



Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 20th March 2026

Spring has sprung at BHS this week. It is great to have green days aplenty for our students - days when they are to be outside during break and lunch - and to see them enjoying the good weather. The fresh air (and lack of screen time due to our phone rules) really have a positive impact on wellbeing, learning and the overall settled feel in school.

Our sporting calendar seems to have sprouted too - Hockey 7s this afternoon, the Hockey tournament and ruby festivals coming up, success for our netball team and a huge contingent at the Borders Schools Cross Country championship is to name but a few. Miss Fellenger and the team are working tirelessly and, I am sure you will join me in thanking them for going the extra mile for our students.

We are recruiting as a school. If you know anyone keen to apply here please direct them to My Job Scotland for the adverts.

Finally , thank you if you have already completed the parent survey for SBC. I'd be very grateful if you would complete the survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/EfpW35ug0s>

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine

Aim for Best

Mrs Weston



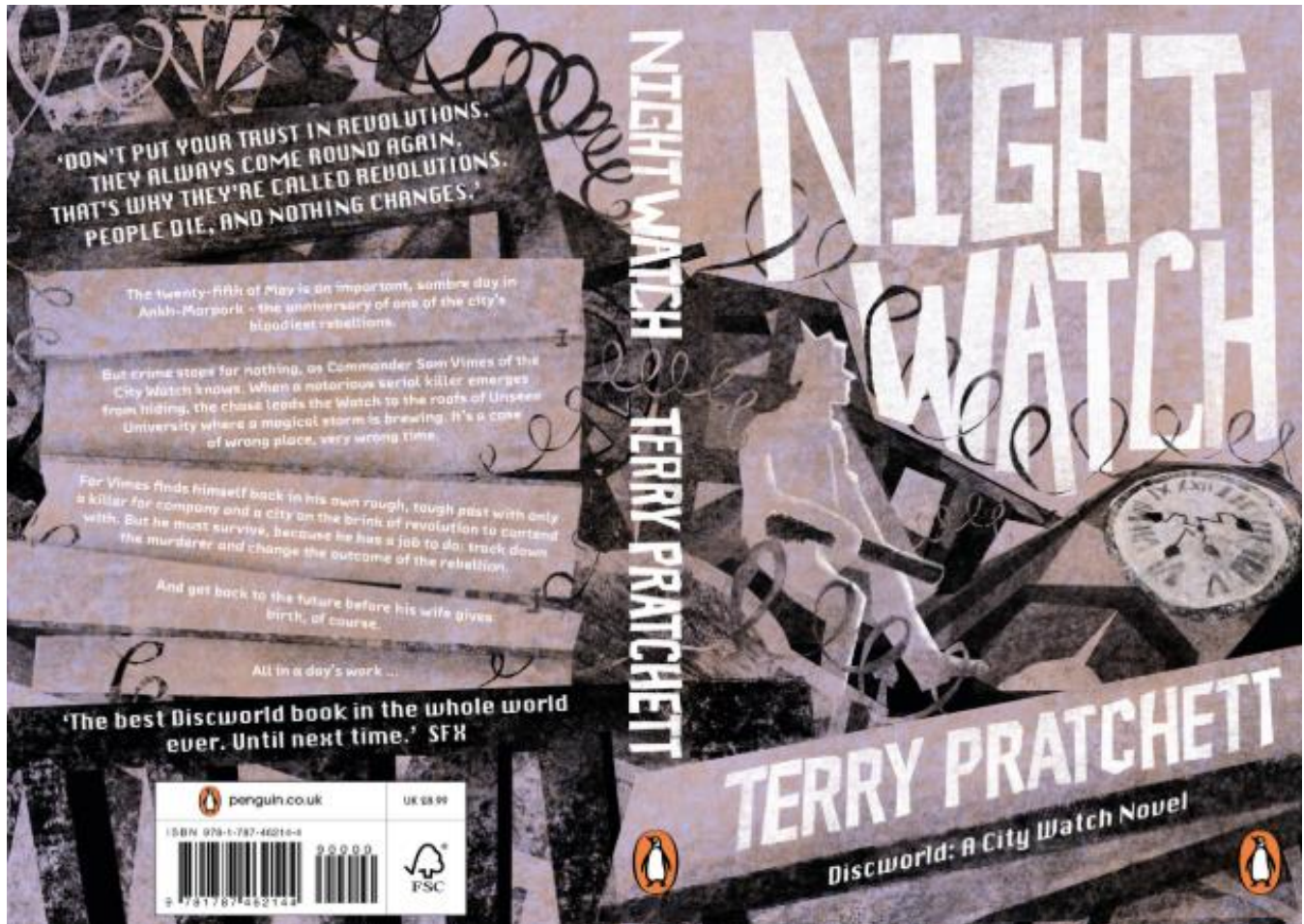
Former Student Success!!

