Berwickshire High School

Weekly Heads Up!

30th October 2026

Thank you for all your support at the start of this week while we worked with AMEY to fix the school roof. There's never a dull moment!

Just a wee reminder that BHS is a mobile phone free school - that means that phones should not be seen or heard during the school day. They can be used outside at break and lunch. I'd appreciate your support in conveying this to your young people at home to underline this.

Thank you, also, to all of you who attended our Careers Fair this week, and to Mr Gracey and Mrs Owenson for organising. It was an excellent night, fully supported by local businesses.

We've also had the whole of S2 out on a RHET trip, who behaved impeccably.

I've spoken to a few parents over the past week who are unsure about our Learning Logs, so wanted to clarify.

The purpose of BHS Learning Logs is to communicate more about what your child has been learning, their progress, and next steps. They will feature a mixture of teacher comments, student reflection, and evidence of learning.

Faculties will notify parents about new learning logs via the Heads Up. Unless otherwise communicated by faculties, all learning logs are available on OneNote.

Mr Huffman explains all here...

Berwickshire High School - Assessment, Tracking & Reporting

Mrs E Dickson, Headteacher



Aim for Best: Learn • Achieve • Contribute

S2 RHET Trip

On Wednesday 28th October, S2 students took part in a Rural Skills Trip to The Hirsel in Coldstream. The event, organised by the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET), provided students with a valuable insight into rural life, countryside industries and the wide range of careers and opportunities available within the rural sector.

Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of hands-on activities, including gamekeeping, fly fishing, cattle management, forestry management, arable farming and break making. These activities allowed them to develop new practical skills, learn about traditional countryside pursuits and gain a greater understanding of the knowledge and expertise required to work in these industries.

A huge thank you to the Royal Highland Education Trust and the Hirsel Estate for organising and delivering such an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for our students. Mr Meadows











UK Senior Maths Challenge

10 of our S5 + S6 students recently took part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge and they did brilliantly!

2 students performed exceptionally well and have been invited to take part in follow on rounds of the competition.

Congratulations to William Bayles who, along with achieving a Gold Best in School certificate, has been invited to take part in the British Maths Olympiad Round 1. A fantastic achievement!

Also to Niall Dempsey who achieved a Gold certificate and has been invited to participate in the Senior Kangaroo. Well done, Niall. We wish you both the best of luck in the next round.

A special mention also for Willow Abbott, Lloyd Baron, Hamish Wight and Sasha Danylenko who achieved Silver certificates, Rowan Harrison and Maria Moore who achieved Bronze.

Well done to everyone who took part, you have each been given an Enthusiastic CRESS Award. The questions were extremely challenging and we are very proud of your efforts.

Mrs Dalton



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S3 7 S5	Mr Will Hudson	William.Hudson@scotborders.gov.uk

Developing the Young Workforce News

S3 Careers in Agriculture Event

On Tuesday, all of S3 took part in our Careers in Agriculture Event. Pupils visited different businesses around the hall, spending 10 minutes at each to take part in interactive talks and learn more about the work they do and the careers available in agriculture.

A big thank you to Edwin Thomson, Cheviot Vets, Agrovista, Rickerbys, Performance Feeds and Border Union for giving up their time to share their knowledge and support our students in exploring future career opportunities.

Lucy Owenson, DYW Coordinator







Cyber Security Awareness Escape Room

On Friday 30th October, four S3 Computing students took part in an interactive Cyber Security Awareness Escape Room in Tweedbank. They worked together to solve a series of cyber-related puzzles and challenges in a millennial themed computer shop. The experience developed their problem-solving, teamwork and communication skills while raising awareness of online threats, including phishing, cybercrime and data security. Students did very well to escape within the allotted time, showed excellent team working skills and learned practical strategies for staying safe online! Mrs Darling





Movember

This year the school will once again be supporting the very valuable charity of Movember, highlighting the support needed for men's mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer leading to living happier, healthier, and longer lives.

