



Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter 4







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KINDNESS



INCLUSION



DETERMINATION



RESPECT

As part of our work towards achieving our Gold Rights Respecting Schools award, we have been reviewing our school ethos. Earlier in the year we established our new vision statement for Penicuik High School. *“At Penicuik High School we aim to create a caring community where everyone is respected, included, treated with kindness, and feels safe. We believe in nurturing a learning environment that strives for excellence, values diversity, promotes dignity and encourages personal growth, preparing students to succeed in a connected world.”* As part of this review, we have also revisited our school values. Our PRIDE values have served us well

over the years, but it was felt that a refresh was needed. After consulting staff and student groups we believe that Kindness, Inclusion, Determination and Respect will help us achieve our vision for Penicuik High School and serve our community over the coming years. The next stage of the review is to take both the vision and values and incorporate them into our new relationships and behaviour policy.

The newsletter is created by PHS staff with assistance from pupils Bella Holsgrove, Katie McComb, Emily Wilson, Penny Jorgenson and Isla Kerr



It has been a busy half term and there is a lot of activity across the school which is positive as we try to build a sense of community and belonging.

There are a wide range of extracurricular activities for young people in the school and these were decided through your voice and a number of these are not being attended. I would encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities or some of them may not stay available or change.

Student voice meetings have started again for the session and I would also encourage as many of you as possible to get involved and also to ensure you read any information shared so you know how student voice does actually change things e.g uniform.

It will also be important straight after the October break to ensure you are aware of any potential budget cuts that might affect you.

I hope you all have a safe and happy October break!

Mr Biddick

PS - Do the dance



Can you think of a better name than Penicuik High School E-Newsletter for this bulletin? The editor here suggests The Penicuik Pulse but you can surely do better! All suggestion to Mr Smith in the library please.



Film Club

Starts 23rd Oct
Wednesdays After School

see Mr Smith for more details





Extra Curricular Sports Clubs - At Risk

We have introduced a number of clubs this term but unfortunately due to low attendance numbers we are having to cancel the Thursday S1-S6 after school Rugby. Other clubs at risk of being removed from the timetable are Monday S3/4 lunchtime Football and Wednesday S3-S6 after school Basketball. Please support these clubs if you want to see them to remain on the current timetable.

Please speak to a member of PE staff if you have any suggestions about other clubs you and your friends would like to see on the extra curricular sports timetable.

This section features information about the clubs that are active in school. Full details of all clubs will be on the school website.



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- **Monday Lunchtime**
- **S3-4 Indoor Football (Miss McShannon S1-2)**
- **PHS Swifties (Mrs Sneddon, room 45)**
- **Debate club (Miss Astor) room 42**
- **Burnt Out Records (Music Dept the hub)**
- **BGE Science Homework Help**

- **PHS MedSoc Mr Mersons Room**
- **Scripture Union Group Room 13**
- **Monday After school**
- **Spin (Miss McShannon)**
- **Senior Vocal Group (Mrs McIntosh room 4)**
- **Chemistry N5 and AH**
- ***Tuesday Lunchtime***
- **Eco Schools (Mr Johnston)**
- **S1-2 Maths homework (Mr Knox)**
- **S1-S2 Indoor Football (Mr Hogg)**
- **Creative Writing Group (Ms Henderson)**
- **Wind Band Mr Walker)**
- **Percussion Group (Ms Waddell)**
- **Guitar Group (Mr McLeod)**
- **Tuesday After School**
- **S1-3 Netball (Miss McShannon)**
- **Wednesday Lunchtime**
- **LGBTQ+ and Allies (Miss Graham)**
- **Young Carers (Mr Milligen - fortnightly)**
- **S1-S6 Badminton (Miss Gungui)**
- **Rights Respecting school (Mr Murphy)**
- **STEM club (Ms Forbes room 49)**
- **Jazz Band (Mrs MacRae)**
- **String Group (Miss Dance)**
- **Wednesday After School**
- **S4-6 Basketball (Mr Witton)**

- **Book & Biscuits (Ms Henderson Reading Room)**
- **Dyslexia homework Support group (Mrs Wood, room 5)**
- **Thursday Lunchtime**
- **S1-2 Cheerleading (Miss Tavakoli)**
- **S6 Indoor Football (Mr Hunter)**
- **Junior Vocal Group (Miss Hamilton rm 3)**
- **Thursday After School**
- **Code Club (Ms Giorgi) 3:40-4:10pm**
- **S1-3 Rugby (Mr Witton) Now Cancelled**
- **Friday After School**
- **Music Club Room 3**



Daisy Wilkinson has been invited to join the Great Britain Cycling Team as part of the development squad for mountain biking. Huge congratulations to Daisy from all at PHS on this fantastic achievement.



