Nicholson, Dux*

Options, Time-tabling and Staff Cover

Many readers will be aware that Tynecastle's new 2014-15 timetable began on Thursday 1 May. Our school is one of the first in the City of Edinburgh to adopt a new electronic form of timetabling, which now 'speaks' to similarly new Options coursing and Staff Cover systems. Exciting times, and great progress for the school in line with Tynecastle's aim of leading innovation both in the City and nationally.

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.

and S6 House Captains will be chosen. We look forward to another successful Student Council Year!

Student Council Achievements

The 2013-14 Student Council achieved a great deal! Here are just some of their highlights:

- Bidding for, designing and organising a brilliant Creative Conversation event
- Welcoming to a meeting members of our Parent Council and making suggestions about the Summer Fair
- Being consulted by CEC Services for Communities staff on plans for Gorgie and Dalry High Streets
- Making a 'site visit' to the Slateford Green Community Centre

Student Council elections have already taken place for new Years 2-5, and early in the session S1 representatives

Mrs A Bell

Former student success

We are all proud of ex-student Holly Sword, who can be seen here compering the Awards Ceremony for Careers Academy



is now on a prestigious training position with a successful accountancy firm who will fund her University studies.

Health and Wellbeing week

Manchester trip

For the Health and Wellbeing Days on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th May 15 students from S1 - 4 went to Manchester and had an amazing experience. The minibus left at 5am from school to drive straight to the Etihad to visit the stadium of the newly crowned EPL Champions Manchester City. The views from the top of the stadium and the Hospitality Boxes were fantastic and getting the behind scenes access was very interesting.

After a visit to the shop and some lunch it was straight to City's rivals Manchester United. Old Trafford wasn't as high tech as the Etihad but it was great to be inside the biggest club in the world. The museum had loads to see and do, then there was a presentation on nutrition for professional football and then the tour began. The changing rooms were a real highlight and getting to sit in the dugout was a privilege. The bus then headed for the Amaechi Basketball Centre for

a 2 hour session with 2 of the best youth coaches in the UK. The centre was buzzing and the Tynecastle students were worked very hard after a long day!

After a good night of sleep at the hostel in the centre of Manchester a dip in the Commonwealth Pool from the games in 2002 was followed by a BMX session at the UK Cycling Centre. For 2 hours the students were put through their paces on the Olympic training circuit by 2 Youth BMX coaches and the students had a blast. The bus was quiet on the drive home, getting back into Edinburgh about 8.30pm was the end of 2 very busy, but enjoyable days. See you next year Manchester!

Mr B

Aitchison

1/2/3 round up

This has been another busy term for our S1/2/3 students. We started our new timetable at the beginning of May, which can mean new teachers and also new subjects. S2 students have also now moved into S3, the third year of their Broad General Education. This has



meant students making some choice of subjects, yet still continuing with many aspects of all subjects. There will be a further Review of Learning in spring 2015 when S3 students will decide which 6 subjects they wish to continue with into the Senior Phase.

Throughout this year, all S1 students have experienced different Interdisciplinary Learning projects. 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 Open Area and we intend to revisit them with the students at various points throughout next year.

In S2 there is a dedicated period of Design every week taught by Art and CDT teachers. Design explores topics and skills across both subjects, creating final

products which link with the design industry.

JASS

The Junior Award Scheme Scotland Award Ceremony took place on 5 June and all our S1 students achieved their Gold Level Award, so well done to everyone. At the ceremony, representatives of the organisations which our JASS projects supported - The Edinburgh Cat and Dog Home, Blenheim House for the Elderly, Dalry Primary School and The Sick Kids Foundation were also present. We were delighted that two kittens from The Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home were able to attend and collect their hand-knitted pet blankets. We were also pleased that some of the children from the paired reading project at Dalry Nursery were able to come along and collect hand-made bird boxes for their nursery garden.

E-portfolios

All our S1/2/3 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.

