

TYNECASTLE NEWS



Upcoming Dates in January

8th - 22nd: Prelims for S4-6

17th: S1-3 Tracking Reports Sent Home

23rd: S2 Parents Evening

24th: Burns Supper

27th - 31st: Practical Prelims S4-6

Winter 2024/25 Respiratory Illness

Key advice for parents and carers. In the home the risk of catching or spreading flu/cold/COVID like illness can be reduced by:

- Regular hand washing with liquid soap and running water.
- Covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Using a disposable paper tissue, disposed of immediately after use.
- You can teach your child to sneeze into the 'crook' of their arm rather than their hands, if they don't have a tissue.
- Good general cleaning of surface that everyone touches often e.g. TV remote, light switches, door handles, toilet flushes and tap heads.
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

Children should not return to school until completely well and 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Head Teacher's Update

Welcome to our new (old look) monthly newsletter. I am delighted to be returning to this format which worked well for us, but your feedback is very welcome. We have been incredibly busy since October half term with Parents' Nights, Information Evenings, the S3 Exam Experience, Faculty Reviews in Performance and Modern Foreign Languages, as well as busily preparing for our Prelims in January.



Luckily, there has also been time to showcase our achievements and get involved in our wider community. This is just a selection of some of those events. Please also note the arrangements for the rest of the week and the last day of term. And lastly, I would just like to wish you and your family a lovely holiday when it comes.

Remembrance Service

We are always very proud to represent our school, our history and our strong links with McCraes Battalion and HMFC at their annual Remembrance Sunday Service. This year our Tynecastle Community Pipe band proudly performed before the fixture the previous week and our Pipe Major led the minutes silence prior to the game – Lest We Forget.

Childline Concert and Class Act

Our young people are so incredibly talented and these opportunities have allowed them to share just how amazing they are. The annual Childline Concert at the Usher Hall on 10 November saw our highest number of young people performing just emphasising what a musically gifted bunch we have here. Meanwhile the Class Act at the Traverse Theatre on 12 December saw actors performing the plays written by our young people, making them all official playwrights – something to be very proud of.

Roseburn Cycle Path

We were delighted to be asked to help support the opening of the new Roseburn Cycle Path. As a school we have been setting up bike maintenance and cycle clubs as well as planning for cycle days when the weather improves so it was a fabulous opportunity to dust off the bikes and show our commitment to sustainable travel.



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Christmas Donations

We'd like to give our thanks to everyone who brought donations to the school.

As a result we have been able to deliver **85 food parcels** to people in the community!

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 tyneastlepc@gmail.com

Fresh on the Website

Check our website for the latest news www.tynecastlehighschool.org.uk

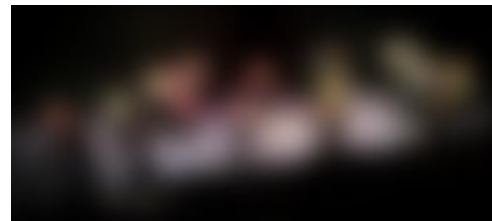
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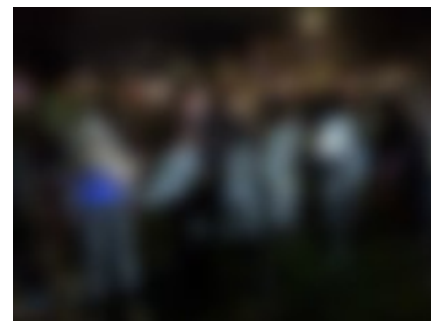
Dance Show

Our dancers have gone from strength to strength and Wednesday 6 November saw them surpass all expectations, showcasing all of their hard work as well as their leadership and choreography skills. We very much look forward to seeing what they do

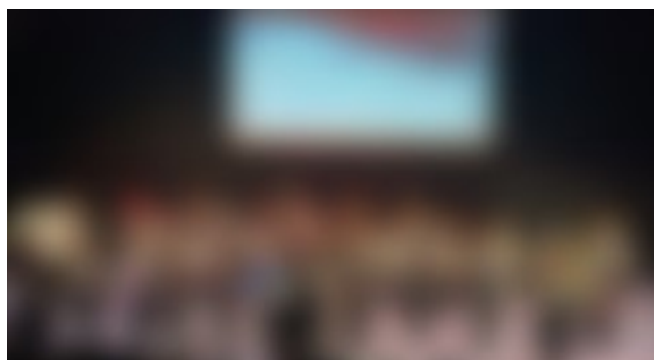


Christmas Concert & Carolling

Tuesday 3rd December some of our Higher brass and woodwind pupils were out carolling at Stenhouse Church.



Wednesday 4 December was our annual Christmas Concert and what a tremendous event. It was a sell-out opportunity to share the broad and eclectic range of musical talents in our school. I certainly could not stop smiling and am very much looking forward to some of the highlights for our Last Day assemblies on Friday.



Christmas Ceilidhs, Jumpers and Last Day Arrangements

Christmas Ceilidhs take place on Thursday 19 December. Our students have been having great fun learning social dances with our PE staff and this is a lovely opportunity to celebrate all that learning as well as having fun.

Students are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and festive wear on both Thursday 19 and Friday 20. School finishes at **12pm on Friday 20 December** with free school meals available at this time.