

# Tynecastle

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Newsletter Summer 2016



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Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe that we are now at the end of my first year here at Tynecastle High School. In many ways it has passed so quickly, and yet, reflecting on the year for speeches and reports, it seems incredible that we have achieved so much and some of it already seems so long ago.

This term has been terribly busy, but so enjoyable and rewarding for us too. The priority was of course our SQA exams, for which our students were once more commended. A hugely successful Awards Ceremony, Meaningful May '16, Primary 7 Transition days, our new Performance Showcase and the many, many events and trips for Health and Wellbeing Week, have all ensured that we enjoyed a very full and vibrant term.

Other highlights for me included our Digital Classroom Open Afternoon for parents on the back of Digital Learning Week and TeachMeet; becoming finalists in the Debate Mate held in London, even though it was our first year competing, and hearing from our intrepid explorers who returned from their Polar Academy Adventure at the start of this term.

However, none of this would have been possible without the hard work and endless enthusiasm of our staff as

well as your time and support. Because of this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community – staff, partner agencies, parents and families, as well as the students themselves for the excellent first year I have had as your Head Teacher. I would also like to wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and very much look forward to the start of another successful year in August.

Kind regards,

Hazel Kinnear  
Head Teacher



Ms L Moyes

## Whole School News

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### Bendo Cup

On the afternoon of Friday 29 April, despite hailstones and sleet, the annual S5 V S6 Bendo Cup Football Match took place, with staff and students alike determined it would go ahead. This football match is held to commemorate the life of former student David Bendo who was tragically killed in a traffic accident on MacLeod Street on 21 February 2008. We were privileged to be joined by David's parents, who went on to present the trophy to the winning team.

After a cautious start to the first half of the match, the S6 team, current holders of the trophy (having won last year when in S5) began to gain momentum and create chances. Despite S5 defending well and pushing forward, S6 proved stronger on the day, emerging as 3 – 0 winners.



## 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 feed into the GTCS's new system of Professional Update.

### Student Council Achievements

The 2016-17 Student Council achieved a great deal! Here are just some of their highlights:

Making a request that Health and Wellbeing Week be a) moved to June b) include three days of outings rather than two and c) include senior as well as junior students! At time of typing it dawns on us that agreeing to these requests has more than doubled the size of the initiative, and its organisation... We'll hope for a marvellous week of healthy and fun activities

Devising and organising on a Participatory Budgeting basis a

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whole school student vote in order to disburse money raised for charity Asking Mitie, our Facilities Management company, to provide mirrors on an equal basis in PE changing rooms  
Reinstating the 'Cash for Trash' initiative in school

Contributing to the design of the school's first Performance Showcase evening, which was also part of the Sharing Secrets Festival

Student Council elections for the new session will take place early in the school year; we look forward to another very successful Student Council.

### **Place2Be: Looking back and looking forward**

Place2Be's school-based counselling and emotional support service has been available at Tynecastle High School for almost three school years. Tynecastle is currently the only secondary school in Edinburgh offering Place2Be, and we are absolutely delighted that the Parent Council has agreed to work with school to raise funding for a further three years of Place2Be input. This means that we can continue to offer high-quality emotional support to young people facing tough challenges in their lives, as well as

helping parents, carers and school staff be the very best supporters that they can be for our young people.

Highlights this year included celebrating Children Mental Health Week (February 2016); attending a visit from Place2Be's Royal Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, hosted at St Catherine's Primary School; and most importantly, hearing young people's stories of resilience, determination and success, sometimes under very difficult circumstances.

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding year of working with the Tynecastle community, I would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible Place2Be Volunteer Counsellors, who provided around 300 hours of one-to-one counselling for students during school year 2015-16. Thanks also to school staff who continue to support our work, and to the parents and carers who 'pick up the baton' of emotional care when the school day ends. We look forward to working with you in school year 2016-17!

To find out more about Place2Be, visit our website ([www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)) or contact Tynecastle's School Project Manager, Sarah Haywood, on 0131

337 3488 (Wednesdays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays).

### **Green Team Minibus Signage Competition**

The Green Team is on the hunt for a fabulous design to adorn its new minibus. Entries are welcome from High School Pupils across the city and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The winning design will be adopted as the vehicle's livery and be on show all over town! Full details and an entry form are available to download from their website: [www.greenteam.org.uk](http://www.greenteam.org.uk).