J Ramsay

Mrs

feet hurt and the walking was hard, it was not so bad after all. In fact, it was a brilliant experience and I especially enjoyed the camping and eating the ration packs. I know the experience and the award will be beneficial for the future when I want to apply for jobs or a college place. I would recommend it to everyone.

Darryl

Findlay S3

SkillForce - S3



S3 SkillForce Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition field trip

Before I did the SkillForce hill walk in the Pentlands for my bronze Duke of Edinburgh, I was not looking forward to it because I thought it was just going to be walking up a hill for a long time. Although my



K McCreadie (merit student) & Mr Rae at the SkillForce Awards

The Summer Term has been busy for our Senior students, with reviews of learning in order to select courses for 2014-15, and of course the

SQA exam season. As in their prelims, students' attendance, punctuality and conduct were excellent, and we are confident that this will contribute to sound final results on Tuesday 5 August.

Meaningful May

New S5 students who were not busy sitting exams participated in a new and very exciting Tynecastle venture: 'Meaningful May'. In a programme which developed as it grew (and which seems to have caught the attention of other City schools!), our students were able to participate in the following activities:

- Digital learning including focus sessions on iMovie making, popular apps and the importance of maintaining a secure digital footprint
- Bank of Scotland delivery of learning about job applications, job interviews and personal finance
- Health and Wellbeing Week
- Sporting events
- Gallery and theatre visits

- Preparation for an end-of-programme celebration of learning

(we all enjoyed the Meaningful May cakes made by students!)

We are delighted with the success of this venture, and look forward to developing it further in future years.



Meaningful May

In May this year we ran an inclusive programme for non-exam leave S4 students designed to identify and acquire skills for learning, life, and work with a core team of staff, supported by Partner Agencies (Police, Place2Be, SkillForce, Bank of Scotland, Green Team. Each workshop clearly outlined the individual skill focus, looking at areas such as problem solving, digital learning, personal finance, health and wellbeing, presenting, group

working, independent learning and communication culminating in a celebration of their learning. 'Student voice' was encouraged throughout, allowing the students to develop the skills and confidence to participate fully in their senior phase. 40 - 60 students attended the programme each day.

In week 1 Students worked with school staff on a programme of digital learning designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to take full advantage of technology for learning. In partnership with Police Scotland, we delivered a series of workshops around our Digital Footprint.

At the end of this week 100% of the students stated that they felt more able to use technology for learning. The range of applications being used in classrooms by students has grown and students are using the technology more confidently. Some have already used new applications to complete course assessments in more innovative ways.

During Week 2 managers from the Bank of Scotland delivered a series of workshops. Managers supported the

students in developing: negotiation skills, problem-solving, note-taking, prioritising tasks, time and skill management, personal finance and budgeting skills for both personal and project management. Students also worked on interview preparation and technique. Students also worked on construction challenges to support the developing of group working and collaborative skills. We feel this excellent programme has really focused the less confident students in the cohort on the need to maximize opportunities for developing vocational skills in S5. Below is some student feedback:

"I have got more confidence and spoken to people I have never spoken to before."

"I know how to build a successful team. You have to cooperate with others and encourage them to reach their full potential."

"My interview skills have improved. It was great having the practice. I don't feel so nervous now."

Week 3 was our Health and Wellbeing Week, a focused week concentrating on understanding who we are and developing key skills for emotional and physical wellbeing. The managers from the Bank of Scotland returned to lead a competitive sports day and awards ceremony.

Ms Sharp with students at the



Traverse

"I wasn't keen to do the outdoor learning in the beginning, but having spent the day with the team I think everyone in Meaningful May should do this next year."

"I learned how to do meditation. It has helped me to be more relaxed."

"I learned emergency first aid skills and how to use them if I had to help someone."

"I would like more time to be spent on mental health - it's important for people to know and be aware of it."

