



Weekly Heads Up!

Monday 28th September 2026

Now that all attainment has been processed on Insight, the platform used by Scottish government, I'm in a place to share our full results picture.

The first measure of attainment is in tariff points. Each grade at each level carries a number of tariff points; the higher the level and grade, the higher the tariff points. This is compared to a 'virtual comparator' for schools to understand how their attainment measures up to other students across Scotland.

In S6, BHS outperformed the virtual comparator across all three measures.

In S5, BHS outperformed the virtual and national comparators across all three measures.

In S4, BHS outperformed the virtual comparator across 2 measures and came within 20 points on the third.

The second measure of attainment is how many qualifications students achieved at level 5 (National 5, or Standard Grade in old money) or level 6 (Higher). In every single measure, across all year groups, Berwickshire High School outperformed the Virtual Comparator, in some cases by over 10%.

The final measure we look at is the literacy and numeracy achievements at Level 5 - BHS students also outperformed the VC here.

Overall, as I'm sure you can see, this is an excellent set of results, sustaining the achievement of the last couple of years and putting out students in an excellent space to move forwards with studies and employment. I am very grateful to all the work that went into these results from both staff and students alike.

A few housekeeping reminders - please use the fusion app to order lunches ahead. Please also make sure students are bringing a water bottle with them every day.

Have a great week.

Mrs E Dickson, Headteacher





Bearista Team Macmillan Coffee Morning



The Bearista Team successfully hosted their Macmillan Coffee Morning today in the Assembly Hall - and what a fantastic morning it was!

There were plenty of delicious sweet treats on offer, along with coffees prepared and served by our hardworking Bearistas. Thanks to the fantastic support of staff, students and everyone who contributed, we have raised approximately £380 for Macmillan Cancer Support, with the official final total still to come!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated baking, made a contribution or came along to support the event. Every donation helped to make the morning such a success.

A special shout-out also goes to Capri, who kindly gave up her time to help the students on the coffee machine and keep everything running smoothly - we really appreciated the extra pair of hands!

Well done to the whole Bearista Team for a brilliant event and for raising such a fantastic amount for a very worthwhile cause.

Miss Brotherston and Mrs Hill 



Garden Produce and Bake Sale Success

On Thursday we hosted our annual Garden Produce and Bake sale. There were lots of lovely fresh vegetables and fruits from our school garden, including our award-winning onions. Students sold tasty bakes, crumbles, jams and chutneys made with our own Berwickshire HS produce, to raise funds for our garden project.

We made over £80, thank you to everyone who supported us.

Thank you to John Pigg for all his garden expertise this year and to the S5/S4 Alternative Curriculum Classes for all their hard work in preparing the vegetables and bakes. Special thanks to Amy-Lee for helping with the card sales.

Mrs Tharme



Home Economics Practical Lessons - Week beginning 28th September

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

Year	Making	Tub/Container
S1	Scone Evaluation	No
S2	Apple and Sultana Crumble	Yes
S3	Bean Chilli Cheese and Chive Bread	Yes Yes
Seniors	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Peach and Coconut Gateau	Yes Yes

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PE Department Activity and Subject Champions

August–September 2026

Well done to the students listed below who have been awarded **PE Activity Champion** or **PE Senior School Subject Champion** status for the first set of activities covered this term.

Each student has earned 5 House Points, a CRESS Award, and can collect their certificate from Mrs Morrison. Fantastic work, everyone – keep it up!

Year Group & Activity		Activity Champions	CRESS Award
S1 Hockey	Wednesday 6&7	Alfie Simpson	Enthusiastic
		Emily Louise Owen	Respectful
S1 Rugby	Monday 3&4	Henry Page	Supportive
		Orla Reid	Enthusiastic
	Wednesday 6&7	Callum Miller	Enthusiastic
		Charlotte Nicolson	Enthusiastic
S1 Netball	Monday 3&4	Zac Falconer	Enthusiastic
		Christina Forbes	Committed
	Wednesday 6&7	Max Home Robertson	Enthusiastic
		Bea Adams	Committed
S2 Handball	Tuesday 3&4	Ruby Purves	Enthusiastic
		Kai McTigue	Enthusiastic
	Thursday 1&2	Layla Renton	Committed
		Cameron White	Supportive
S2 Football	Tuesday 3&4	Edie Thomson	Enthusiastic
		Sasha Cameron	Committed
	Thursday 1&2	Phoebe Jacobs	Enthusiastic
		Thomas Woolridge	Committed
S3 Tennis	Monday 1&2	Scarlett Ross	Enthusiastic
		Emmie Brown	Enthusiastic
	Thursday 4&5	Sophia Patterson	Enthusiastic
		Lily Boyd	Enthusiastic
S3 Volleyball	Monday 1&2	Seeley Kitchen	Committed
		Tomme Ryder	Committed
	Thursday 4&5	Dylan Jackson	Committed
		Rokas Petrosius	Committed

Subject	Activity Champions	CRESS Value
S4 Core PE	Taylor Black	Enthusiastic
	Hayden Brydon	
	Alex Delgado	
Sports & Fitness	Harris Kiltie	Supportive
Exercise & Fitness Leadership	Jacob Knighton	Committed
	Jessica Vanko	Committed
PDA SFA Referees	Hayden Ainslie	Committed
N5 E Mr Chalmers	Freddie Lake	Committed
N5 C Mr Chalmers	Hughie Ross	Committed
N5 Miss Rayner	Neive Douglas	Committed
Higher PE	Jenna Fleming	Committed
Advanced Higher PE	James Megson	Committed
Active Schools Young Coaches	Andrew Brydon	Enthusiastic

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Before School and Lunch time Sport has Started!