Former BHS Art & Design Student Georgia McEwen has been shortlisted for the prestigious Penguin Cover Design Award 2026. Her beautiful design is shown below. Winners will be announced in mid-April. Good luck Georgia!



Cover Design Award

2026 shortlist



For my cover, I wanted to depict a feeling of waiting and watching, as the main character Vimes knows how the revolution will end, and is forced to relive it. Depicting Vimes on the barricade, but at a moment before the action, allowed me to highlight the emotional and reflective themes in the book while still referencing the central storyline - and showing a juxtaposition between the two. Drawing from film noir was helpful for this as in my research I found that the genre's strong use of tone was most effective in moments of tension - rather than action.

Parental Surgery January - Easter 2026

Parental Surgery offers parents/carers the opportunity to speak to a Head of Year or Head of Support for Learning on non-urgent matters. Appointments can be made by contacting the Berwickshire High School office. A Head of Year/Head of Support for Learning will contact you by telephone or set up a TEAMS meeting at the agreed time.

Appointments will be available from 2:15pm - 3:45pm.

If you feel it is appropriate you can leave a brief comment about what you wish to discuss.



DATE	STAFF MEMBER
Thursday 26th March	Mrs Huffman - Open to P7 parents
Thursday 2nd April	Mrs Darling - Open to P7 parents

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Easter STUDY SUPPORT 2026

6th - 10th April

Registration **NOW OPEN**




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Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (March)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Business Management	Higher	Miss Brotherston	Checkpoint 2	Monday 23rd
Spanish	S3 - 3SpAD	Mrs Rowson	N4 Writing	Monday 23rd
Geography	S3	Mr Meadows	Urban Assessment	Monday 23rd
Maths	N5	Mrs Dalton	Checkpoint 2	Tuesday 24th
Spanish	S1 - 1S1, 1D2	Miss Hanry	Listening & Writing	Tuesday 24th
Maths	Higher	Mrs Dalton	Progress Assessment 6	Tuesday 24th
Maths	Higher	Mrs Dalton	Progress Assessment 1	Wednesday 25th
Spanish	S1 - 1D1	Mrs Rowson	Listening & Writing - Where	Wednesday 25th
Business Management	N5	Miss Brotherston	Checkpoint 2	Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th
Criminology	Level 5	Miss Grant	Crime and the Law Decision	Wednesday 25th
Modern Studies	National 5	Dr Koita	Checkpoint 2	Thursday 26th
Spanish	S1 - 1H1	Mrs Rowson	Listening & Writing	Friday 27th
Modern Studies	Higher	Dr Koita	Checkpoint 2	Friday 27th

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ARTICLE 42 (knowledge of rights)

Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.

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Opening Party

7pm Friday 1 May

Magic and Mayhem

with the Magician Electrician, DDAOS

and at

9.15pm Something Always Happens in Duns!

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Saturday 2 May

9 -12pm The 10-minute play (14+)

Sunday 3 May

10 - 1pm Fae and The Possessed (14+)

1.30 - 3.30pm Dream Role (18+)

Monday 4 May

10 -1pm Two-minute Monologues (14+)

Tuesday 5 May

9 -12pm The Art of the Monologue (14+)

12.30 - 2.30pm A Play in Two Hours (8+)

Thursday 7 May

7 - 7.45pm Free Writing with PSS (14+)

Friday 8 May

1 - 3pm Songwriting (12+)

Saturday 9 May

10 -12pm Creative Hub Writers' Workshop (18+)
(Online)



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE Duns Volunteer Hall



SATURDAY 2 MAY

- 12-2pm * Forum: Made in the Borders (CS)
- 2pm Play: Mind and Breathe - Lewis Teckam (MS)
- 2.45pm Play: Janey - Ellie Stewart (CH)
- 2.45pm Music: Zimbardo (CS)
- 3.30pm Play: Doored! - Jennifer Wallace (MS)
- 4.15pm Play: What You Didn't See - Cameron Ponder (CS)
- 4.30pm Podcast: DunsPlayFest Podcast Live (CH)
- 4.30pm Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5pm* Talk: The Border Burnings - Mary Craig (CS)
- 5.30pm Play: Rape and Flame - C Prenton, A John, V Reid (MS)
- 6pm Play: Anne Gair (CS)
- 7pm* Play: The Land Beyond the Forest - Firebrand (MS)
- 8.30pm Music: Anne Gair (CS)
- 9.15pm Play: The Good Olde Days: K Purvis and C Robson (MS)

