



Weekly Heads Up!

Thursday 2nd July 2026

Well that's it! The school year 25/26 is now over. I hope you all have a lovely summer, with lots of relaxation and family time.

At the end of a school year, there are always some sad goodbyes.

Firstly, to Mrs Brown. Nichola Brown first joined the school (for one year!) 38 years ago and, apart from a few months, has been with us ever since. Her work in the technical department has seen many, many student pass through with excellent grades and support and we are very lucky to have had her for so long. We wish her the very best in her retirement.

Also retiring is Robin Smith, who has been the long-serving PT of the Enhanced Provision. His work was commended in the 2019 inspection and he has been at the helm as lots of our students made their way onto next steps. He was celebrated by the students with a tea party yesterday afternoon.

Sophie Henry, our languages teacher, leaves us today to return to France and her family. She has been a welcoming space to many students, fostered a love of languages in students and leaves us all the better for her having been here.

Darren George joined us on a temporary contract in Biology. His work in this department in commendable and we are especially happy about the work he undertook in supporting the first ever enhanced provision DofE expedition. We wish him the best of luck in his next steps.

Niamh Feller joined us a seconded Head of PE. Niamh's work in creating a positive ethos, in creating new experiences for young people and leading the department in events like the SPOTY awards night and Dance show have been greatly appreciated by the school. She returns to her substantive post.

Although they're not leaving, Sam Darling, Stephen Watson and Alison Doig's tenure in guidance comes to a close. Sam and Stephen return to computing and Biology respectively, and Alison will take up a more substantial PT of Enhanced Provision role. We're very grateful for all they've done over the last few months to keep student support going.

That's not to forget two students who are leaving the Enhanced Provision today too. One of them (pictured here) celebrated with a moment as a rock god and the other asked for pizza, pepsi and popcorn to mark the event. Both of these students will be dearly, dearly missed and we wish them our very best as they head off into adult life.

Mrs E Dickson
Headteacher



Jokubas living his best life!

Junior School Awards Ceremony

Our BGE Awards were a fantastic celebration of the achievements, effort and commitment shown by our young people throughout the year. It was wonderful to recognise so many deserving students and celebrate their success with families and staff.

We were also delighted to present the very first CRESS Awards, recognising one outstanding student from each year group who truly embodies our school values. We are incredibly proud of all our award winners and of every student who continues to contribute so positively to life at Berwickshire High School.



CRESS Award Winners
Cameron White, Logan Grunewald & Abi Hill



Scott Thomson

A special thank you to **Hattie Spence** and **Scott Thomson** for their wonderful musical performances, which added so much to the celebration, alongside our new Head Teams speech. Well done to everyone involved in making the event such a memorable occasion!

Mrs Robertson



Congratulations to all our Award Winners for 2025/2026



Head Team 2026'27

Meet our Berwickshire High School Head Team!

We are delighted to introduce this fantastic group of young leaders, who will represent our school with pride, commitment and enthusiasm.

We wish them every success in their roles and look forward to seeing all they achieve this year.

Left to Right:

Lloyd Baron

Simonas Sakalauskas

Tess Crilly

Jamie Mein

Logan Hodge

Could You Be a Young Enterprise Mentor?

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to become a Young Enterprise Business Mentor for one of our S5/6 teams!

As a mentor, you'll be a sounding board for our students as they develop their business ideas, support them to raise capital and get ready to sell their products at Christmas fairs. You won't be expected to run the business or provide financial support, simply share your experience, ask questions, and help guide them towards creating a successful business.

The role involves weekly/fortnightly meetings (in person or via Teams), with a little extra support in September as the business gets underway.

After Christmas, the focus shifts to preparing for the regional finals, where mentors can support students by reviewing reports, helping with presentations, and if possible, cheering them on at the finals in March.

All PVG checks and online training are provided by Young Enterprise.

Interested in inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs?

Please contact me at gw18brotherstonemma@glow.sch.uk to find out more.

