



Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 15th May 2026

We are half way through May - although the weather Gods seem to think otherwise. Does anyone else still have the heating on?

This week, we continue to move full steam ahead on our staffing. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sarah Woodhouse has been appointed to the permanent post of Teacher of Physics and Science. She has had an outstanding first year of of teaching with us and we are thrilled she is staying. She joins an outstanding team who are delivering courses as varied as Engineering Science and Electronics, alongside the traditional Physics offering.

In addition we are recruiting. Our increasing role, and Mrs Kennedy's promotion, means we need two new **PT Pastoral** teachers. Mr Murray's promotion means we need a **PT PE AND** we are looking for a **Maths teacher** for additionality in that department.

In addition, there are jobs available in our cluster Primary Schools - Chirnside will need a new headteacher and Duns needs a part time Early Years' Practitioner. Phew! All the jobs are on <https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/> Please tell your friends!

Don't forget that we have our Parent Council meeting next week on the 20th of May at 6pm. We have some exciting plans coming up - please come along and support our school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Weston



ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

S1's recently made ceramic *Monsters with a Purpose*. A competition, asking students to take their monster home and create an aesthetically pleasing and Instagram worthy photograph of their monster performing its function, ran over the next couple of weeks.

AMBER GALLACHER

WINNER!



Jess Benson



Kitty Barrie



Olivia Johnson



Summer Stevenson



Edie Thomson



S2 Design & Technology

S2 have been busy working on a wooden box project.

Before it was made in the workshop, it had to be sketched manually then drawn on the computer using a CAD program (Inventor).

The students had to make various choices along the way-size, design, to shape lid or not etc.

Some of these boxes are now complete and should be coming home-with the rest to follow in the next week or two.

I hope you are as impressed as I am.

Mrs. Brown



Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (May)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Computing	S3 - 3I, 3E	Mrs Marchand, Mrs Darling	S3 Exam	Tuesday 19th
History	S1 - 1H1	Mrs Hoggan-Nisbet	Dark Ages Assessment	Tuesday 19th
History	S2 - 2D1 & 2S2	Mrs Hoggan-Nisbet	Civil Rights Assessment	Tuesday 19th
History	S2 - 2H1	Mrs Hoggan-Nisbet	USA Assessment	Thursday 21st

Learning Logs - Located in OneNote - Week Commencing 11th May 2026

Subject	Course	Teacher	Learning Log Details
Computing Science	S2 - 2P5	Mrs Marchand	Databases

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Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting take place at 6pm on Wednesday 20th May, we would love for you to join us if you are able.

The Parent Council Needs Your Help!

Please Hand In Your
USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Shirts, skirts, jumpers, ties, jackets, sports wear

We are accepting donations of gently used school uniforms. All donated items will help support other families in need.

All sizes needed!

Thank you for your support!
Please drop off in the school office



Demystifying Study Skills

Dyslexia Scotland Borders is holding a free event on study skills for pupils with dyslexia in St Boswells on 2 June.

Full details and free tickets at this link:

<https://buytickets.at/dyslexiascotland2/2171492>

THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD 'RIGHT OF THE WEEK'



ARTICLE 24 (health, water, food, environment)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and wellbeing so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

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UK Junior Maths Challenge

20 of our S1 + S2 students recently took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge.

Our S1 results were superb with Liadan Butler & Cameron White both achieving a Silver certificate. Liadan also achieved Best in School - brilliant result, Liadan!

A special mention also goes to Emily Bogdanova, Harris McNeill, Ethan Rickard and Lukas Rowlands in S2 who all achieved Bronze certificates.

Well done to everyone who took part. You, along with our 2 reserves, have been given an Enthusiastic CRESS Award. The questions were extremely challenging and you did brilliantly!

Mrs Dalton



National Numeracy Day Wednesday 20th May

Need a confidence boost when it comes to numbers?

Use the link below to access a 1-hour webinar.

Recommended for any adult who wants to improve their skills and confidence with numbers. Mrs Dalton

[Number Confidence](#)

Senior School Sports Day

If you have a senior student currently on study leave and they would like to take part in Senior Sports Day, please ask them to sign up via the following link:

[Senior Sports Day - June 2nd \(Field and 1500m\) June 3rd \(Track\) - Fill in form](#)

Tuesday 2nd June

Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Period 6
Girls Long Jump	Boys High Jump		Boys Shot Putt	Boys Javelin	Boys Discus		1500m
Boys High Jump	Girls High Jump		Girls Javelin	Girls Discus	Girls Shot Putt		