SUNDAY 3 MAY

- 2.30pm* Storytelling: Dougie MacKay (CS)
- 3.30pm Dance: U Dance Academy (MS)
- 4pm Readings: Untold Stories - LIVE Borders (CH)
- 4.45pm Storytelling: Dealings with Death and the Devil (PC)
- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5.45pm Play: Control - DC Thomas (MS)
- 6.30pm* Music: Susanna Orr Holland (CS)
- 6.45pm Play: The Phantom of Edgar Allan Poe - C Kent (CS)
- 7.30pm Play: Perfect Dead Girls - Audaciously Tenacious (MS)
- 8.30pm* Music: Two From the Fridge (CS)
- 9pm Play: Something Cursed - D Scott-Jones (MS)
- 10pm* Music: Two From the Fridge (CS)

MONDAY 4 MAY

- 3pm Physical Theatre: Carnivale Crazy - WWW (CH)
- 3.15pm* Storytelling: Chris Adriaanse (CS)
- 4pm Play: Disco Duckling - PASS (MS)
- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5.45pm Play: Moon Swing - Simply Surreal (MS)
- 6.45pm Play: A Dangerous Man - LS Gray (CH)
- 7pm* Sharing: Monologue Performances (CS)
- 7.30pm Play: Crocodile Tears - Shark Bait (MS)
- 8.30pm* Sharing: Monologue Performances (CS)
- 8.30pm Play: Saint Aebbe of Coldingham - E Farmer (CH)
- 9.15pm Play: Our Martin in the Background - Mark Kydd (MS)

TUESDAY 5 MAY

- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5.30pm* Music: Biff Giff Femme (CS)
- 6pm Play: LOCK - Borders Pub Theatre (MS)
- 7.15pm* Open Mic (CS)
- 7.45pm Play: The Wars of Patie Crichton - Hot Trad Theatre (MS)
- 8.45pm* Open Mic (CS)
- 9.15pm Play: The Stress Fracture - Tatty Pants (M)

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

- 12pm Play: Strange School - Duns Primary School (MS)
- 2pm Advice: CABN Drop in Session (CS)
- 4pm Reading: In the Spotlight - Word Weavers (MS)
- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5.45pm Play: ShareWood - Man Espoir (MS)
- 7pm* Music: Scottish Blend (CS)
- 7.30pm Play: We're All Right - Tideline Runners (MS)
- 9pm* Music: Scottish Blend (CS)
- 9.30pm Play: Casino - State Ae That Theatre (MS)

THURSDAY 7 MAY

- 2pm Advice: CABN Drop in Sessions (CS)
- 2.30pm* Music: Katie's Music Session (CS)
- 3pm* Podcast: DunsPlayFest Podcast Live (CH)
- 3.30pm* Children's Book Reading: Leonard Harper Gow (CS)
- 4pm Film: An Guth/The Voice - Christopher Adam (MS)
- 4.30pm Play: BYT Short Plays (CH)
- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 6pm Music: Scotland Unsung - Kirsty Law (MS)
- 6pm Radio Play: Radio Waves - BYT (CH)
- 7pm* Music: Matt Seattle (CS)
- 7pm* Writing: Free Writing with PSS (CH)
- 7.45pm Play: Jimmy 4 - JRH McEwen (MS)
- 8.45pm* Music: Matt Seattle (CS)
- 9.15pm Play: Note of Concern - Fast Snail Productions (MS)

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FRIDAY 8 MAY

- 2pm Advice: CABN Drop In Session (CS)
- 3pm Podcast: DunsPlayFest Podcast Live (CH)
- 3.30pm Q&A: With Morna Young and PSS (MS)
- 4pm Play: PASS (CH)
- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5.30pm* Sharing: Monologues Performances (CS)
- 5.30pm Play: PASS (CH)
- 6pm Play: An Ocean of Memories - Treading The Borders (MS)
- 7pm* Music: Katie Forbes Sings (CS)
- 7pm Play: PASS (CH)
- 7.30pm Play: Peaked - SlashHouse (MS)
- 8.30pm* Music: Katie Forbes Sings (CS)
- 8.30pm Play: PASS (CH)
- 9.15pm Play: Derby Day - Without Compromise Theatre (MS)

SATURDAY 9 MAY

- 12.30pm Play: The Red Lion: The Final Chapter - Jamie Mein (MS)
- 1.30pm Music: Open Mic (CS)
- 2pm Play: Ok, Boomer! - Mike James (MS)
- 3.30pm* Music: Suma Luma (CS)
- 4pm Play: Breaking Point - Heid First Theatre (MS)
- 5pm* Radio Play: Send for Paul Temple Again (CS)
- 5.30pm Play: The Berwick Tapestry - Janette Foggo (MS)
- 6.30pm* Music: Suma Luma (CS)
- 8pm Closing Party: Jiginboot, DDAOS and DJ Leonard (MS)

MS: Main Stage
CS: Cabaret Stage
CH: Cadet Hall
PC: Parish Church
PSS: Playwright Studio Scotland
PASS: Performing Arts Studio Scotland
*FREE



Digital version of the programme can be found [here](#).