At the end a celebration of learning was organised by the students and staff. For this, students created presentations, in a format of their choice that reflected their experiences during Meaningful May. A group of students baked cakes while others shopped for refreshments that would be served at the celebration.

Mrs P Sharp

S5 Induction

At the beginning of June all S5 students took part in a day of Induction activities which included:

- Referendum Awareness (with Mr Rahimian)
- Information and requests for volunteers in regard to:
 - Cool, Calm and Connected (a CEC Programme which supports

mental wellbeing in our young people)

➤ Restorative Practice

➤ Buddying of P7/S1 students

- iPad Housekeeping/ Digital Learning (building from Meaningful May)
- Reflecting on experience of school 'so far'
- YPI Launch (more below!)

YPI (Youth Philanthropy Initiative)

At time of typing our S5 are busily working in groups towards our YPI Grand Final on Wednesday 25 June. Tasks involved for the groups of 4/5 students are:

- Researching an issue which impacts on our local community or city
- Choosing a local charity which works to address this issue
- Visiting that charity and finding out about its work

- Constructing a presentation
- Raising (through enterprising means!) a minimum of £30

Added to the groups' fundraising efforts will be a fantastic donation of £2500 from the YPI organisation; groups then compete at the Grand Final to win the £3000 for their chosen charity. And so this is a very exciting time.

The S6 Conference took place again at the Craiglockhart Campus of Napier University on 9 and 10 June. This involved around five hundred 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. The winning charities, Families Outside and Down's Syndrome Association, have now been 'adopted' by Tynecastle High School and the other neighbourhood schools for next session. All monies raised will be presented to the charities at the next S6 Conference in June 2015.

16+ Positive Destinations

We are thrilled when local businesses approach us directly, looking specifically to recruit a Tynecastle student. While of course we work hard with all of our students to help them attain and achieve everything of which they are capable, we believe very strongly that we also seek for each of our young people 'the right destination at the right time'. This session we saw students move on to Firstcall Trade Services and Scottish Building Society; we would love to hear from anyone who would like to consider offering an employment opportunity to a Tynecastle student.

S5/6 Wider Achievement

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 considerable. 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 describe in

their CVs and application forms and talk confidently about at interview.

The wider achievement opportunities available in school are unlimited (and we love it when students suggest their own areas of interest!) but examples include:

- Paired Reading
- Being a Buddy
- Being a Restorative Practice mediator
- Being a House Captain
- Leading or assisting at a Wednesday lunchtime club
- Being a Sports Ambassador
- Being an Eco Group leader
- Volunteering in our Community

Careers Academy

We are delighted that some of our senior students have this year participated in the City of Edinburgh's Careers Academy Programme. Following session-long activities such as mentoring and guru lectures, at time of typing our young people are learning much more about their chosen career through participation in internships.

New S6 students who will continue on this Programme include Naz Aguado, Sarah Glass, Sabrene Mohammed, Owen Connell and Ellie Clarke.

Mrs A Bell

The Bendo Cup

Once again an S5 team took on the finishing S6s in the annual, hard-fought contest for the Bendo Cup. Many readers will be aware that David Bendo attended Tynecastle High School until February 2008 when he tragically lost his life in a road accident.

Players and spectators marked a minute's silence before the match, and the S6 team were victorious in a very open game, with over £100 raised for a road safety charity. Although it marks a very sad occasion in the school's history, the sporting and friendly nature of this match is always a fitting tribute to David, his family and his friends.

Mrs A Bell

S6 Prom

S6 in the gardens before



dinner

This was held at the National Gallery this year, a truly splendid venue on a fine June evening. The event was the usual mixture of happy memories, tinged with the sad realisation that a key stage in life was over.



Staff at the S6 prom

We look forward to hearing of the achievements of this fine group of young people in the years ahead. Well done to S6 prom committee members, supported by Ms Gordon, for organising such a great evening. The many staff who attended really enjoyed this final chance to say farewell to a really nice S6.