### **Skillforce**



Tynecastle S1-2 Skillforce class took part in the Skillforce Prince's Award at Vogrie Country Park. The aim of the award was to make a positive contribution to our community. The class did various tasks such as gardening, painting fences & building bird boxes to help with conservation in and around the park.

*Mr D Rhodan (Skillforce)*



### **4/5/6 Round Up**

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The Summer Term has been busy for our senior students, with reviews of learning in order to select courses for 2016-17, 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 9 August.

### **Meaningful May**

New S5 students who were not busy sitting exams participated in our third annual 'Meaningful May'. Our students were able to participate in an impressively wide range of activities which included:

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- Digital learning including focus sessions on iMovie making, popular apps and the importance of maintaining a secure digital footprint
- Schuh and RBS delivery of learning about job applications, job interviews and personal finance (for example running a mobile phone contract)
- Work Experience Week
- Active Heart (physical exercise) days
- Gallery and theatre visits
- Beach Clean at North Queensferry
- Ice Skating **and** learning about how Murrayfield Ice Rink makes and maintains its ice...
- British Red Cross input on Refugee Issues and First Aid
- Sexual Violence Workshop
- Body Ornament Challenge
- Debating
- Relaxation Skills
- Construction Challenge
- Bike Days (including maintenance and trips)
- Preparation for an end-of-programme celebration of learning
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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 and S6 students took part in two days of Induction activities which included:

- An inspirational keynote speech from Polar Explorer (and friend of the school) Craig Mathieson
- iPad Housekeeping/Digital Learning
- Hearing from a panel of former students about their experiences of Senior School and beyond
- 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 Mediators
  - Breakfast Club Leaders
  - Buddying of P7/S1 students
  - Mentors in Violence Project
  - Mentoring
  - Website Support
  - Paired Reading Supporters

There was also time to meet with students to establish expectations in regard to attendance, punctuality, attainment and achievement, and the Induction Days overall were very purposeful and enjoyable.



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### **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, work experience or volunteering opening 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, for example at Redhall School or in one of the local charity shops

### **S6 Prom**

This year's Prom was held at Murrayfield Stadium, and was a great night! It's fabulous, always, to see our fine and gorgeously turned out young people, now more than ready to fly the Tynecastle Nest, and very different from the 11 year olds most were when they arrived with us! Staff and students all enjoyed a lovely, party atmosphere; our thanks to Ms Moyes and the Prom Committee for their hard work in organising over the course of the school session.



## MySQA

MySQA is a web service that offers you secure and unique access to your results.

You don't need to wait for your results envelope to drop through the letterbox. You can choose to have your results sent by e-mail or text on **Tuesday 9 August**. You'll need to sign up to MySQA by 5pm on Monday 18 July, and then activate your account by 5pm on Wednesday 20 July. Even if you're away from home, you won't have to wait or get someone else to open your results for you. Find out how to activate your account at [www.mysqa.info](http://www.mysqa.info)



Exam results will be sent out on 9 August 2016 by **text** message and **e-mail** from 8am.

Remember, National 4 Courses are awarded as either 'Pass' or 'Fail' and have no overall grade. You will

probably know the result from your teacher prior to the summer holidays and the text/e-mail you receive will simply confirm the result.

## Extra-Curricular

### Duke of Edinburgh

On Wednesday morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> June Rachel Hall, Ellie Thomson, Jane Ambler, Lewis Howard, Finlay Macintyre and Alex McKendrick (and also former students James Gibson and Matthew McDiarmid) arrived at the base of the Cobbler and began our ascent. While coping with the unusually hot weather we stopped for lunch and to cool off at a small dam. We then continued up to the mountain's rocky peaks, with one group taking up the ropes and climbing the precarious South Peak, before most of the team scrambled through a hole in the rock on the central peak and the whole team ventured up the dramatic North Peak. Before heading back down to the van for a well-deserved rest, a small group tackled a second mountain, Beinn Narnain, and encountered a pair of curious red deer.



