

TYNECASTLE NEWS



Head Teacher's Update



I am delighted to share with you a final round-up of successes and achievements from the last term. It was wonderful to see so many of you this month at our Awards Ceremony and Performance Showcase and I very much look forward to working with you all next session. Until then, I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful summer break. *Hazel Kinnear*

Upcoming Dates

August 14 & 15 Staff In Service Days
 August 16 All Students Resume
 September 18 Monday Holiday
 *Wednesday lunch time from August 16 now
 12:45pm-1.30pm and finish at 3.30pm*

MySQA - receive exam results by text or email

For those students who have recently been sitting SQA exams, with MySQA you can sign up to receive your results by a text and/or email. If you select this service your results will arrive from 8am on Tuesday 8 August 2017. You need to sign up to MySQA by 5pm on 18 July, and activate your account by 5pm on 19 July. Registration is simple. You need your Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and an e-mail address. [Tap or click here to register for MySQA](#)

Clothing Awards

The council is changing the way we pay clothing grants. If you qualify and have applied for a clothing grant you will receive a payment directly in to your bank account. You should receive your payment sometime after Monday 17 July and it will appear on your bank statement as 'clothing grant'. Please look out for updates on the [council website here](#).

Performance Faculty News -

String Students Attend Nicola Benedetti Masterclass



A number of our string students were invited by St Mary's Music School to attend a masterclass with Nicola Benedetti in May. Students from 29 schools across Scotland attended & Ms Benedetti shared her considerable wealth of knowledge & experience. Our students were treated to six wonderful performances & Ali even managed to meet her and have his programme signed! A once in a lifetime experience which our students will never forget!

Trip to Stoke v Arsenal

20 students enjoyed a fantastic trip down to see Stoke v Arsenal in May. Lots of goals, autographs and pictures with their favourite players!



Social Subjects Faculty News - John Muir 2017

Congratulations to the whole of S3 who have successfully completed their John Muir 'Discover' Award. In the last two weeks they have walked the John Muir Way, explored Dunbar beaches, rock pools & Behaven Bay, & taken part in local conservation. (Who says teenagers don't care about their community?!?) S3 classes created videos & shared them with their year group.



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ParentPay

Look out for information about our new ParentPay system on our school website.

ParentPay enables you to pay for trips and other items; offers a highly secure payment site; gives you a history of all the payments you have made; shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children; emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register; offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders.

We will send you an **activation letter** containing your activation details to enable you to set up your ParentPay account.

If you have more than one child at a ParentPay school/s you can add them to a single account, providing one login for all children at ParentPay schools.

Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council who meet every month. You can find out more about the work of the [Parent Council on our website](#). You can also contact our Parent Council directly at tyneastlepc@gmail.com

Fresh on the website

Check our website for the latest news www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk

Contact Details

Please let the school office know straight away if you change your details. You can contact us by 'phone, email or in person at the school office.

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S2 Trip to Scottish Parliament

In June, S2 went on a tour of the Parliament and learned a lot about the Debating Chamber. They also asked brilliant questions to Conservative MSP Jeremy Balfour.

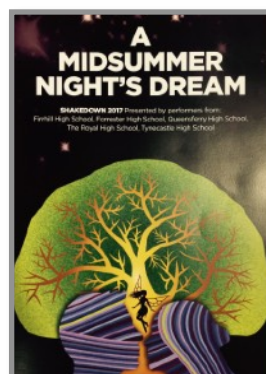
English Faculty News - S1 JASS Award

Mr Laydon's S1 JASS class had their final visit to Tynecastle and Dalry Nursery Schools to share their amazing picture books with the children. A wonderful experience for everyone involved.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

7 of our students were selected to take part in a production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the pilot year of 'Shakedown', a collaboration project bringing schools together in joint productions of Shakespeare's plays. The show was performed at the Kings Theatre on the 28th of June to great acclaim! Well done to all of our performers: Beth McManus, Katie McKendrick, Leia Sherman, Mhairi Robertson, Molly Lloyd, Sarah Smart and Hannah Berry.



Technologies Faculty News - Engine Rebuild Club

The CDT department have launched an Engine Rebuild club. Skills focus on the 4 stroke cycle of the engine, component parts, maintenance and repair and aim to prepare students for the engine maintenance questions that are now a mandatory part of the UK driving test.



Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Expedition



The Bronze team all passed their assessed expedition to the Southern Uplands and demonstrated some exceptional teamwork and determination. It was a game of two halves for sure, one super sunny day with campfires, one super rainy day with hot chocolates at the finish to warm up! Great work team!