Examination results

To receive your SQA examination results by email or text sign up at <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/69126.html> by 8th July. Results are due out on 5th August.

Extra-Curricular Highlights

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze/Silver Training Expedition to Ben Alder

Back in April, twelve of Tynecastle's hardiest students took on the epic three day expedition from Dalwhinnie to the remote Corrour station passing the munro Ben Alder on the way. Five of the group

- Matthew Mcdiarmid, James Gibson, Evie Brownlee, Ola Poziemska and Kay Paterson even made it to the summit of Ben Alder, a hugely impressive feat with expedition bags.

The weather was kind, but the swollen rivers and snow patches made for some exciting moments. Well done to all involved. Assessed expedition next in the final week of term!

Mr



*C Harrison
DoE students on top of a
Munro!*

Edinburgh Triathlon

Mr Nisbet and Ms Brown (our Active Schools Coordinator) took a group of very keen and enthusiastic S2 & S3's to the 'Edinburgh Schools Tri-ump Triathlon Event 2014'. The students completed a 40m swim, 1200m bike ride & 400m run at Forrester's High

School in some rather difficult weather conditions!

The students were extremely well behaved and their attitude and effort was fantastic. James Tuckey (S3) finished first out of the whole group and was delighted!



Here is the list of students who competed the event:

S2:

Liam Johnston
George Fenton Hunt

Anhai Ponna
Alexander Dennis
Moses Urhie
Jessica Lloyd
Munib Yousif
Beth Williamson
Brandon Watson
Stephan Thomas
Savanna Salkeld

S3:

Finlay Devine
Caley Hutchison

Darcy Laurence
Idris Mohamed
Glen Smith
Brett Pennycuik
Sofoniyas Behailu
James Tuckey
Finlay Devine

Some from this group will go on to compete at the ESAA Track & Field Event at Meadowbank and ALL have agreed to compete at the Aquathon at Drumbrae Leisure Centre in August

Mr

C Nisbet

Parent Council Fair & Tynie FM

Tynie in The Park had a great day at the summer fair! We had a concert that showcased a great variety of young Scottish talent such as: Tynecastle HS solo artists, *Lost Logic*, Johnny Brown and *All She Knows*.



Tynecastle students played an important role in the organisation and running of the event. Thank you all for your collaboration and support!

Mr J Ardila

Tynieradio F.M.

Faculty news

Interviews with teachers

Mrs McGinley, CL Modern Languages & Global Citizenship



Where would you go if you were invisible?

I'd like to go behind the scenes at Hibs to the management room to find out what's going on.

Describe yourself in 3 words.

Trustworthy, Supportive, Positive

Can you share one quote or saying you love, that keeps you going in life?

"What's for you won't go by you".

If you could travel through the time where would you go and why?

When my mum and dad were born just to see what they were like and to see how their life was in the late 1950s.

Would you rather be able to read other people's minds or to fly?

Read people's mind.

Would you change your gender for a day, if yes then why?

As much as I love being a woman I would want to be a man for a day to see if I can multitask.

Ms Sharp, DHT



Where would you go if you were invisible?

Follow the Queen around for the day.

Describe yourself in 3 words.

Positive, Trustworthy, Caring

Can you share one quote or saying you love, that keeps you going in life.

“There’s nothing better than a friend, unless it’s a friend

with chocolate.” Linda Grayson

If you could travel through the time where would you go and why?

Victorian times, I love the big dresses.

Would you rather be able to read other people’s minds or to fly?

Fly

Would you change your gender for a day, if yes then why?