We are encouraging as many students and staff as possible to grow their best versions of a moustache for the whole of November to raise awareness and amusement, so if you feel like donating to Movember, we've set up a link and a QR code to help support raising awareness and a wee bit of cash for this valuable cause on behalf of the school. Our target this year is £250!!!

https://movember.com/t/berwickshire-hs-movember-2026?mc=1

'We all have partners, fathers, brothers, sons, uncles, and friends that we love. Too many of these men are dying too young, impacting relationships, families, and communities. Donate today and help us build a future with healthier men and healthier communities.'

Home Economics Practical Lessons - Week beginning 2nd November

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	Theory on Micronutrients	No
S2	Healthy Smoothies	No - cups provided
S3	Jammy Treats Bonfire Special (Pastry)	Yes Yes
Seniors	French Apple Tart Italian Spaghetti and Meatballs	Yes Yes

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



ARTICLE 32 (child labour)

Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. Governments must set a minimum age for children to work and ensure that work conditions are safe and appropriate.

Learning Logs - Located in OneNote - Week Commencing 2nd October 2026			
Subject	**Course**	**Teacher**	**Learning Log Details**
Chemistry	S2 - 2P6	Ms Addie	Acids Assessment
Chemistry	S3	Ms Addie	Rates and Formula Test
English	S1	All	Flannan Isle RUAE task TEALs and SMOAP Assessment
English	S2	Mr Huffman	

Heads Down - Upcoming Student Assessments (November)				
Subject	**Level**	**Teacher**	**Assessment**	**Date**
Modern Studies	S2 - 2D1	Mrs Hoggan-Nisbet	Poverty - End of Unit	Monday 2nd
Spanish	S2 - 2S1	Mr Robertson	Reading Assessment	Monday 2nd
Spanish	S3 - 3S1	Mrs Rowson	Reading & Writing Assessment - Going Out	Monday 2nd
Biology	N5	Mr Watson	Unit 2.5 - 2.7	Tuesday 3rd
Modern Studies	S2 - 2D2, 2S1	Mrs Hoggan-Nisbet Dr Koita	Poverty - End of Unit	Wednesday 4th
Spanish	S3 - 3D1	Mrs Rowson	Reading & Writing Assessment - Going Out	Thursday 5th
Geography	S3	Mr Meadows	Tundra and Rainforest	Wednesday 11th
Biology	N5	Mr Watson	Full Unit 2	Tuesday 17th
Geography	N5	Mr Meadows	AVU Exam	Thursday 26th

e-Sgoil's 2026/27 Evening Study Support programme

Registration is now open for e-Sgoil's 2026/27 Evening Study Support programme, offering free online study support to pupils in S4–S6. Funded by the Scottish Government, the programme provides live, interactive online sessions delivered by experienced, GTCS-registered teachers.

Key Information:

