

TYNECASTLE NEWS



Upcoming Dates

October 11	Parent Council 7pm
October 12	S1 JASS Adventure Day
October 17-24	Half Term Break
October 25	All Resume

Fresh on the website

You will find our school website at www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk

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Office News

Locker forms currently available for all students. Come to the office for a letter.

Lost property! Come and have a look and see if anything is yours. Everything will going to charity during the October break. Last day to look through will be Friday 14th October...

Welcome to the first edition of Tynecastle News!

Welcome to Tynecastle News - the new, monthly newsletter from Tynecastle High School. Here you will find information on the exciting things that have been happening in our school along with contact information and upcoming dates for your diary.

Head Teacher's Update



I am delighted to be sharing our new monthly newsletter, through which we will bring you more regular communication. It has been an excellent start to the session, with the best academic results at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher for our students. Already we have been busy ensuring the best possible learning experiences in and out of the classroom, including work with the Book Festival, Traverse Theatre and a Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Lunch time and after school clubs are up and running offering a wide range of opportunities for all and include our first Mandarin Club.

News from around the school...

St Martin's Community Art Exhibition 2016

Sunday 28 August -
Saturday 3 September
Art and Design students from last session's S1-3 had artwork included in this local Exhibition.



Poster image by Becky MacKenzie

Students whose work was chosen are Rebecca Crawford, Maja Gaska, Erika Ives, Beth McKenna, Connor Tait, Pranith Gowda, Callum Anderson, Montaha Idris and Emma Allison.

Active Schools

A wide range of sport and physical activities are available weekly at Tynecastle and are supported by Active Schools. Something is available for all levels and abilities so come along and get involved! For more information on any of the clubs or the upcoming events please check out the website or come down to the PE department.

T Y N E C A S T L E N E W S

S1-3 News

We're delighted at how well our S1 students have settled in, and at how well our new S2 and S3 students have moved in to their new year groups. S1s are looking forward to their JASS adventure day on October 12th!

S4-6 News

The term has begun well for our Senior Phase students (S4, 5, 6), with good exam results for many, and any coursing changes now achieved. Alongside studies in their subject choices, students in S5 and S6 are encouraged to participate in Wider Achievement activities such as sport, music, leading clubs and activities for junior students, and volunteering both within and outside school.

Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council who meet every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday the 11th of October at 7pm in the school. You can find out more about the work of the Parent Council on our website. You can also contact our Parent Council directly at tynecastlepc@gmail.com

Contact Details

In the case of emergency situations/ school closures text messaging will be used to update parents. Please let the school office know straight away if you change your number. You can contact us by 'phone, email or in person at the school office.

Telephone: 0131 337 3488
Absence Line: 0131 337 0336

ZEST - Zoo and Environmental Skills Training

Four senior students have now started the ZEST course at Edinburgh Zoo. Zoos provide a unique working environment due to the variety of vocations all working together in one place. The ZEST course aims to allow students aged 15-17 to take part in a work experience programme unique to Edinburgh Zoo. Our students will take up work placements with the keepers, communications, fundraising, gardens, education, works and visitor services teams at the Zoo.



English Faculty News

It has been a busy start to term in the English Department! Three groups of students visited the Edinburgh International Book Festival to see a range of authors, including Brian Conaghan, Alan Gibbons, Cecelia Ahern and Juno Dawson. Advanced Higher students took part in the AH English Creative Writing Conference at the University of Edinburgh. A group of S2-4 students represented Tynecastle in a city-wide debating competition. Miss Douglas' N5 class visited the Traverse Theatre for the introductory session to Class Act Silver, a scriptwriting project that will culminate in student plays being performed on the Traverse stage



Scriptwriting project students

by professional actors. We're very excited about this new project and can't wait to see what they produce.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition to the Trossachs

A great success! We had a pleasant first day and last morning weather wise but the rest can only be described as Monsoon conditions! The groups both remained in good spirits despite the bad weather and some of them endured some tough wet nights in a tent but stuck with it. Teamwork and team spirit were excellent, really pulling together at key points and the students really do get a lot out of these experiences. We even managed to get a nice campfire going on the second night despite the weather. The students were brilliant!