No. Love being a woman

English news

***Private Peaceful* Cinema Trip**

A group of 40 S1 and S2 students had the opportunity to take part in *National*

Private Peaceful Day on March 31st. *Private Peaceful*, a children's novel about the damaging impact of the First World War, is one of Michael Morpurgo's most popular books. It was turned into a film a few years ago and as part of the centenary commemoration events the film was shown simultaneously at 67 cinemas across the UK. Tynecastle students saw the film at the Cameo cinema on Lothian Road. At the end of the screening there was a live satellite link up in which the author answered questions about the novel. The students really enjoyed the film and were all pleased to receive a free copy of another Morpurgo book, *A Medal for Leroy*, to take home.

Ms L Barnett

Modern Languages

Congratulations to Tobasum Miah (2D2) who won first prize in the British Council competition "Why learning Chinese is important." Tobasum's essay based on her experience of learning Mandarin through taster sessions with Meiling won her an iPad mini. Here is her wonderful essay about the

reasons for learning Mandarin. I couldn't have put it better myself!

Mrs K West

Why learn Chinese?

By

Tobasum Miah

There are different reasons why we should learn Chinese. As far as I am concerned, learning Chinese can bring us great benefits which are listed as follows.

First, Chinese is a fantastic language. I like learning Chinese because I love the Chinese writing. It's fun to do the different lines and I have to try hard to remember how to do the writing. It brings me a sense of success when I can concentrate on my learning and make it with my hard work.

Second, if we learn Chinese, we have just added a new language to our life. We might be lucky enough to visit China and communicate to others in Chinese, which will help us know better about the culture if we know its language. I hope that as soon as I've learned the basic Chinese language, I could

someday go to China and experience it in person.

Tobasum receiving her



award

Thirdly, we might also discover their culture like Chinese New Year while we are learning the language, which is a win-win situation for us students. I have enjoyed every experience in my Chinese class. In one class, we made Chinese origami. We wrote a Chinese character ‘春’ (spring) with a Chinese calligraphy brush. It was kind of hard to start with, but after some practice, I could handle it and wrote several beautiful characters on red papers. Seeing my works pinned on the board, I felt happy, because I know I will succeed in fulfilling my dream if I can try my best in things that I enjoy.

I am very happy that I got a chance to learn a very fascinating language like

Mandarin. If I were to give a rate on how fun it is, I'd give it a 8 or 9 because I think it's a little difficult, but I still like to try! I hope everyone will have a chance to do tester lessons so that we can be called global citizens!

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Miah (S2)

Isle of Skye Trip - S1 Gaelic Play

On Tuesday 1st of April, 9 of our S1 students, accompanied by Mrs Forrest, our Gaelic teacher and Ms Patterson from Historic Scotland and Mr Dupuy, took their Clearances Drama Play out on the road. The first stop was Comely Primary school before heading onto Stanley Mills in Perthshire. There was an overnight stay in Inverness before the early rise on the Wednesday to travel onto the Isle of Skye. The students gave wonderful performances at Sabhal Mor Ostaig and Bradford Primary school.

Although very busy with their performances, the students managed to fit in some swimming and a little bit of sightseeing before travelling back to Edinburgh on the Friday. A big well done to all

those involved. Here is what some of the students had to say about the trip:

It was fun and a good trip.
Heather Ramsey

It was good to show other people the spectacular things we can do.
Deanna Cochrane

We enjoyed performing at the college in Skye.
Alexander Dennis.



S1 pupils are:
Back row: Deanna Cochrane, Rebecca Mears, Chris Todd, Heather Ramsey, Leah Notman and Subhan Amir.
Front row: Kyle Ng, Alexander Dennis and Danielle Wilson.

The landscape up at Skye was amazing as was the greenery.

Chris

Todd

It was really fun and I loved the college.

Subhan Amir

It was the best trip yet. I enjoyed it a lot. Kyle Ng The trip was fabulous and I enjoyed it very much.

Leah

Notman

The trip was an amazing experience and I definitely would like to do it again.

Rebecca Mears.

It was fun with the different audiences.