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After setting up for the first night's camping, team morale took a hit as we were forced to cope with thick clouds of midges and soggy sleeping bags, but by the morning everybody seemed bright, cheerful and ready to take on the walk ahead of us. We set off along easy-going forest paths before navigating off-road, up tough grassy slopes and across boggy ground, but eventually found our remote campsite.

The second and final evening, we lit a fire which warded off most of the midges, and huddled round with hot chocolates. The following morning we set out for some easier walking along an old military road, which sometimes intersected a large main road. After taking some breaks to admire waterfalls and climb around on boulders, we returned to the minivan in good time, enjoyed a refreshing cold drink, and headed home.

*Jane Ambler*

### John Muir Award

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May we went to The Water of Leith where we helped conserve a wild place. We were divided into 2 groups and were given different tasks. The first group dug up all the overgrown grass to clear the ditch when it rains so the water doesn't go on the path. It

required a lot of hard work and we all enjoyed it. The second group received the task of ripping out an unwanted plant that was called Himalayan Balsam. Altogether we filled about 10 bin bags.



*Lucy Meechan, Louise Livingstone, Stephanie Burt, Kourtney Gardiner and Ellie Green*

The reason behind doing all of this was to protect the wildlife and let other plants continue to grow without being disturbed. We learned that it's important to conserve wild species because there needs to be a balance in nature. Overall this experience was really good and we learned that nature needs to be conserved. We learned that nature is important and we should take more responsibility in looking after it.

*Ada Poziemska and Lucy Meechan*

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### **Marine Conservation Society**

The Marine Conservation Society published an article in their recent newsletter featuring work done by Tynecastle students. It was as follows:

A big thank you to all the students from Tynecastle High School who took part in an MCS Beachwatch Beach Clean, a coastal walk, Nurdle Hunt and marine litter timeline activity! I hope that everybody enjoyed being out in the sunshine and hopefully learnt a few new things about what we can all do help our marine environment and all the in-credible creatures that live there.

Our 2015 Great British Beach Clean event has been yet another record breaker! When 5,349 volunteers took part across the UK in 2014 we were thrilled – but that record was smashed in September 2015 when 6,035 of you headed to the beach – the most in our 22 year history of running clean-ups.

In Scotland we had a total of 45,815 litter items collected from a record breaking 75 beaches (70% increase on last year), as well as over a 100% increase in volunteers participating from 663 in 2014 to 1,421 in 2015.

**Thanks to each and every one of you who came out to organise or volunteer at a beach clean in Scotland – we couldn't have done it without you!**

Plastic and metal drinks containers made it into our top ten this time at Cramond. In fact plastic bottles were the main story of the GBBC report this year.

Last year there was a 43% increase in the amount of plastic bottles found across the UK during our Great British Beach Clean! You Got The Bottle Campaign' which is pushing for a Deposit Return System (DRS) which would put in place a financial incentive to return your drinks container. Please help show your support through facebook and twitter on @mcsuk and @yougotthebottle or through our website

*Mrs S Clarke*

### **The Polar Academy**

The Polar Academy visits schools and offers a selected number of young adults, between the ages of 14 and 18 years old, a truly once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of a major Arctic Expedition. Over the past year, we have been training really hard. The team have been doing

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insanity training every Thursday. Also we have been doing other things to keep up with our fitness, such as attending the gym, boxing classes, trampolining, horse riding and running! We also did endurance training to ensure the team are fit enough to drag 45kg sledges for 8 hours a day.

The expedition was amazing. I can't think of any other word to describe it. I loved every moment of it, especially skiing! It wasn't as cold as I thought it would be, but when we camped on the glacier it was freezing!

My funniest moment had to have been when I got out of my tent for the toilet during the night and Craig (expedition leader) loaded his gun, thinking I was a polar bear. My worst moment had to have been when I had to eat raw Narwhal skin and whale fin. The team all got along so well and we helped each other a lot through hard times, like when we climbed the glacier.

*Chloe Hogg*



The expedition was an amazing experience, there isn't really one word to describe it. Everyone became family very fast and helped each other through rough spots. I loved skiing as it was really fun and I got really good at going downhill after which I got the nickname of 'suicide skier'.

