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Newsletter Summer 2015



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Dear Parent /Carer,

As I type these words I wonder whether we will ever see 'proper summer weather'... But the end of term is upon us!

We recently enjoyed a very successful P7 visit, and said farewell to S6 leavers at their terrific Prom celebration. Years turn, and students come and go!

This term we were very proud of our students who sat SQA exams, and took part so brilliantly in Project Kitbag; we have enjoyed Meaningful May and Health and Wellbeing Week, and quite a number of students have achieved significant success in regard to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. You can read about these term highlights in this newsletter. Our Awards Ceremony also took place this week, and I was delighted to attend Rose Day with the pupils and staff of Balgreen Primary School – what a professional treat.

Thanks as ever to our Parent Council for their fantastic efforts in organising our fourth annual Summer Fair, and also for their great support generally for school activities.

Some real news for you is that, next Easter, two of our students and a member of staff will be travelling to East Greenland as part of the City of

Edinburgh's first ever Polar Academy. Huge congratulations to Chloe Hogg and Sara Michno on their selection to the Expedition Team to be led by Craig Mathieson, 'Explorer-in-Residence' with the Scottish Royal Geographical Society; very well done too to Rebecca Alexander who has been selected for the Leadership Team. We are also very proud of our very own Mrs Sam Clarke (Biology and Science teacher), who is to be the only City of Edinburgh teacher in the Expedition Team.

A personal thank you from me to students, parents, carers, staff and our school partners for your hard work in this summer term. We look forward very much to our new Headteacher, Ms Hazel Kinnear, beginning with us after the holidays.

For now, though, I wish you very happy, relaxing summer holidays.

Mrs Angela Bell
Acting Head Teacher



Whole School News

World War One Centenary

Tynecastle High School Remembers
August 2014 saw the beginning of a five year programme of national remembrance to mark the centenary of WWI. The Great War changed Scotland as a society and resulted in the loss of over 100,000 Scottish men. Tynecastle High School has a special connection to WW1 and over the course of the school year we have endeavoured to do justice to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives, and ensure that future generations understand what was lost.

Wilfred Owen

On 21 August, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop unveiled a memorial plaque to Wilfred Owen. Arguably the most well-known of Britain's First World War poets, Wilfred Owen was killed in November 1918, just days before the Armistice. Owen briefly taught English Literature at Tynecastle High School in 1917, as part of rehabilitation programme for treatment he was undergoing for Neurasthenia (or 'shell shock'), at the nearby Craiglockhart War Hospital. We now have a special Historic Scotland plaque honouring

his memory which will ensure future students of Tynecastle will be aware of his sacrifice and his still very relevant beliefs about the tragic nature of war.



The Battlefields Trip

On 10 September 2014, 30 students and four staff set off on the Tynecastle High school Centenary WW1 Battlefields Trip. Based in Ypres, students visited WWI cemeteries such as Tyne Cot, Essex Farm, and Langemark, which now mark the places where tens of thousands of men laid down their lives. We also visited memorials such as Vimy Ridge, Newfoundland Park and Thiepval, and areas such as Sanctuary Wood where the remains of the World War One trenches can still be seen and explored. S5 student Amy Meechan had this to say about the experience:

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“I learnt a lot about WW1 that I didn’t know before and it was an

James Gibson; Amber Lee; Kristen Nayer; Matthew McLaughlin



honour to pay respect to those who lost their lives fighting for their country. I would encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to go on a trip like this to take it because it is incredibly interesting.”

Four students were specially selected to be THS’s representatives, taking part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. This ceremony has taken place every day at 8 o’clock since 1928 except when Belgium was occupied during WW2. The students selected were S5 students James Gibson and Kristen Nayar, and Matthew McLaughlin and Amber Lee from S4.

They were chosen as staff felt they had truly committed to the spirit of the trip and appeared to have learned a great deal from visiting the sites.

The Remembrance Assembly

To mark the November 11th Armistice Day we held a special assembly was held, led in partnership by Mr Rahimian and the Religious Observance team, and Miss Howie and students who took part in the Battlefields Trip. The theme of the assembly was remembrance and the importance of collective memory. During the assembly a video was shown which included students discussing what it was like to visit the WW1 Battlefields, and five students spoke about their personal experiences: Amy Meechan, Roni Day, Amber Lee, Matthew McLaughlin and Lauren Renton.