Danielle Wilson

S1 -S2 Paris Trip

On Monday the 26th of May, 37 students accompanied by Mrs McGregor, Miss Gordon, Mr Call, Mr Ardila and Mrs McGinley, began their trip to the capital city of Paris. An early start at Waverly to catch our half past 7 train to London. 4 and a half hours later we arrived in London and straight away it was check in time for the Euro Star.

Rowena, Rebecca, Caitlin,
Beth Ellie, Lauren, Lizzie,
Jessica and Kiera



After two and a half hours on the Eurostar, it was then a short walk to our hotel. Once we were all checked in, off we went for our first métro journey and for some dinner. Then it was off to see La Tour Eiffel. After that, it was back to the hotel for some beauty sleep.



The whole group:

Chris, Angus, Kyle, Subhan,
Joe, Leigh, Harvey, George,
Kevin, Viltte, Caitlin, Rebecca,
Lizzie, Shannon, Tina, Beth,

Jessica, Rowen, Robyn, Kiera,
Georgia, Connie, Eva, Erica,
Rachel, Liam, James, Lewis,
Dane, Luke, Jack, Megan,
Becky, Aimee, Dillon, Lauren,
Ellie

After filling up on a breakfast of croissants, baguettes and jam, it was time to set off for the day. First stop, Les Bateaux Parisiens. En route to Les Bateaux, a few of our students decided to try some real French crêpes....'avec du chocolat' seemed to be the most popular choice. Once we boarded the boat, we began our hour tour down La Seine, where we were able to take in the sights such as Le Louvre, Le Musée D'Orsey, La Tour Eiffel, Le Pont Neuf, Notre Dame and many more.

We then enjoyed the chance to stretch out legs....walking from La Place de la Concorde and onto Les Champs Elysées. Students had an opportunity to use more of their French by going into shops and cafés. After spending some pennies on the Champs Elysées it was time to explore the Montmartre area. Some groups opted to take the Funicular but a small group of us managed to climb over one hundred steps up to the Sacre

Coeur. After an hour rest in the hotel, we enjoyed an Italian dinner and a walk round Montparnasse.

On Wednesday we enjoyed the sights of Notre Dame, astounded by the décor and detail inside the Cathedral. Then it was off to the Hard Rock café for a spot of lunch before embarking on the journey to Disneyland. Mickey Mouse hands and Minnie Mouse ears were all the rage.

On Thursday we squeezed in a visit to Le Louvre museum where students were able to see the real life version of the Mona Lisa and the Venus De Milo statue. After that we had our last journey on the métro, back to the hotel to collect our cases and to begin the journey home. It was a fantastic trip...the only downside was that the sun didn't shine every day!

Mrs D

McGinley

Parent Council News

Parent Council Summer Fair

On Saturday 14 June students, parents, staff and community neighbours enjoyed a wonderful Summer Fair, the school's third in recent years. Stalls included plants, baking, books/CDs/DVDs, bric-a-brac and (super-duper!) Raffle, and activities such as Beat the Goalie, Coconut Shy and Sponge the Heidie (placed in real stocks!) were again extremely popular, with Hook the Duck a great new addition for our younger visitors. We were also very well entertained by bands playing in our Assembly Hall - the music festival vibe was a great addition to our Summer Fair.



There were lots of edible options for those attending, with coffee, tea and cake provided by our Home Economics Department, and students once again selling delicious home-made smoothies.

This year the Fair was billed as part of the Gorgie Dalry Gala Week, and we look forward to building on this association. The weather was extremely kind to us, and the atmosphere once again very happy.

A huge thank you

to all those who attended the Summer Fair, and special congratulations and thanks to out-going Parent Council Chair Mary Brownlee and her fantastic team of helpers.

Mrs A Bell

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Summer Fair. We raised just over £1000 which is a fantastic amount. We would especially like to thank all those who contributed to stalls, and who came along on the day. As ever this event would not be possible without the support of staff and students. Thank you! In particular we would like to thank the volunteers who braved the ever-popular



“Sponge the Teacher” - if you didn’t get a chance to participate this year, there is always next year! The money raised at the Fair will be used for school clubs and activities next session. Funding requests should be made to the Parent Council.