*Sara Michno*



### Faculty News

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#### Music

##### Games at the Hub – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Tynecastle's Samba Band joined with Broughton, Craigroyston and Royal High Schools Samba bands to perform at the Annual Active Schools Games at the Hub Event for Edinburgh Primary School Students. The Samba Band braved a cold and dreary morning to perform outside for the first hour of the Games welcoming the Primary Students to the event. They then performed as part of the Opening Ceremony.

Our Percussion Students in action are: Front row, left to right Rebecca Tant, Niamh Day, Jamie-Lee Walker, Amy Anderson, Jordan Jamieson, Elle Bisset, Jack Stewart, Iury Zuchinalli, Sean Greenam and Amma Ali.



#### Physical Education

For Senior Core this year we have introduced 4 pathways:

Competitive 1, Competitive 2, Personal Fitness and Recreational



This is the Recreational Group – they have been walking various routes within the local community in conjunction with the local group 'Health All Around'.

The student feedback is that they have enjoyed being out in the fresh air, walking in the local community and being able to chat whilst they exercise with their friends. Another fantastic impact that the group fed back is that they feel more confident in knowing where they can walk about in the local community in their own time.

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This partnership will be continued into August 2016 where we aim to improve the pathways even further.

*Mr A Enwood*

### **Primary PE Cluster SAL (Significant Aspects of Learning) Event**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Tynecastle hosted a cluster primary 6 PE event aimed at giving pupils from Balgreen, Craiglockhart, Dalry and Stenhouse the opportunity to participate, interact and compete in a variety of activities. During the whole day pupils participated in 12 different activities each with a different aim and significant aspect of learning. It was also an opportunity for all cluster pupils to socialise, interact, cooperate and experience Tynecastle High School for the first time. The successful involvement of Tynecastle's sport leaders capped off a fun and very worthwhile day.

### **Tynecastle High Football under 15's**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March saw the Tynecastle School football under 15's season draw to a close. In a match versus Portobello which would see the winner go on and win the league. Being involved in such a game is due to the boy's hard work and commitment to training and

games throughout the year. This has seen the team make considerable improvement and the team being made up of S1/2/3 pupils competing for some 1 and 2 years above their age group.

Although conceding in the first and last minutes of the match and going down 2-0 to Portobello, Tynecastle gave there all in what was a tight contest. Again they showed a determination and team spirit throughout which was pleasing and their disappointment at the end sums up how much they have all improved over the season.

*Mr J McPartlin*

### **Scottish Chamber Orchestra Visit – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Tynecastle High School hosted an SCO Vibe Workshop event engaging music making with our students who have been playing their instrument for more than one year.





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Two members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra ran two workshops in the afternoon working with 36 of our talented young musicians. Students worked on rhythm, tempo and dynamics, improvising short pieces of music which the students took turns in conducting.

This highly imaginative, creative and enjoyable session provided our students with a taster of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra's SCO Vibe project.



This is a Fusion Orchestra open to all musicians aged 11-18, taking place Monday 18<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 10am-3:30pm at Holyrood High School. The project is free to attend and students can book their place now at [www.sco.org.uk](http://www.sco.org.uk) or email [anna.hainsworth@sco.org.uk](mailto:anna.hainsworth@sco.org.uk)

**Upcoming events:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 EIFF School of Rock Foley Workshop – N5 & Higher Music Technology Students; Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

August 2016 @ 3:30pm – Annual Concert with Dalry Primary School as part of St Martin's Community Arts Exhibition.

### Modern Languages

Iolaire Disaster - Western Isles History - The Isle of Lewis - 1919

The Iolaire disaster is one of the most tragic events in the history of the Western Isles. Two months after the end of the First World War, 205 men died, 174 Lewis men and 7 Harris men, sailors who had survived the war - and were only yards from the shore, where families were watching to welcome them home.



Alexander Dennis, Subhan Amir, Rebecca Mears, Deanna Cochrane, Heather Ramsay, Danielle Wilson, Chris Todd, Kyle Ng, Leah Notman

Nine Tynecastle S3 pupils and nine pupils from Stenhouse P7 are presently involved in a very successful Gaelic project about the Iolaire Disaster. They are performing



a drama written by author W. Hershall from the perspective of the families and friends awaiting the return of those aboard the ship. The play is in English with many Gaelic words and phrases included.

After many weeks of rehearsals and research, performances were held at the Scottish Story Telling Centre and the Scottish National Library.