Miss Brotherston



Activities Day 2026



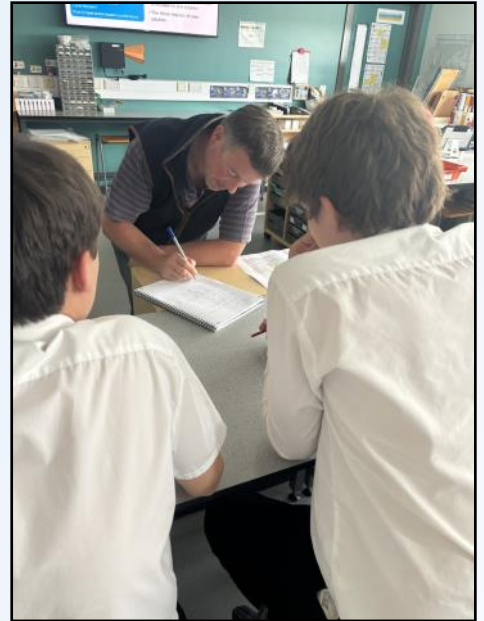
Aim for Best: Learn • Achieve • Contribute

Engineering Science Students Rise to the Flood Challenge!

Our new S3 Engineering Science classes took on a real-life engineering challenge this term, working with Scottish Borders Council engineer Duncan Morrison to design a solution to help prevent flooding in the Bluidy Burn behind the school.

After a site visit to learn about the causes of flooding and possible engineering solutions, students worked in teams to develop and present their own ideas to a panel of judges: Duncan Morrison (Scottish Borders Council), Phil Kearney (Tweed Forum) and Miss Ralston (Social Impact Specialist).

A huge well done to everyone for their enthusiasm, teamwork and innovative thinking throughout the project. Congratulations to our winning teams, who are pictured, for their fantastic design and presentation! Lucy Owenson, DYW School Coordinator





Parent Council



The parent council will be running M'inted, a pre-loved sale on Thursday 1st October. We will be looking for donations of clothes, shoes, accessories, books, toys and bric a brac. If you are having a clear out over the holidays we would love it if you could save anything that may have otherwise gone to vinted or to the charity shop for us.

Once we are back to school in August we will have somewhere you can drop your donations off at school along with more details and times.

AGM

Our parent council AGM will be on Wednesday 16th September at 6.00pm at BHS. This will be our first meeting of the school year and would love to see as many of you as can make it.



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Pride in the Borders Poetry Competition

To celebrate the inaugural Scottish Borders Pride, we are inviting LGBTQ+ people living in the area to send your poems about what being LGBTQ+ and living in the Borders means to you.

The winning and shortlisted poems will be published on the Border's Pride social media pages, with the winner and runner up awarded prizes and certificates at Borders Pride on 29th August 2026, where the winning poems will be performed.

It will be judged by performer and spoken word poet
Gray Crosbie.

First prize is a £50 book token.
Two runner up prizes of £10 book tokens.
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Submit your poems by the Google form, or by email, by 20TH JULY. See rules and further details on Borders Pride Poetry Competition Facebook Page or @borderspridepoetry.bsky.social
We look forward to seeing your work!



School Uniform

As we approach the end of term, we know that many families will be looking to replace school uniform items in preparation for the new session. We would therefore like to remind families of our school uniform expectations.

Footwear should be black shoes or fully black trainers. Trainers such as Converse with white soles or white laces do not meet our uniform requirements; however, fully black versions are acceptable.



Our school uniform consists of:

- Black trousers (not jeans or leggings)
- Black skirt or tailored shorts (not jersey or denim; no tracksuit bottoms)
- White collared shirt
- School tie (replacement ties can be purchased from the school office)
- Black jumper or ¼ zip BHS top, available from Border Embroideries
- Black socks (unless worn underneath school trousers)

We recognise that, for some students, wearing a standard school uniform can cause distress due to sensory needs. We are pleased to note that ASDA now offers a range of sensory-friendly schoolwear, which some families may find helpful.

We would also like to make a particular appeal to the parents and carers of our returning senior students. Our senior pupils are important role models within the school community, and we would like their uniform to set the standard that younger students can aspire to from the very first day of the new timetable.

We have a selection of uniform items available within school should support be required. We understand that purchasing school uniform can be expensive, and we are committed to supporting families wherever possible. If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards and helping to create a positive learning environment for all.

Mrs Kennedy



**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!

**Please drop off any unwanted uniforms at
the school office. Thank you for your support!**

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