



Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 19th April 2024

Staffing

Towards the start of this week, you will have received a communication from Scottish Borders Council to let you know that I will be taking a one-year career break at the end of session. This means that a new acting Rector will be leading Berwickshire High School for the 2024-25 session. A national advert will go out in the coming weeks. My intention is to return as Rector in August 2025.

S6 Graduation

Today, we held our S6 Graduation at Marchmont House. As with last year, this was a really special event. A lot of staff and students put a great deal of effort into organising the day, with a particular thanks due to Mrs Robertson, Mr Meadows and Mr Huffman, to Marchmont House for allowing us access to such a wonderful setting, and to Nicky Lothian and her team for providing an excellent buffet.

On behalf of all staff, I wish our S6 of 2023-24 the very best for the future.

SQA exams

Best of luck to all of our S4-6 students who are sitting SQA exams over the coming weeks. We hope all of your hard work pays off.

Study leave takes effect from Monday and ends on Friday 31st May. During the course of this, students will be invited to attend one-off in-school revision days with teachers a day or two before each exam. Full details of this new initiative have been communicated today and I would encourage all students who are able to take advantage of it.

Best wishes,
Mr B. Robertson, Rector



Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

PE Trip

During the Easter break, 47 Berwickshire High School students and 4 adults, travelled south to watch Newcastle United take on Everton in the Premier League. Before the match, the group were treated to a coaching session in the Beacon of Light, Sunderland Academy Football Club's training centre. This was a great experience for our students, in fantastic facilities.

The match itself saw two goals, one for each team, both in close proximity of our seats. Students enjoyed the match, the atmosphere and half time snacks!

Unanimously, all students reported the trip was a huge success, one which they would like to repeat. Talks are already taking place to secure tickets with another Premier League club, a little further south...watch this space!

Many thanks to Mr Meadows, Mr Brown and Duncan Morrison (parent helper), for accompanying the group, giving up their time during their holidays to make this trip possible. Mrs Morrison



Berwickshire High School Hockey Awards

On Thursday afternoon, Berwickshire High hockey players gathered together to celebrate each other's achievements over the 2023/34 season. Moira Anderson, a Scotland Hockey over 65's player, presented the awards and gave an inspiring speech about her long career, which started here at Berwickshire High School.

Congratulations to all our awards winners and massive thank you to all Berwickshire High School hockey players for all of their hard work and dedication over the past season.

Mrs Morrison



Guest Speaker – Moira Anderson (Scotland Hockey over 65's)



Players Player

Evie Allison, Rhea Simpson, Amelia Knox



Most Improved

Mai Smith, Issac Barrowman, Zara Moffat



Coaches Player

Maisey Lindsay, Amelia Lake, Isla Rodger



SQA Exams

The following information was shared with students this week regarding SQA Exams:

- Please ensure you have checked the date and times of all your exams on your timetable. If you have additional arrangements, you should have received a personalised timetable.
- When attending School for an exam, revision session or the Summer Academy, please ensure you are in full School uniform.
- You should only attend School if you have an exam or have been invited in by a member of staff. You do not need to sign in at the office for exams, but for every other instance you must sign in.
- Arrive at the very least 10 minutes before the exam is due to start and ensure you have all the equipment you need, for example pens (black or blue only), pencils, calculators, rulers etc. You should wait in the small canteen area to be called in for the start of your exam.
- Please follow the instructions of the Chief Invigilator and any of his team. Ensure no mobile phone or smart devices are taken anywhere near the examination hall.
- If you are unable to attend the exam for whatever reason you must ring the School office as soon as possible.

If you are at all unsure about anything regarding your exams, please see Mr Harvey as soon as possible. Finally, all at the Berwickshire High School would like to wish all our students every success in their exams. Remember to Aim for Best!



Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

The Parent Council bid for a Tesco Stronger Start Grant has been successful and will be put forward to a customer vote in the Berwick store from the first week in April until the end of June 2024.