Sue McKendrick is taking over as Chair next year. All the best Sue! I would like to personally thank the members of the Parent Council for their support over the past few years. It is very much a team effort. If you would like to get involved, please contact Sue via the school office.

Mary Brownlee
Tynecastle Parent

Council  Active Schools and Transition

P7 Transition Day

Active Schools hosted a fun filled transition festival at Tynecastle High School in glorious sunshine. The event saw over 160 P7 pupils across the cluster primaries attending. The astor-turf pitch hosted eight different

activity stations including orienteering, hockey, fitness, club-golf and dance. Each station was a great insight into some of the extra-curricular activities available for the pupils to join at Tynecastle in August.

Miss Clarke enjoyed the sunshine at the dance station. To finish off the event, all pupils joined in for a final dance performance. It was great to see staff and pupils from across the cluster get involved and meet new people. Thanks to the senior sports leaders, staff from both high school and primaries and the staff who ran the stations, was making it such a fantastic day for everyone.

Health Fayre

During Health and Wellbeing week, Active Schools organised a health fair for S1-S3 students. A variety of local organisations such as Waitrose, Edinburgh Leisure and community sports clubs such as Murrayfield Wanderers, Panthers American Football Club and Sustrans attended. The different activities encouraged students to try different sports, food and learn about simple healthy recipes. The

smoothie bike was a favourite with the students, even Mr Rae!




Mr Rae makes a right smoothie!

Many students stated it was the first time they had tried some of the fruit and vegetables that Waitrose offered and enjoyed the various sporting activities throughout the day.

Volunteers

If you'd like to help out with clubs in the new term that would be great - the more staff that help, the less you have to volunteer!

I'd like to say a big thank you to all staff and pupils who have delivered or assisted with lunch and after school clubs over the past year. The clubs simply would not run without your input!



If you have any questions, or
would like to volunteer,
please come and see me - you
can find me in the music
department.

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Activity	Time	Where	Contact
S1/ S2 Dance	1 - 1.45 pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Clarke
S1 Dodgeball	1 - 1.45 pm	Small Gym	Adrice and Steven
S1 - S6 Football	1 - 1.45 pm	Astro Pitch	Sean, Kerr and David
S1 - S6 Badminton	1 - 1.45 pm	Large Games Hall	Steven, Lewis and Frankie
S3 - S6 Fitness	1 - 1.45 pm	Fitness Gym	Mr Revolta

After School Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Where	Contact
Monday	S1 - S3 Dance	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Clarke
	S1 Boys Football	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Astro Pitch	Sean and David
	Girls Football	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Astro Pitch	Miss Moultra y
	S1 - S6 Girls Hockey	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Astro Pitch	Ian Chapman
	S1 - S6 Gymnastics	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Small Games Hall	Miss Moultra y
Tuesday	S1 - S3 Basketball	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Large Games Hall	Tom Griffin
	S1 - S2 Dance	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Assembly Hall	Elidh Campbell

	S1 - S6 Badminton	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Large Games Hall	Mr Spratt
	S2 Boys Football	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Astro Pitch	Mr Rahimi
	S3 Technique Dance	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Small Games Hall	Miss Clarke
Wednesday	S1 Table Tennis	3.45 - 4.45 pm	Small Games Hall	Mr Revolta
	S1 - S2 Netball	3.45 - 4.45 pm	Large Games Hall	Rhona Lloyd
Thursday	S1 - S3 Rugby	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Astro Pitch	Stuart Dennis
	S3 - S6 Girls Basketball	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Small Games Hall	Miss Gardner

	S3 - S6 Boys Basketball	3.30 - 5.45 pm	Large Games Hall	Miss Moyes
	S3 - S6 Fitness	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Fitness Gym	CSLA
	S1-S3 Dance	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Assembly Hall	Miss Clarke

