

# TYNECASTLE NEWS



## Upcoming Dates

21 December Christmas Jumper Day  
22 December Dress Down Day

**Please note that we finish at 12 noon  
on Friday 22 December  
students resume at 8.30am  
on Tuesday 9 January**

8 January Staff Resume  
9 January Students Resume  
10 January Senior Phase Prelims Begin

## Book Week Scotland 2017

Thanks for coming to the lunchtime activities during Book Week Scotland - 27 November - 1 December. At Monday's Book Bar, we shared



the book titles we are currently reading and took part in competitions. On Tuesday, we talked about creative writing, fiction/non-fiction books and poems that inspire us. The team from Edinburgh Libraries visited on Wednesday and explained how to use the many free online library resources, including eBooks, audio books and magazines and we took part in Book Week Scotland's Reading Lunch initiative on Thursday. A great week all round!

## Head Teacher's Update



This term is always a very busy one and it has been particularly busy for us due to our school inspection, which took place week beginning 4 December. The Inspection Team visited many classrooms and met with a large number of students, staff, parents and our partners in the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this time and I look forward to sharing our report in the new year.

Christmas is a time when we think of others and this year is particularly poignant for us as we are still in shock from the sudden death of one of our S3 students last weekend. Our students are very keen to offer their support to the family and their [JustGiving](#) page at this terribly sad time. Therefore, all our fundraising on Thursday and Friday, with Christmas jumpers (or similar) on Thursday and dress down on Friday will be directed to this cause. Please note that only one donation is required for the two days in order to come in Christmas and Dress Down attire.

## Staffing Update

We are pleased to be welcoming Ms Laura McCurley to the Social Subjects department after the holiday as Ms Maisie Taylor's longer term maternity cover. From the same faculty, however, we are sad to see Mr Alan Hyland leave after 26 years as teacher of RMPE and we would like to wish him a very long and happy retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a well-deserved rest and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year. *Hazel Kinnear*

## Fanfare Concert

Congratulations to Xander Dennis and Yanie Geraldez who performed as part of the Edinburgh Schools Choir at the Fanfare concert on the 24th of November, with



Xander making his debut as a soloist. Yanie also performed as part of Edinburgh Schools Rock Ensemble at both the Fanfare and Childline concert on the 1st of December. Well done Xander and Yanie.

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## Panto 2017

As you read this our Panto will be in full flow - or over for another year.

This year's School Pantomime, '**Alice in Cuckoo Land**', has been performed in school on the evenings of Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 December and led and performed fully by our students.



## ESU Debating Competition

Well done to Molly Lloyd, Caleb Robson, Owain Woodman-Carr and Max Reznik who took part in the ESU Juniors Debating Competition last Thursday at Heriot's school. The motion was: This House would make all school leavers serve compulsory community service for one year.

## 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 [tynecastlepc@gmail.com](mailto:tynecastlepc@gmail.com)

## Fresh on the website

Check our website for the latest news [www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk](http://www.tynecastle.edin.sch.uk)

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## CDT Christmas Trees

The CDT workshop is looking a little greener thanks to S1 and S2 pupils making Christmas trees. Pupils have been learning new woodwork skills whilst making the festive period decoration.



## Locality Dance Show

Well done to all the dancers who performed in the South West Neighbourhood Dance Show on the 6th of December. It was a wonderful show with great performances from all.

## Higher History Museum Visit

Higher History students visited the Scottish History Museum to enhance their learning on the 'Migration and Empire' topic. On St Andrew's Day too!



## Edinburgh Christmas Card Competition

Well done to Sarah Smart in S2 who was runner up in this year's city-wide competition. Her successful design was displayed electronically on bus shelters in Princes Street early in December.

## Tynecastle Community Pipe Band

Pipe Band Students from Tynecastle High School will be performing at our House assemblies over the next two weeks. Well done to Caleb Robson, Bradley Blackley and Owain Woodman-Carr who will be taking turns to lead the Pipe Band Band each week.