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Pack Up Your Troubles: Project Kitbag

Tynecastle High School was one of four schools across Edinburgh chosen to be part of a creative interdisciplinary learning project. In January a team of teachers were given a replica World War One Kitbag created by a young person's steering group from across Edinburgh schools. The bag included specially made artefacts that a WW1 soldier would have carried: replica postcards, letters, photographs and posters, all to act as a stimulus for creative learning. In June, 60 of our



new S4 students were given the opportunity to work with teachers and artists to create a showcase WW1 interactive exhibition.

Over the course of three days students took part in a recruitment workshop in Edinburgh Castle and visited local areas connected to WW1 such as Tynecastle Stadium, Gorgie Memorial Hall and North Merchiston Cemetery. Some students were given the chance to work with the published author Allan Burnett, professional musician John Sampson and theatre project manager Carrie Taylor. Students went on to create a digitally interactive exhibition of their work which featured film, design and screen printing, recorded music and live performances and creative writing pieces.



The Exhibition event was held on Wednesday 10 June and was well attended by staff, family members, local senior citizens and invited

guests. All who attended were impressed with the quality of work produced, the sensitive way the students engaged with the subject matter and the innovative use of augmented reality technology to make the exhibit 'come to life'.



In August there are plans to showcase the students' work and Kitbag contents in Fountainbridge Library, and so our local community will have the opportunity to see what our students achieved.

World War One and Tynecastle

We as a school community understand the importance of acknowledging the impact World War One has had on our society today and we will endeavour to keep the memory alive in the minds of our young people, and ensure that 'The Lost Generation' is never forgotten.

Ms L Howie

1/2/3 Round Up

This has been another busy term for our S1/2/3 students. We started our new timetable in the middle of May, which can mean new teachers and also new subjects. Our S2 students have 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 2016 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.

The Junior Award Scheme Scotland Award Ceremony took place on 12 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, Gorgie Farm and The Sick Kids Foundation were present. We were delighted that to be able to hand over the hand-knitted pet blankets and the bird boxes that the students have been working on this year.

S3 Interdisciplinary project

All S3 students took part in an interdisciplinary project entitled 'The Panda Project' in April that looked at creating a multi-media production about the issues around Panda Diplomacy. Student feedback about what they had learned was very positive, for example:

"Overall it was a fun project. We had free choice to voice our opinions the way we wanted and learn/explore different aspects of a global issue that is local to us"

"I enjoyed the interesting mixture of both technology and drama within the whole project"

Portfolios

All our S1/2/3 students have continued to develop their own portfolio. The 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. You can access your son/daughter's own portfolio from home by asking them to log onto their OneNote account, either through a computer or through their iPad, if they are in S3.

Mrs J Ramsay

The JASS award ceremony experience was nerve-racking but it was worth it. The special guests had a few words to say. They felt very ambitious and we felt very proud when we received our gold award because we finally and successfully completed our whole JASS award.

To achieve the award we had to complete my adventure, my interest, get active stay active and me and my world.

Ammna Ali and Katie McKendrick S1

4/5/6 Round Up

The Summer Term has been busy for our Senior students, with reviews of learning in order to select courses for 2015-16, 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 4 August.

Meaningful May

New S5 students who were not busy sitting exams participated in our second 'Meaningful May'. In a programme which, again, developed as it grew 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
- Scottish Building Society delivery of learning about job applications, job interviews and personal finance
- Health and Wellbeing Week
- Sporting events

- 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.

S5/6 Induction

At the beginning of June all S5/6 students took part in Induction activities which included:

- 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)
- YPI Launch (more below!)

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’. 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

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.

The S5 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.

Examination results

To receive your SQA examination results by email or text sign up at <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/69126.html> by 13th July. Results are due out on 4th August.

Ms K Davis

Extra-Curricular

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training to the Pentland Hills



Our DofE Bronze group enjoyed some lovely sunny spring weather and managed to walk over five of the Pentland Hills taking in the impressive views, camping at Bonaly and learning plenty of expedition skills along the way. The strong team who impressed Ms Taylor and Mr Harrison with their fitness, good nature and outdoor skills was made up of Jane Ambler, Rachel Hall, Ellie

Thomson, Arya Jadhav, Sravya Vankadara, Finlay Macintyre, Alex McKendrick and Alens Volozenoks. They will be assessed in the Southern Uplands at the end of the summer term – good luck!