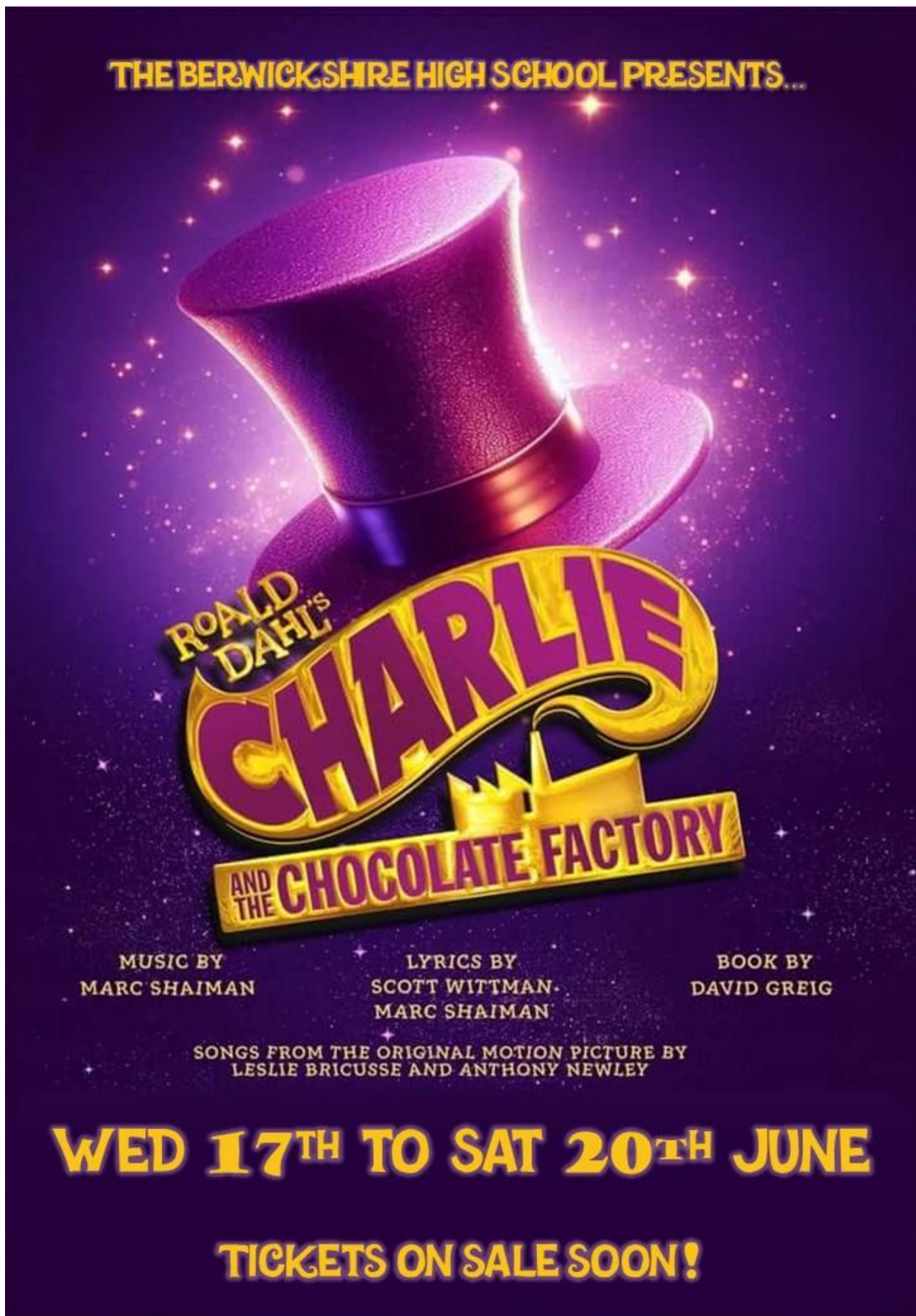
Wednesday 3rd June

First race at 12pm

Thank you from the PE Department

School Show - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Tickets will be on sale from next week for our Summer show, "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory"! This fantastic musical is full of great characters, comedy and music and is not to be missed. More info. next week!



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A Heart for Duns

Find out all that is going on, from plant sales to community lunches to the latest cinema releases, by [clicking here](#).

BARRY AMBRO MURDER BRIAN COX TONY AMBRO MURDER ALAN CUMMING

GLENROTHAN

TWO BROTHERS. ONE LEGACY. LOTS OF SPIRIT.

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Nintendo + ILLUMINATION
THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE

HEARTBREAK
THE TOM PETTY SHOW

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DUNS VOLUNTEER HALL
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80'S DISCO

DUNS VOLUNTEER HALL
6TH JUNE 2026

LIVE PERFORMANCE & DJ SET BY
STEPH GILMOUR

DOORS: 7.30PM - LATE
TICKETS: £10.00
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- GIFT STALLS
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- LIFE BOAT DISPLAY

**SATURDAY
30TH MAY**
12PM – 4PM
**COLDINGHAM BEACH
(TD14 5PA)**

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STAY TOGETHER



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