Our lunchtime and before-school extra-curricular sport is now up and running!

We have had brilliant turnouts over the first two weeks, with 20+ students attending Before the Bell Basketball and 60+ students getting involved in Thursday lunchtime football! 🙌

Keep an eye out for more clubs and opportunities appearing over the coming months for both juniors and seniors.

S1-6 Before the Bell Basketball: Wednesday Morning / 8:20 - 8:45am

S1-3 Lunch time Football: Thursday Lunch / 12:30 - 1:10pm

	Hockey S1-S2 Hockey: S3-S6 Hockey	Tuesdays, 4pm to 5pm Wednesdays, 4pm to 5pm
	Netball S1-S2 Netball: S3-S6 Netball:	Thursdays, 4pm to 5pm Thursdays, 5pm to 6pm
	Rugby S1-U16 Rugby:	Mondays, 6pm to 7.30pm at Eyemouth High School
	Badminton S1-S6 Badminton:	Mondays, 4pm to 5pm
	Basketball S1-S6 Badminton:	Wednesdays, 8.20am to 8.45am
	Football S1-S3 Badminton:	Thursdays, 12.30pm to 1.10pm



Wee Read is Scotland's national celebration of reading - a simple invitation for everyone to stop, take a few minutes, and enjoy the pleasure of reading.

Whether it's a novel, comic, magazine, newspaper, audiobook, poem, or recipe, every kind of reading counts.

On 7 October 2026, students across Scotland will come together for one shared moment in their classes to celebrate the joy of reading and the positive difference it can make to our wellbeing, learning and everyday lives.

Libraries throughout Scotland are the perfect place to start your reading journey. And part of our goal is to encourage more people into libraries - inspiring everyone to read regularly for pleasure.

By taking part, you're joining thousands of people across Scotland - from schools, libraries and workplaces to

community groups, families and individuals - to help create a country where reading is valued, shared and enjoyed by all.

Have a Wee Read and help Scotland become a nation that enjoys reading.



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Contact email addresses for Head of Years

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S6	Mrs Rebecca Robertson	Rebecca.Graham@scotborders.gov.uk

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ARTICLE 36 (protection from exploitation)

Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (September)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Business	S3 - 3F	Mrs Hill	Understanding Business	Tuesday 29th
Spanish	S2 - 2H1	Mrs Rowson/Mr Robertson	Speaking - School	Tuesday 29th
Spanish	S2 - 2D1	Mrs Rowson	Speaking - School	Wednesday 30th
Spanish	S2 - 2S1	Mr Robertson	Speaking - School	Wednesday 30th

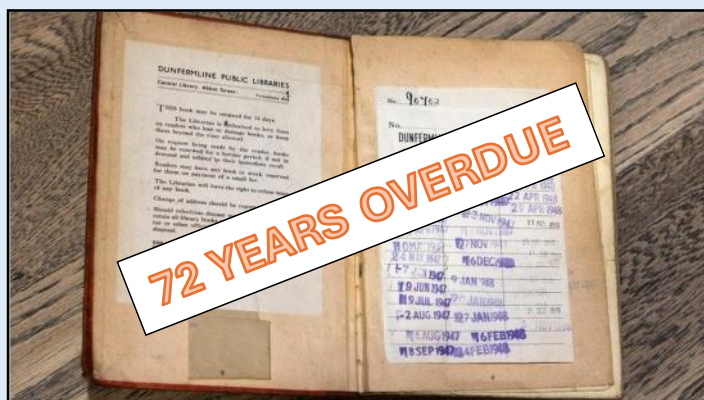
Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (October)

Subject	Level	Teacher	Assessment	Date
Spanish	S2 - 2H1	Mrs Rowson/Mr Robertson	Speaking - School	Thursday 1st
Spanish	S2 - 2D2	Mrs Rowson	Speaking - School	Friday 2nd
Spanish	S2 - 2D1	Mrs Rowson	Speaking - School	Friday 2nd
Spanish	S2 - 2S1	Mr Robertson	Speaking - School	Monday 5th

BHS LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

Between now and the beginning of the December holidays we are giving students and ex-students the opportunity to return any books which they may have forgotten to return or find under a long-forgotten pile in your house.

These books may be 72 years overdue but be assured that any books you return will incur no late fees! Mr Bain, Librarian





Parent Council



Less than a week to go till our M'inted sale!

Thank you to those that have donated so far.

We will be accepting donations right up until Thursday, please drop these to the office or contact the parent council to arrange collection.

We are also looking for donations for the tombola and any baked goods (homemade or shop brought) for our refreshments stall.

Please could you spread the word and share the posts on social media.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 6-7.30pm.

All the money raised goes directly to supporting the students of BHS.

Sally Kitchen, Chair of the Parent Council

Parent Representatives



Chair - Sally Kitchen



S1 – Marianne Hodge



S2 – Sandra Dewar



S3 – Kirsty Binnie



S4 – Jude Reid



S5 – Jo Mabon



S6 – Clare Stewart

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of the above items.
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Any questions or queries please contact the Parent Council at
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