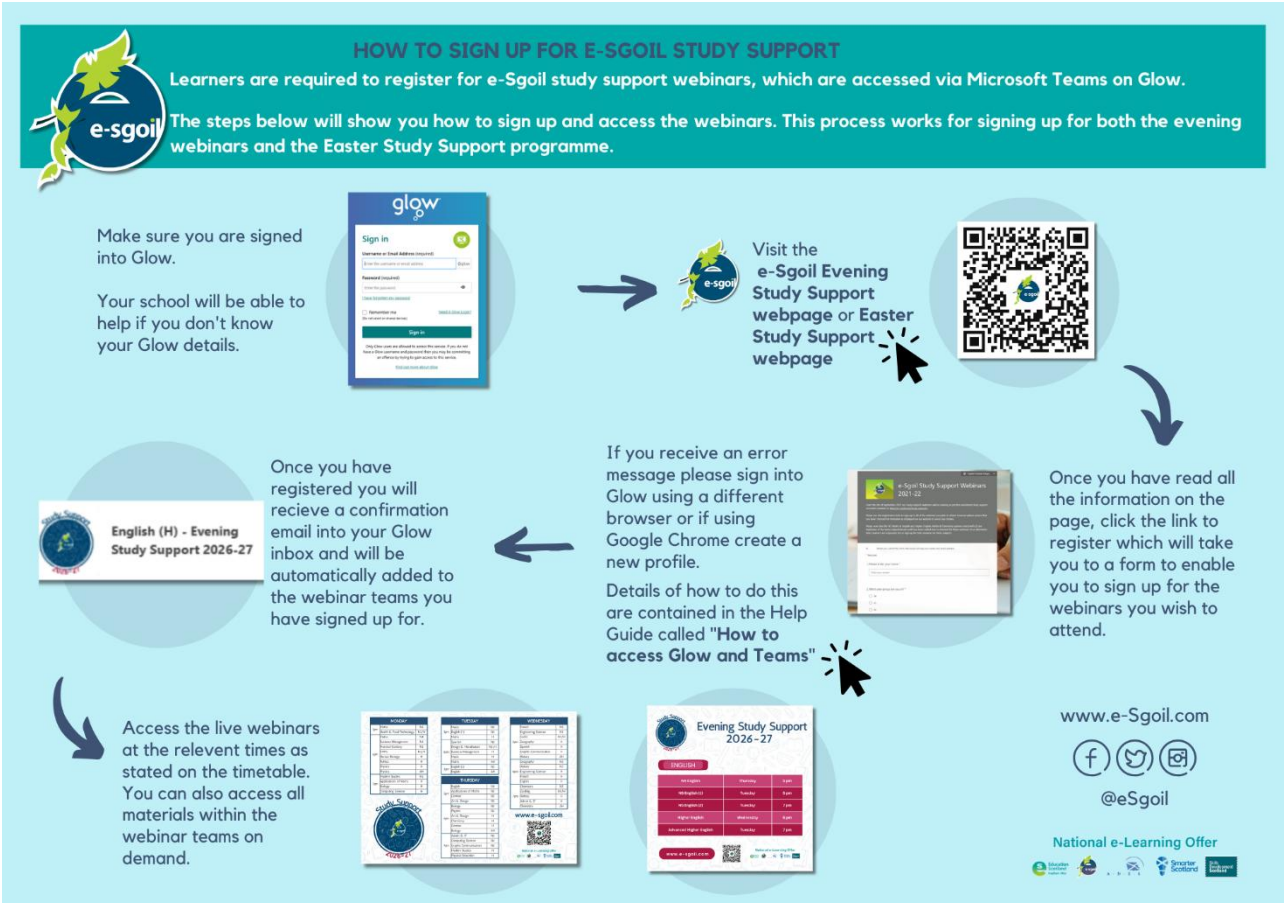
- Start date: Monday 26 October 2026
- Cost: Completely free
- Subjects: 57 different webinars available each week during term time, covering a wide range of National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher subjects.
- Format: Live, interactive sessions delivered through Microsoft Teams using Glow.

Last year, over 8,400 pupils across Scotland registered for the programme, with 91% of surveyed learners reporting that the sessions helped improve their final examination grade.

How to Register
Pupils can find further information, view the available subjects and register using this link: Study Support | e-Sgoil

Important: Pupils will need their Glow username and password to register and access the sessions.

We would strongly encourage all Senior Phase pupils to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to consolidate their learning, build confidence and prepare for their national qualifications. Mr Murray, Depute Headteacher