Mr C Harrison

The 2015 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group recently went on our practice expedition in the Pentlands. We started off at school where we did a final bag check and then set off for Hillend by bus. On the first day we travelled over four peaks and camped overnight at Bonaly campsite. Whilst walking we were taught various map and navigation skills by our teachers and were told other things that would help us on our official expedition. We had some time to kill once we had arrived at the campsite and pitched our tents so we busied ourselves in different ways - some of us cooked our food, some of us stayed huddled in our tents and some of us did crazy dances in the middle of the field to keep warm. The best part of the campsite was definitely the bonfire we made to keep warm, despite the light rain everybody was smiling and enjoying themselves.



On the second day we packed up our tents and belongings and set off again. This time we were given more freedom with the map and were often challenged to choose our own routes. We climbed one more peak on the second day and two of our group even decided to climb an extra one just for the sake of it! Although we ran into some difficulties - getting temporarily stuck in a marsh for example - the expedition went really well and has prepared us for future expeditions.
Rachel Hall S3

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Success!



Despite some rainy weather and swarms of midges the DofE Bronze group recently completed their assessed expedition in fine style from St Mary's Loch to Traquair along the Southern Upland Way. The sun shone on the second day and spirits remained high throughout. The teams were impressively fast and had to do extra hills and valleys to slow them down! Well done to the group – Alens Volozenoks, Jane Ambler, Ellie Thomson, Sravya Vankadara, Rachel Hall, Finlay Macintyre, Arya Jadhav and Alex McKendrick. Silver award next!

Mr C Harrison

Convenor's Challenge

On Friday 5 June four students, (Chris Mills, James Gibson, Matthew McDiarmid and Zuzia Marchewka) along with Mr Harrison took part in the very first Convenor's Challenge. This was a large scavenger hunt across Edinburgh: with up to 100 City challenges; 7 Super Summit challenges and 5 Activity challenges. The team left the school at 8:30am and had until the hours of 5pm to arrive at the finish point at the City Chambers.

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With an excellent route planned by Matthew and Chris, they managed to achieve a substantial amount of the 8000 points that were on offer, gaining 2100 points for city information challenges and reaching



the summit of 4 out of 7 hills, (Castle Hill, Carlton Hill, Arthur's Seat, Corstorphine Hill). The team also completed 3 of the activity challenges. Orienteering was completed in the fastest time by any team (11 minutes!) thanks to the enthusiasm of Chris. Also, canoeing along the Union Canal was completed by James and Chris, though James did manage to break the "Aqua-Kat" with his raw power! Finally a cycling challenge at Holyrood Park was completed with ease by Matthew. A frantic mad dash back to the City Chambers from the summit of Arthur's Seat followed; arriving with 30 seconds left on the clock the team was exhausted.



After thirty minutes of nervous anticipation the team found out they had won! Beating the 12 other Schools that were taking part by a few hundred points was a great feeling. We won the cup!

*James Gibson and Matthew
McDiarmid*

Career Ready 2013-15



Career Ready is a two year enrichment programme serving middle-achieving students facilitated by a charity which is set up and governed by prominent senior business leaders.

Its aim is to help raise students' aspirations and bridge the gap between education and work / careers by giving them access to real experience in the form of work placement visits and a four week summer internship.

Tynecastle High School had 6 successful applicants who successfully completed the two year programme and who attended a graduation event held at The Assembly Rooms in

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Edinburgh. Congratulations to the following students who participated:
Sarah Glass, Naz Aguado, Ellie Clarke,
Owen Connell, Sabrene Mohamed,
Moi Suwanbol and Zheng Zhengqiong.

Career Academies Scottish Graduation 2015 Ceremony



Faculty News

Interview with a teacher

Ms Fleming, Art

Why did you choose to study your subject?

I have always liked being creative and from a young age, I went to an art club every Saturday. I was also good at art during my school years.

Why did you decide to teach?

Originally, I wanted to become a primary school teacher. Then I did a portfolio course and went to university. In third year, I did a teaching course project and really enjoyed my teaching experience. I then worked as a student teacher for a year in which I ended up working at Tynecastle for six weeks.

What is the best part of your job?