Here is the link for the youth pass - extended to include all four shows previously advertised.

GREAT CINEMA AND LIVE COMEDY AT DUNS VOLUNTEER HALL



COMMUNITY CINEMA



Friday 27th March - 5.30pm to 7.15pm - GOAT (PG)

Price: £4 - £4.50

In a vibrant world where “roarball” - a high-octane, full-contact version of basketball - is the ultimate test of strength, young Will Harris (Caleb McLaughlin) has a mountain to climb. As a small Boer goat, Will is constantly told he’s better suited for a petting zoo than the professional league. However, when a clip of him outplaying a massive rival goes viral, he is unexpectedly recruited by the struggling Vineland Thorns, led by the legendary but cynical black panther Jett Fillmore (Gabrielle Union).

[Buy Tickets - GOAT \(PG\) - Duns Kids' Community Cinema - Duns Volunteer Hall](#)

Friday 27th March - 8.00pm to 9.45pm - MOTHERS PRIDE (12A)

Price: £6 - £8.50

From the creators of *Fisherman's Friends* and *Finding Your Feet* comes a heartwarming new British comedy-drama set in the picturesque South West. The story follows the Harley family, who are struggling to cope with the loss of their beloved matriarch while their livelihood—a traditional village pub—teeters on the brink of closure. Faced with a divided community and mounting debts, the family decides to take a final gamble by brewing their own real ale and entering the prestigious Great British Beer Awards.

[Buy Tickets - Mother's Pride \(12A\) - Duns Community Cinema - Duns Volunteer Hall](#)



LIVE COMEDY

Saturday 28th March - 8.00pm to 10.00pm - Doors open at 7.00pm - BRUCE FUMMEY: SCOTLAND MADE THE WORLD

Discover the unparalleled charm and comedy of Bruce Fumme, where humour meets Scottish history and insightful storytelling!

Bruce, the comedian behind the YouTube channel [Scotland History Tours](#), comes to Duns with a new show that promises laughs galore and quirky observations as he explains how Scotland Made the World.

His unique style showcases and celebrates Scottish culture and history, in a way that will have you rolling with laughter and screaming for more!

If you've watched the Youtube channel, Scotland History Tours, then you'll have heard Bruce Fumme telling stories from Scotland's history. This year he returns to tell you those stories from Scotland's history live... and with more jokes. Some might even make you blush!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FRSN>

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME APRIL 2026



A two-week programme, taking place at a number of venues across the Borders during the Easter holidays from **Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April 2026**.

You can find out what's happening below:

	MON 06 APRIL	TUE 07 APRIL	WED 08 APRIL	THU 09 APRIL	FRI 10 APRIL
WEEK 1	STAR TRACK ATHLETICS Tweedbank 10AM to 2PM P4-7	STAR TRACK ATHLETICS Tweedbank 10AM to 2PM P4-7	STAR TRACK ATHLETICS Tweedbank 10AM to 2PM P4-7	INCLUSIVE SPORTS FUN Tweedbank Adults - 10 to 11AM 5-16 yrs - 11AM to 12.30PM	
	ACTIVITY CAMP Jedburgh Grammar Campus 9AM to 3PM P1-7	ACTIVITY CAMP Galashiels Academy 9AM to 3PM P1-7	ACTIVITY CAMP Berwickshire and Selkirk High Schools 9AM to 3PM P1-7	ACTIVITY CAMP Drumlanrig Primary School, Hawick and Earlston High School 9AM to 3PM P1-7	
WEEK 2					
			CYCLE SPEEDWAY Tweedbank 10AM to 2PM 8 years +	CYCLE SPEEDWAY Tweedbank 10AM to 2PM 8 years +	CYCLE SPEEDWAY Tweedbank 10AM to 2PM 8 years +
		ACTIVITY CAMP Eyemouth High School 9AM to 3PM P1-7	ACTIVITY CAMP Kelso High School 9AM to 3PM P1-7	ACTIVITY CAMP Peebles High School 9AM to 3PM P1-7	

Find more information on any activities, or to book a place for your child visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/bookactivitycamp

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10 to 11AM

AGE: **Adults**

COST: **£5** per person

11AM to 12.30PM

AGE: **5-16** years

COST: **£5** per family

Find more information and how to book here:
www.scotborders.gov.uk/bookactivitycamp



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