*“...the children created an atmosphere that I will remember forever. There were some magical moments last night.”*

The students were wonderful – well behaved, well rehearsed, and it was a very moving evening, which the National Library was proud to be part of.

Our next performances will be in Lewis and Harris where there will also be opportunities to visit places mentioned in the play and to converse with native speakers. Our final performance is at the Scottish Parliament in June.

Thanks to all involved for the support given.

*Mr P O'Connor*

## **English**

### **DebateMate**

On Monday 13th June a team of five Tynecastle debaters travelled to London to represent Scotland at the UK Debate Mate Finals. Robyn, Sravya, Ellie, Molly and Lauren had been successful in winning the Debate Mate Scottish Cup in March and were excited to have the opportunity to take part in a much bigger completion. This is the first year Debate Mate has run in Scotland but it has been running across England for several years, so the girls were up against some stiff competition.



Over the course of the day the debaters took part in three debates against schools from all over England. Although they did not proceed to the final, they performed very well and were a credit to the school. No doubt this experience will serve them well when the Debate Mate programme resumes after the summer.

*Ms L Barnett*

## Parent Council

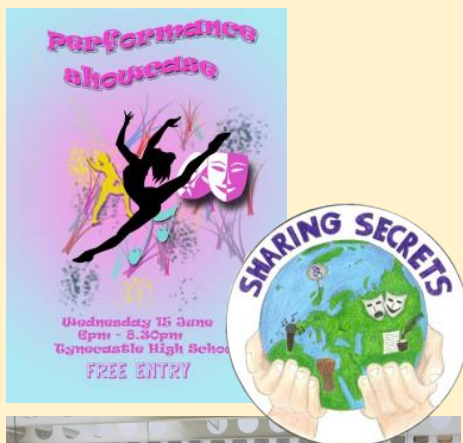
### PERFORMANCE SHOW CASE EVENT 15 JUNE 2016

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who made the Performance Showcase on Wednesday 15th June (as part of the Sharing Secrets Festival) such a success by either performing, helping or just coming along to support the event. The event was really well attended with a fantastic turnout from school students, friends and family as well as members of the local community



Special thanks to the musicians, drama students, dancers, gymnasts, and singers (including Choirs from our feeder Primary Schools), everyone who helped behind the scenes from displaying art work to running the café, burger bar and

tuck shop. The weather was not kind enough for us to proceed with an outside barbecue but this did not dampen our spirits inside. The raffle raised approximately £300 with 43 prizes on offer.



### FUNDRAISING

The Parent Council was successful in being awarded a £1000 grant through the Neighbourhood Partnership Grant a Grand scheme to be spent on repairing and replacing bikes available for use by students at the school and we are working with the school to ensure the money is spent and more bikes are available for student use as soon as possible.



The Parent Council needs people to help fundraise and would be very pleased to hear from you if you think you can assist. You don't have to be able to attend Parent Council meetings to do this (although everyone is also welcome to these too – check the website for meeting dates). If you have any ideas for fundraising that you can share with us or ideas for events you could organise please come and speak to us or email the chairperson Sue

McKendrick on  
[TynecastlePC@mckendrick-family.uk](mailto:TynecastlePC@mckendrick-family.uk)

The Parent Council raises funds which are used to support students in various ways, providing equipment for lunchtime clubs, specific resources requested by departments within the school. For example, in April, the Parent Council allocated funding to:

- £100 for Sporting Achievement Trophies
- £311.50 for Carnegie Book Awards

and we have recently agreed to provide part funding towards the cost of Place2Be within the school.

### EASYFUNDRAISING

The Parent Council is keen to increase our fundraising achievements and would ask any parents, carers or friends to support us through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk).

It is very easy to help, just go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) select **Support a Good Cause** and then select **Tynecastle High School Edinburgh** before going on to create your account. It doesn't cost you anything extra and if you are shopping online and go to the site from which you wish to shop via

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[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you could raise a donation for our good cause and benefit our students. Nearly 3000 online retailers participate in this scheme so there is plenty of choice including Amazon, ASDA, Argos, John Lewis, M&S and loads more!

we would like to encourage you to join us. Look out for details of our AGM which will be held early in the Autumn term. In the meantime, have a wonderful Summer!