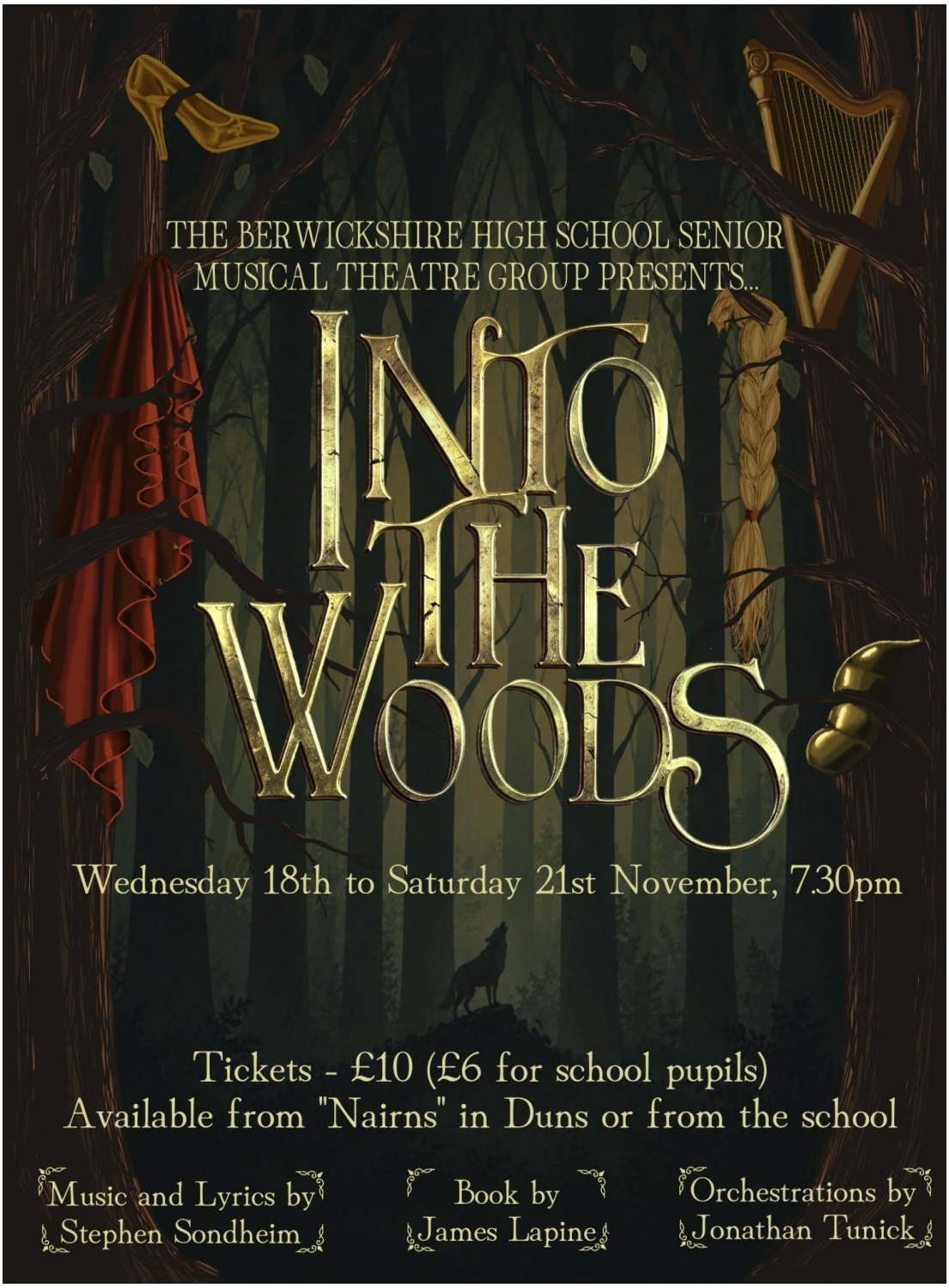
Senior Show - "Into The Woods"