I really liked getting to know the kids and being able to help them achieve something they had difficulty with before. It is also an interesting way to see different versions of my ideas through students' works.

What do you see yourself doing in ten years' time?

I think I will still be doing teaching of some sort. Maybe not in High Schools, but doing evening classes for painting or art therapy. I also like

the idea of opening an inexpensive gallery where students and I can cheaply display our work.

Did you always want to become a teacher?

No, originally I wanted to study maths at university and becoming an accountant was my dream job in high school.

Who was your main inspiration growing up?

One of my main inspirations was my high school maths teacher as she did so much for her students and I really admired her teaching methods.

Do you have any pets, and if so, what are they called?

I have some fish including Chip and Mushroom in one tank and Josh, Richard and Pop in another.

What are your hobbies?

In my free time I love going on walks and painting/doodling.

How did it feel to come back and work at Tynecastle?

I loved working with the staff and students at Tynecastle when I was a student teacher and was delighted at the opportunity to work here again.

Evie Brownlee, Cameron Ellis, Ronan Ellis, Jennifer Shek, Michael Stove

English

National 5 Theatre Trip – *A View from the Bridge*

Students from the National 5 course attended a performance of *A View from the Bridge* at the King's Theatre on 28 April. The students have been studying this text for their National 5 exam, and seeing it performed live was a fantastic opportunity. Students enjoyed the humour and drama of the story, which was brought to life in a way that is difficult to recreate outwith the theatre. The performance enhanced the students' appreciation of the classic text, which explores the nature of honour and betrayal.

Ms S Crombie

Maths

UK Junior Maths Challenge

The Maths Department are pleased to report that our top sets in S1 (21 pupils) and S2 (27 pupils) recently took part in the above problem solving competition.

We are pleased because this requires a high standard of determination, reasoning and concentration and only the best are invited to take the test.

The competition is for all of the UK and the standard of question is very high. The one hour paper consists of 25 problems which become progressively more difficult.

We would be delighted if, like last year, a bronze, silver or gold certificate could be achieved by some of our pupils - no easy task!

We would like to congratulate all those who were permitted to sit the test and will keep you informed of future results.

You may want to try a couple of questions from this year's paper:-

1) What is the smallest prime number that is the sum of three different prime numbers?

- a. 11
- b. 15
- c. 17
- d. 19
- e. 23

2) A palindromic number is a number that reads the same when the order of the digits is reversed. What is the difference between the largest and smallest five-digit palindromic numbers that are both multiples of 45?

- a. 9180
- b. 9090
- c. 9000
- d. 8910
- e. 8190

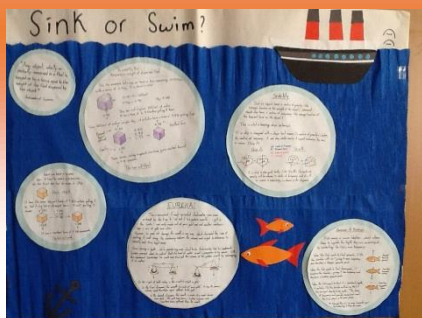
Mr J DuPuy

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A big well done to the S3/4 team of Jane Ambler, Sravya Vankadara, Rebecca Crawford and Lizzie Carmichael who took part in the Enterprising Mathematics in the Lothians competition on 11 June at Meadowbank Sports Centre.

Twenty-seven teams took part from S3 and S4 and we finished fifth, which was a brilliant result. The girls had a very busy day where they were tested as a team, in pairs and as individuals in five rounds of challenges.

They girls were given the task of creating a poster on the theme 'Sink or Swim' as well as trying to calculate the mass of an object and create a boat that could carry the most weight only using cardboard, Tinfoil (to make it waterproof) and sellotape... All within 45minutes. Here is the girls' poster:



There was also the challenging Swiss round where verbal mental

questions were asked of individual team members. Such as 'How do you express the number 21 in binary?' With 15 seconds to answer and no question allowed to be repeated, there is real pressure on the individuals to think quickly, clearly and logically.

The girls had loads of fun and were a credit to Tynecastle High School. We are all very proud of their achievement.

