



Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. The weather has certainly been much kinder and I am delighted that we have such a lovely Spring day to hold the Bendo Cup. This is our commemorative football game for David Bendo, which is held every year as part of our last day with our S6 students. It is a huge privilege for our seniors to be able to play in this match and we are very pleased to have a large number of senior student supporters too. All proceeds will be donated to Brake, the road safety charity in memory of David.

SQA Examinations

It has been such a busy time since last I wrote and particularly regarding preparation for our exam diet. Our students have coped incredibly well and have been working so hard in classes and also at the additional opportunities offered both during term and the Easter holidays. Please note that their teachers will continue to be available for support during the examination diet at normal class times.

- Exam Leave starts: Thursday 20 April
- Meaningful May starts: Tuesday 9 May
- S5 and S6 return: Thursday 1 June at 9.00am

Achievements

This half term we have hosted a Dance Show and an S3 Spring Concert; we have held a book launch for our S2 and S3 writers; we have attended the Traverse Theatre to see our young people's scripts performed; we have had one of our S5 writers awarded Scottish Young Writer of the Year; we were third out of the whole of Scotland for Basketball Scotland's School Cup Finals; we hosted a visit from Danish staff and students keen to learn about Scottish education; we introduced our 'new look' online Transition Lessons for our cluster primary 7 classes; and we had students present their SNORE project to the Royal Society just today. This is just a flavour of some of the amazing work that goes on alongside learning and teaching and which ensures a varied and vibrant school life for our students.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be focussing on Health and Wellbeing with our students who are not involved in National Qualifications. We are very excited to be holding our Sports Day, Health and Wellbeing Week and Meaningful May. These activities will support our students to develop new skills as well as taking care of their health and wellbeing and having fun.

Uniform

Please note also that with the warmer summer term weather we fully expect all students to be in uniform at all times. We will be returning to the exceptionally high standards of dress code which we have grown to expect here at THS. Your support with this is hugely appreciated and please do remember that Mrs Yvonne McGregor, our PSO, can be contacted for support here Yvonne.McGregor@tynecastle.edin.sch.uk. A warm jumper or coat will

continue to be permissible on colder days, but we do hope that these days will be few and far between.

S6 Leavers

And lastly to our S6 Leavers again. They have been a fantastic year group and I have very much enjoyed working with them and the amazing House Captains, who have represented them. I am very much looking forward to the S6 Prom in June because they so deserve something to look forward to at the end of the session and what better way to celebrate than with their teachers who have watched them grow and develop into amazing young adults over the last six years.

Dates for This Session

Thursday 20 April	Exam Leave Starts
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday for staff and students
Tuesday 2 May	In-service Day (students on holiday)
Monday 8 May	King's Coronation – holiday for staff and students
8 – 12 May	Health and Wellbeing Week
Wednesday 9 May	Meaningful May starts
Monday 22 May	Holiday for staff and students
Thursday 1 June	Senior Induction (new S5 and S6)
Monday 5 June	New Timetable
Wednesday 7 June	P7 Transition Concert
Thursday 8 June	P7 Parents' Night
Monday 12 June	Parent/Carer Council Meeting
Wednesday 14 June	School Show - Frozen
Thursday 15 June	School Show – Frozen
Friday 16 June	Culture Day
Friday 16 June	S6 Prom
20 – 22 June	P7 3-day visit
Wednesday 28 June	End of Term

Finally, I do hope to see many of you at some of these events and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Yours sincerely,



Hazel Kinnear
Head Teacher