



Parent Update Tuesday 30 January 2024

Head Teacher Absence

I will be absent in school from Monday 5 February, 2024 for up to 4 weeks. In my absence Mr Craig Dewar will be Acting Head Teacher. Guidance staff will be assisting SMT over that period.

LGBTI Silver charter for Education Award

The LGBTQ+ and Allies club are delighted to share that we have achieved our Silver Charter for Education status from LGBT Youth Scotland. This has come after more than a year and a half of work involving the Equalities Student Captain, club members, students and staff champions. The accolade comes in time for February which is LGBT history month. Congratulations to all pupils and staff involved for this immense achievement which will help Penicuik High School to continue to be an inclusive and safe environment for young people within our community.

S1 Bannockburn Trip

After the delay of the Covid years Social Sciences is back to running curricular trips. On the 17th and 18th of January all of S1 visited the Bannockburn centre for the day. It is a fantastic experience that brings alive the battle and the characters involved. It is led by experts and is hands on and interactive. It ties in perfectly with our History unit on the Scottish Wars of Independence. The S1 loved it and remembered so much more after the trip.

S2 Dynamic Earth and Surgeons Hall museum

On the 17th and 18th February all the S2 pupils will be visiting Dynamic Earth and Surgeons Hall Museum. In S2 we study the structure of the earth and its formation and Dynamic Earth is set up to have a fully interactive experience for pupils as well as a hands on workshop where the pupils find out about Volcanoes and Earthquakes in more depth.

In S2, students complete a unit on medicine and the Surgeons Hall Museum is a unique PLACE to visit. It charts the history of medicine in Edinburgh and Scotland. It has lots of exhibits and expert guides to help us understand how Edinburgh was at the forefront of medical advances. This is a trip the pupils will not forget.

Craig Biddick

Head Teacher