Ms A Walker

Parent Council

Over the last year, we have had some interesting speakers come along to our meetings, members from the community wing, The Gorgie Dalry Gala Day and Place2Be (counselling service for students and parents). We have also helped a number of school groups and clubs through our fund raising efforts. Helping to raise funds couldn't be easier, and will cost you nothing more than a few extra seconds when ordering items online. To register and fundraise with us at easyfundraising.org.uk (see school website for more information) and use this site as a gateway every time you shop online. Please remember to select

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as your good cause.



the fair. For details of funds raised and other Parent Council updates please follow us on our Facebook page “Tynecastle Parent Council”.



A huge thank you to all the staff, students, parents and local businesses who supported our Summer Fair on Saturday 13th June. Fair goers enjoyed the cafe area, stalls, music, student performances and some judged the Bake Off entries. Congratulations to the winners of all the competitions at



Congratulations to:

- Beth for her Harry Potter cake and Jackie for a heart shaped cake with rose design which both won 1st prizes with runners up prizes going to Jamie, Savana, Katie and Kayla in

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the Bake Off Design Competition (sponsored by Lakeland);

- Rosie for her lemon poppy seed cake and Ellie for her chocolate raspberry cake which won the top prizes (sponsored by Bia Bistrot) in the Bake Off Taste Competition: a 3 course set meal for 2 and "Be a Chef for the Morning" followed by Lunch for Two;
- Jamie Reid was top of the leader board and won the Coconut Shy trophy;
- Ryan won the Table Tennis Tournament (thanks to the Student Council for this idea);
- Ben won the prize (chocolates) for best score in Roller Ball and Jordan the Ladder Ball.

We were delighted to aid in the interview process for the appointment of our new Head Teacher Hazel Kinnear and look forward to working with her when she joins us after the summer.

Coming Up:
Open Day: Thursday 24th September - we will be supporting the school's open day 6-8 pm. Please invite your friends at primary school to come along.

"Could it be Take That" Friday 25th September 7:30pm - a fund raising event for parents and staff in aid of the school; £10 per ticket at the Edinburgh Prison Officers Social Club at 22B McLeod Street.

We are a small, friendly group and welcome all parents to join us for any of our meetings that you can manage. We would like to thank all who have supported the Parent Council over the last year. We hope you all have a lovely summer.

Active School & Primary Transition

Extra-Curricular Clubs at the High School

The timetable of clubs can be found on the school website and notice boards.

How do I join?

Meet at PE department in PE kit for the start time of your club.

Is there a cost?

No - All clubs are free!

Where can I see what's on?

- Notice board
- Pam's office door in music
- PE Department
- Ask a member of staff!

Still unsure? Why not give a new activity a try – you might enjoy it!

Volunteers

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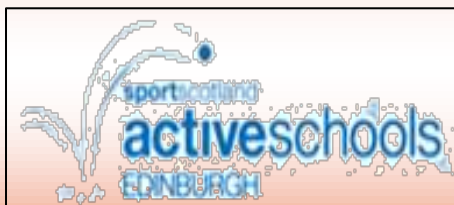
If you'd like to help out with any of the clubs we have running please let me know – the more staff who help, the less you have to volunteer!

A big thank you to all staff and students who help out at lunch time and after school clubs at the high school.

If you have any questions, please come and see me – you can find me in the music department.

Ms Brown

Active Schools Co-ordinator,
Tynecastle High School and Cluster
Primaries



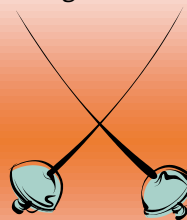
Wednesday Lunchtime Clubs

- Accounting
- Art
- Badminton
- Board Games
- Cool, Calm and Connected
- Craft and Jewellery

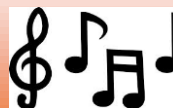
- Creative Writing
- Chemistry



- Dance
- Dodgeball
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Eco Group
- English
- Fencing



- Film
- Fitness in the Fitness Suite
- Football
- French
- Girls Group
- Global Citizen
- Homework
- Internet
- Library
- Music
- Puzzles
- School Radio Station
- Science
- Small Animal Caring
- Small Animal Management
- Table Tennis