If successful, the money would be used to offer an enrichment programme within the school, including, but not limited to extracurricular trips.

To find out more about Tesco Stronger Starts Grants, follow [this link](#). Thank you!!

VOTE IN STORE NOW!!!



Flag for Berwickshire Event

Berwickshire High School: Friday 26th April - 2pm

Berwickshire High School is delighted to announce that it has been chosen to be the venue to be the first to raise the newly designed Berwickshire Flag (the county not the School!). The flag has been designed as part of a competition run in conjunction with the Berwickshire Civic Society supported by Marchmont Makers Foundation (now the Hugo Burge Foundation). A large number of our students worked on this during their Art lessons with many putting in entries. The raising of the flag for the first time is symbolic as this will make it the official flag for Berwickshire and allow it to be used throughout the area.

This event takes place on Friday 26th April at The Berwickshire High School, starting at 2pm, with the ceremony lasting approximately 20 minutes. Jeanna Swan Lord-Lieutenant for Berwickshire and invited guests will attend the ceremony alongside members of the Court of the Lord Lyon, Scotland's heraldic authority.

Members of the School and the wider community are more than welcome to join us at the School for this exciting event. Please be aware that entry to the School after the event will be limited. Furthermore, the small road in front of the School will be closed at least 20 minutes before the event. We are very much looking forward to the event and hope as many of the School and community can join us on what we hope will be a sunny day in Duns! The winning design is pictured below. Mr Harvey



Home Economics Practical Lessons - Week beginning 22nd April

This is what students will be making next week. Please could we ask your help in ensuring your child has the correct equipment. Thank you, Mrs Taylor

Year	Making	Equipment Required
S1	Nutrition Assessment	No tub
S2	Flapjack	Tub/container
S3	3(H) - Teacher Demonstration - Meringue Shells and Piped Nests	No tub
	3(I) - ½ class S3 Practical Assessment - Savoury Flatbread and Cupcakes	Tub/container x 2

Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (April)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Modern Studies	S2 - 2H1	Dr Koita	Social Inequality in UK	Tuesday 23rd
Modern Studies	S2 - 2S1, 2D2	Dr Koita	Social Inequality in UK	Thursday 25th

Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (May)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Spanish	S1 - 1H1	Mrs Rowson	Listening & Reading - Daily Routines and Chores	Wednesday 8th
Spanish	S1 - 1S1, 1H2, 1D1	Mrs Rowson, Mrs Ford	Listening & Reading - Daily Routines and Chores	Thursday 9th

Learning Logs - Located in OneNote - Week Commencing 15th April 2024

Subject	Course	Teacher	Learning Log Details
Computing Science	S1 - 1D1	Mrs Brown	Kodu Game Programming
Computing Science	S1 - 1H1, 1H2	Mrs Marchand	Kodu Game Programming
Computing Science	S3 (I)	Mrs Marchand	Python Programming Part 2
Design & Technology	S2 - 2P2, 2P5, 2P6	Mrs Brown	Freehand Sketching



EUROVISION
SONG CONTEST
PARTY
SAT 11th MAY

DUNS VOLUNTEER HALL
7PM TILL LATE

Big Eurovision Watch Party
Duns Volunteer Hall
Sat 11 May
Book tickets at www.aheartforduns.org



**Murder
Mystery
Night
with
Dinner**

Saturday 20th April, 7pm
Duns Volunteer Hall
Tickets: £22.50 per person
Book in advance at www.aheartforduns.org

A Heart for Duns **DUNS
PLAYERS**



QUIZ NIGHT

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY, 3RD MAY

QUIZ AND LUXURY RAFFLE WITH PRIZES FROM LOCAL
BUSINESSES

TICKETS £20/TEAM (MAX. 5 PER TEAM)

7-10PM

CASH ONLY ON THE NIGHT

ALL PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO THE MY NAME
DODDIE FOUNDATION

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