Thanks for your support, Sue McKendrick (Chairperson) and Beatrice Bryant (Secretary)

### **PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we always enjoy hearing the report on all the activities within the school from our Head Teacher, this also gives us a unique opportunity to ask her questions or provide our ideas for school improvements. Sometimes teaching staff from different faculties join our meetings. In May, Ollie Cook discussed online safety and security, and described some of the scenarios which are discussed in S2. Sometimes we welcome guest speakers.

We were pleased to invite author Laura Hird to our May meeting to talk about her involvement in the Bridge Project which involves her running a series of workshops at Tynecastle High School covering core writing skills in preparation for work or further education.

You can see dates of our next meetings on the school website and

## Active Schools

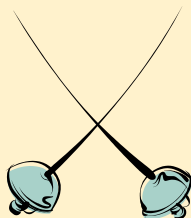
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### Wednesday Lunchtime Clubs

- 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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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
S1 & S2 Dance	1 – 1:30pm	Small Hall	Dance Leaders
S1 – S6 Football	1 – 1:30pm	Astro Pitch	Sports Leaders
S1 Basketball	1 – 1:30pm	Big games Hall	Sports Leaders
S1 Fitness	1 – 1:30pm	Fitness Gym	Sports Leaders
S1 – 6 Badminton	1 – 1:30pm	Large Games Hall	Sports Leaders
S1-6 Table Tennis	1-1.30pm	Assembly Hall	Sports Leaders
S1-S6 Rugby	1-1.30pm	Astro- Turf	Murray and Kerr

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



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### After School Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Where	Contact
<b>Monday</b>	S4 - 6 Dance	3:30 – 4:30pm	Small Gym Hall	Miss Clarke
	Girls Football	3:30 – 4:45pm	Large Games Hall	Miss Moultray
	S1 Dance	3:30 – 4:30pm	Assembly Hall	Dance Leaders
	S1 – S4 Football	3:30 – 4:30pm	Astro Pitch	Mr Enwood Mr McPartlin
<b>Tuesday</b>	S1 – S3 Basketball	3:30 – 4:30pm	Large Games Hall	Tom Griffin Miss Moyes
	S5-6 Football	3.30 – 4.30pm	Astro pitch	Mr Enwood
	S2 – S3 Dance	3:30 – 4:30pm	Small Games Hall	Miss Clarke
	S4 - 6 Boys Basketball fitness	3:30 – 4:30pm	Fitness Gym	Miss Moyes
	S4 – 6 Boys Basketball	4:30 – 6:00pm	Small Games Hall and Large Games Hall	Tom Griffin Miss Moyes
	P4-7 Cluster Badminton	4:30- 5:15pm	Large Games Hall	Tom Griffin

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<b>Wednesday</b>	S1 Fitness GIRLS ONLY	3:30 – 4:3 pm	Fitness Gym	Mr Enwood
	Primary Girls Football	4-6pm	Large Games Hall	SFA
	S2-4 Volleyball	4-5pm	Small games hall	Adam Hook (external)
<b>Thursday</b>	S4-6 Girls Basketball	3.30 – 4.30pm	Large Games Hall	Pol Pedraza Martin Finlay Macintyre Manish Jayant
	S1 fitness BOYS ONLY	3.30 – 4.30	Fitness Gym	Mr McPartlin
	S4 - 6 Boys Basketball	4:30 – 7:00pm	Large Games Hall	Tom Griffin Miss Moyes

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### Information for Parents/Carers

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Tantallon

**Mr Cook**

### 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	<b>Ms Moultray</b>
Dunvegan	<b>Mr Rahimian</b>

### Depute Heads

Year Group	Depute Head Teacher
S1-S3	<b>Mrs Ramsay</b>
S4-S6	<b>Mrs Bell</b>

### 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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### **School Meals**

There will be an increase in the cost of school meals from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 from £2.35 to £2.45.

### **Staff changes**

#### **We said farewell to:**

Mrs S Campbell (Craft, Design and Technology)

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

Ms S Davie (English)

Ms S Johnstone (Social Subjects)

Mr J McPartlin (Physical Education)

Mrs F McPhee (Drama)

Mr P O'Connor (Modern Languages)

Mrs G Osgerby (Home Economics)

Ms T Welsh (Art)

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



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