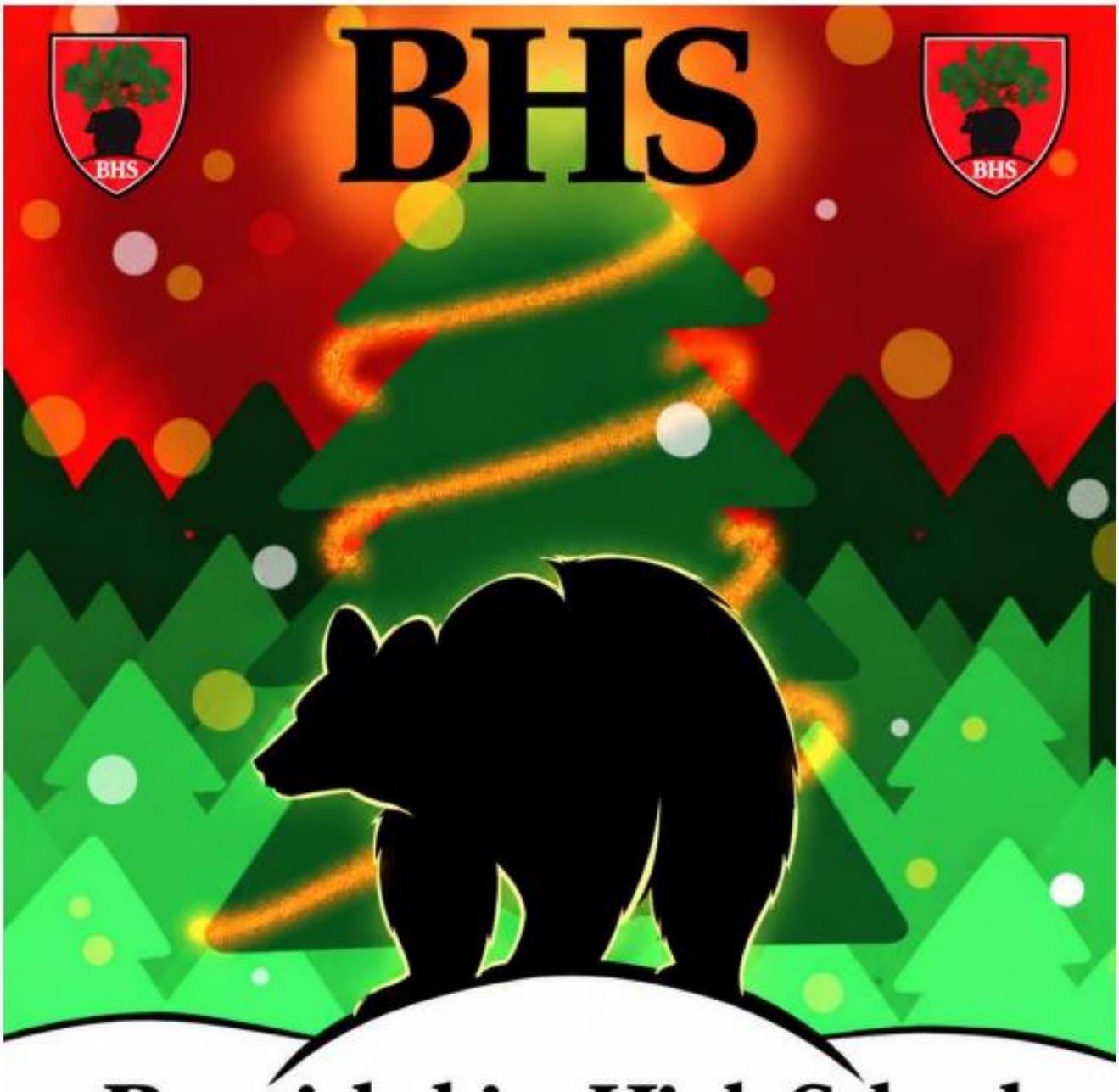
Our senior students have been working hard on our production of "Into The Woods". Tickets are on sale now (£10 for adults / £6 for school students).

The musical is a wonderful story involving a host of fairytale characters - Cinderella, Jack, Little Red Riding Hood, Prince Charming, a wicked Witch...and many more!

It would be great to have a full house every night to support our cast so please come along if you can, and spread the word!

Shows take place Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm.





Berwickshire High School Christmas Fair

Thursday 26 November 5pm-8pm

Stalls | Raffle | Tombola | Refreshments

Hosted by the BHS Retail Class.
If you would like a stall, please email gw19hillkaren@glow.sch.uk