- Art
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Board Games
- Computer Games
- Craft and Jewellery
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Dodgeball
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Eco Group
- Fairtrade
- Fencing

- Film

- Fitness in the Fitness Suite

- Football

- French

- French Trip Planning

- Global Citizen

- Homework

- Internet

- Library

- Mechanics

- Music

- Nail Art

- Photography

- Running/Jogging

- School Radio Station

- Science

- Small Animal Caring

- Small Animal Management



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Information for Parent/ Carers

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, students 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.

Canal safety

Please ensure that children are aware of canal safety during summer months. They

should stay **SAFE** - Stay Away From the Edge and never enter the water.

Please see our website for full safety information.

The Support for Pupils Team

House Group	Support for Pupils Teacher
Braemar	Ms Moultray
Dunvegan	Mr Simpson
Tantallon	Mr Cook

Depute Heads for 2013-2014

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

Updating Information

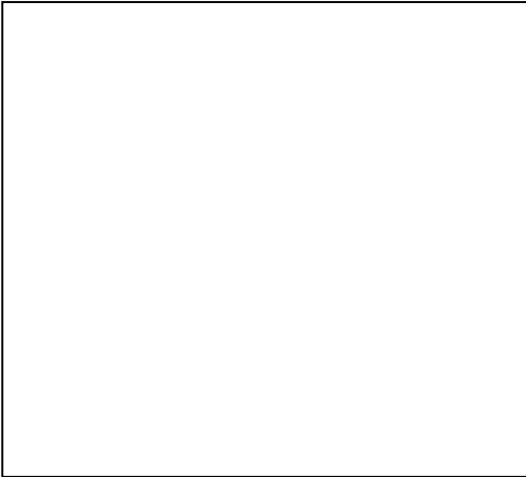
It is vital that the school holds up-to-date contact information for all students and their parents/carers. Please notify the school if emergency contact details change, if there is a change of address, or a change of phone number.

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

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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.



Friday 27 June	End of term assemblies
Friday 27 June	Term ends
Monday 14 July	World Challenge to Bolivia returns
Tuesday 5 August	SQA examination results
Monday 11 August	Staff resume In-Service day

September pm	Conference
Wednesday 10 September	WW1 Battlefields trip leaves
Monday 15 September	Autumn holiday - school closed
Monday 15 September	WW1 Battlefields trip returns

Wednesday 24 September	Young Drivers event
Friday 26 September	S4-6 Tracking reports issued
Thursday 9 th September	S1-3 Alton Towers trip leaves
Friday 10 September	S1-2 Alton Towers trip returns
Friday 10 September	Last day before mid- term break
Monday 20 October	Staff resume In-Service day
Tuesday 21 October	Students resume
Thursday 30 October	S1 Parents' Consultation
Tuesday 18 November	S4-6 Parents' Consultation (1)
Wednesday 26 November	S4-6 Parents' Consultation (2)
Monday 1 December	S3 exams begin
Friday 5 December	S3 exams end

Wednesday 10 December	LEAPS event for S3
Friday 12 December	LEAPS event for S6
Tuesday 16 December	Pantomime
Wednesday 17 December	Pantomime
Friday 19 December	S1/2 Christmas ceilidh
Friday 19 December	End of term assemblies
Friday 19 December	Term ends
Monday 5 January	Staff resume In-Service day
Tuesday 6 January	Students resume



Staff changes

We will be saying farewell to:

Mrs Borth (Mathematics)
Mr Durie (English)
Ms Macrae (Science)
Mr Miller (Science)
Mr Nisbet (PE)
Mrs M Wang (Mandarin)

We will be welcoming :

Probationary teachers to our
English, mathematics, PE and
science faculties.

A new Mandarin teacher

A Gaelic teacher

Notes

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