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| Activity | Time | Where | Contact |
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| S1 Dance | 1 – 1.45pm | Small Games Hall | Miss Clarke |
| S1 Dodgeball | 1 – 1.45pm | Large Games Hall | Sports Leaders |
| S1 – S6 Football | 1 – 1.45pm | Astro Pitch | Sports Leaders |
| S1 – S6 Basketball | 1 – 1.45pm | Large Games Hall | Sports Leaders |
| S3 – S6 Fitness | 1 – 1.45pm | Fitness Gym | Mr Revolta Mr Urquhart |
| S1 Table Tennis | 1 – 1.45pm | Assembly Hall | Sports Leaders |
| S1 Tennis | 1 – 1.45pm | Astro Pitch | Sports Leaders |
| S3 Football | 1 – 1.45pm | Astro Pitch | Mr Brown |
| S1-S6 Fencing | 1-1.45pm | Large Games Hall | External (See Mr McPartlin) |

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

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After School Activities

| Day | Activity | Time | Where | Contact |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday | S3 - 4 Dance | 3.30 – 4.30pm | Small Games Hall/ Assembly Hall | Miss Clarke |
| | Girls Football | 3.30 – 4.45pm | Astro Pitch | Miss Moultray |
| | S1 – S6 Hockey (boys and girls) | 4.30 – 5.30pm | Astro Pitch | Emma |
| Tuesday | S1 – S3 Basketball | 3.30 – 4.45pm | Large Games Hall | Tom Griffin Miss Moyes |
| | S1 – S2 Dance | 3.30 – 4.30pm | Small Games Hall | Miss Clarke |
| | S1 – S6 Badminton | 3.30 – 4.30pm | Large Games Hall | Sports Leaders |
| | S1 – 3 Boys Football | 3.30 – 4.30pm | Astro Pitch | Mr Rahimian Mr McPartlin |
| | S1-S6 Rugby | 3.30 – 4.45pm | Astro Pitch | Bradley Moffat Mr Urquhart |
| Thursday | S3 - S6 Girls Basketball | 3.30 – 4.45pm | Small Games Hall | Miss Gardner |
| | S4 – S6 Boys Basketball | 3.30 – 6pm | Large Games Hall | Tom Griffin Miss Moyes |

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Information for Parents/Carers

Depute Heads for summer term 2014-2015

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.

The Support for Pupils Team

| House Group | Support for Pupils Teacher |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Braemar | Ms Moultray |
| Dunvegan | Mr Rahimian |
| Tantallon | Mr Cook |

| Year Group | Depute Head Teacher |
|------------|--------------------------|
| S1-S3 | Mrs Ramsay |
| S4-S6 | Ms Davis (Acting) |

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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Staff changes

We said farewell to:

Mr J Brown (Craft, Design & Technology)

At the end of term we will be saying farewell to:

Mrs C Brown (Social Subjects)

Mr M Connell (Physical Education)

Ms S Crombie (English)

Ms H Gardner (Maths)

Ms C Hay (Science)

Mr J McPartlin (Physical Education)

PC J Pennycook (Link Officer)

Mr G Urquhart (English)

Ms A Walker (Maths)

Ms Q Xu (Modern Languages)

We look forward to welcoming a number of new staff next term

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| Friday 26 th June | Term ends |
| Tuesday 4 th August | SQA examination results |
| Thursday 13 th August | Staff in-service day |
| Friday 14 th August | Staff in-service day |
| Monday 17 th August | Students resume |
| Monday 31 st August | Final Transition meeting with S1 parents |
| Monday 31 st August | UCAS Convention |
| Tuesday 1 st September | Individual photographs S1, S3, S5, S6 |
| Thursday 10 th September | Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition leaves |
| Sunday 13 th September | Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition returns |
| Monday 21 st September | Autumn holiday – school closed |
| Tuesday 22 nd September | All resume |
| Friday 25 th September | S1-3 Target Setting Reports issued |
| Friday 9 th October | Last day before mid-term break |
| Tuesday 20 th October | Staff in-service day |
| Wednesday 21 st October | Students resume |
| Friday 23 rd October | S4-6 Tracking Reports (1) issued |
| Thursday 29 th October | S1 Parents' Consultations |
| Wednesday 18 th November | Senior Phase Parents' Consultations (1) |
| Tuesday 24 th November | Senior Phase Parents' Consultations (2) |
| Monday 30 th November – Friday 4 th December | S3 Exam Experience |
| Friday 4 th December | S4 Tracking Reports (2) issued |
| Tuesday 22 nd December | Term ends |
| Wednesday 6 th January 2016 | Staff resume |
| Thursday 7 th January | Students resume |

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