

# TYNECASTLE NEWS



## Upcoming Dates

- 12 September Battlefields Trip Departs
- 14 September Blazer fitting for seniors
- 17 September Monday holiday &  
Battlefields Trip Returns
- 20 September Open Evening
- 8 October Parent Council

## Parent Pay

**Parent Pay**, the online payment system for cashless school payments, will soon be available to use in Tynecastle High School soon.

## Blazers for Seniors

In session 2017/18 students in S5 and S6 were offered the option of purchasing a school blazer. This year we have extended this to include S4 students so that anyone in Senior Phase can have this privilege. The company Academy Blazers provide our blazers as well as our hoodies for S6 leavers. The cost of a blazer for students have been subsidised by the school with more information available on our website.

## Head Teacher's Update



I am delighted to share with you our first newsletter of the session. Already we have had so many positives - from appointing new staff to starting new clubs to welcoming so many new students. As we head towards the holiday weekend we are busy preparing for the Battlefields trip and our Open Evening amongst other events. I am very much looking forward to welcoming even more families to this very popular Open Evening as well as allowing our staff and students to share all the good work of which they are so proud. I hope that you and your family have had a positive start to the school session too and I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Parent Council meeting when I can share more detailed news and updates. *Hazel Kinnear, Head Teacher*

## Sport Scotland Young Ambassadors

Well done to S4 Eilidh Begg and Fin Harrison who recently attended the Young Ambassadors Conference at Murrayfield Stadium where they worked hard and learned lots of new skills which they can put in place to promote sport within Tynecastle High. If you have any questions about any of the PE clubs please just ask them.



## Edinburgh International Book Festival



Students from S1-S3 attended this year's Edinburgh International Book Festival. Events included a mix of stories, words, music and performance. Everyone got a chance to ask questions, learn techniques to help write thrilling stories and hear preview of songs adapted from the novel 'Fat Boy Swim' into a musical play. Afterwards, students received a voucher to buy a book discussed at the festival or one written by their favourite author. A selection of festival books are available to borrow from the library.

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

## Free Schools Meals and School Wear

Does your child qualify for Free School Meals and School Wear? To find out more visit the [Edinburgh Council website](#) for further information and an application form, or contact the school office on 0131 337 3488 or email us at [admin@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk). Awards are only valid for one school year - renewals are not automatically done so please return application forms asap.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club open to everyone Monday - Friday, 7.30am-8.20am. Free. In the community wing. Come along and enjoy hot toast, cereal, juices, pastries, fresh fruit and yoghurts.

## 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)

## Contact Details

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## Duke of Edinburgh

Want to challenge yourself, reach new heights and achieve a well respected award? In S3-S6? Join the schools Duke of Edinburgh groups, bronze meet Tuesday lunchtime, Silver/Gold Wednesday lunchtimes, see Mr Harrison in T009 for more information...



"This innovative project offers students direct access to real-world opportunities outside the school and a chance to get a feel for life in the world of design. I am excited at what my students will gain from this and indeed myself from the experience."

Shionagh Primrose - Tynecastle High School

## Day Dream Believers

Some of our S2 students have been taking part in an exciting pilot project with Whitespace Creative Agency and Edinburgh College Graphic Design

department. Students are taking part in a 15-week pilot aimed at developing their creativity, complex problem solving and critical thinking. Students initially visited the Whitespace agency then for their next lesson Creatives used FaceTime to deliver the days brief in to the classroom. Read more about it here <https://whitespacers.com/blog/day-dream-believers>

## Music Department Update

Ms Patterson and Ms Pugh have been busy organising a multitude of musical opportunities for our students. Following their superb performance at St Martins last week, the **string orchestra** are ready for the next challenge! Rehearsals start Monday lunchtime in the music department. All pupils learning violin, viola, cello, double bass are to attend. The **Wednesday lunchtime choir** has had a great start to the term so far and some excellent singers already involved in this group. Open to all S1-6 and staff interested in having some fun singing. The **brass trio and woodwind group** also performed also so well at the St. Martins concert. Rehearsals for the combined group will start on Tuesday's during lunchtime. Those learning brass and woodwind are to attend.