Student Voice

We are looking for at least 1 pupil from each PSE/Guidance class to be a representative on our Student Voice groups for S1/2, S3/4 and S5/6. All PSE teachers will be sharing some information with students about how to become part of this over the next week or two. The first meetings will be the week before the October holidays, from Monday 7th onwards.

Please see Miss Tavakoli, Miss Campbell or Mr Milligen for more information.



S1 Science Trip

On Tuesday 29th October there will be an S1 science trip to 'Careers HIVE' at the National Museum of Scotland. After the October break, your science teacher will tell you more about this and give out permission forms. Please make sure you hand these back in by Friday 25th October.

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/schools-sessions/careers-hive>

RMPS 2024 Mosque Trip



The Higher RMPS class had a trip to Edinburgh Central Mosque Tuesday 8th October. They had a tour of the Mosque, including the extensive library, and the opportunity to ask many questions. All of the pupils represented Penicuik High School wonderfully!.



CAREERS INTERVIEWS with Caroline Steele and Dearbhla Gallagher IN THE CAREERS ROOM

Students, please note a change in how we deliver careers interview appointments this fortnight W/B 21st and 28th October..

Instead of the usual list of appointments Caroline (if available) or Dearbhla will call you from class to attend the interview.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Save the Date! Thursday 21st November, 6pm-8pm, Careers Fair at Penicuik High School. We will have representatives from all the major Universities, local colleges and a range of employers, some of whom will have active apprenticeship opportunities. This is open to all students from S2 upwards as well as parents and carers.



Free Study Support from e-Sgoil

Registration for the 2024/25 National e-Learning Offer Evening Study Support programme is now open. This Scottish Government funded provision is focussed on delivering equitable

access to all Senior Phase learners and is completely free. Students will need their Glow login and password to access. Students should see their guidance teacher if they have lost their details.

Study Support comprises live, interactive webinars and are delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers. In excess of 50 different webinars are on offer each week during term time, covering the most popular curricular areas as well as an extensive range of other subjects.

Link - <https://e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/#FAQs>



COSTUMES
OPTIONAL!



PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL

SI DISCO

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
7.30PM - 9PM

£3

TICKETS ON SALE

BREAK AND LUNCH IN THE LIBRARY



Inktober

S1 Disco 7.30-9.00 Wednesday 30th October - Tickets £3.00 from Mr Smith in the library

In addition to this we have a Art club in October called "Inktober in Art". It is open to all year groups and will last for one month only as it is Halloween related. Here are some details:

Monday: after school from 3:40 to 4:10 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: lunch time. **M Ricchiuti**

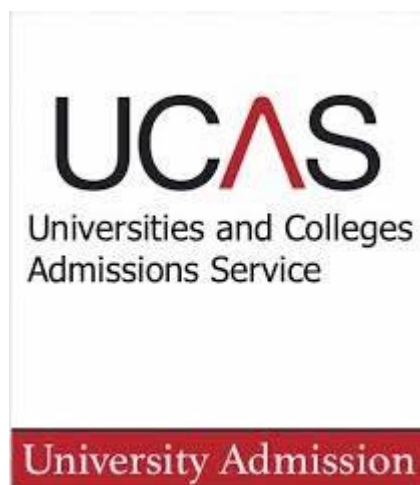
The Library will also have a Halloween a lucky dip! trick or treat with a difference!.



Terminology Explained -Rights Holders

Children and young people up to the age of 18 are entitled to have their Rights respected.

[PHS UCAS Calendar pt2](#)



Date: By 22 November 2024

Task: All drafts of personal statements completed and saved on UCAS Apply

By whom and how? Students online

Date: By 6 December 2024

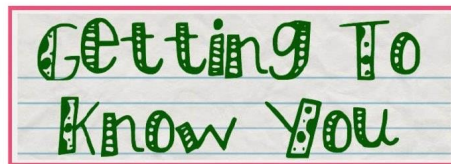
Task: All references completed and saved on UCAS Apply

By whom and how? Student Support Staff online

Date: By 13Th December

Task: All applications sent to UCAS

By whom and how? CD/PTG online



In the hot seat this time is our newest music teacher Kathryn Hamilton interviewed by Emily Wilson

Q: How long have you worked at the school?

A: 2 years!!!!

Q: Which instruments do you play?

A: clarinet, piano, saxophone.

Q: Describe your colleagues in 3 words!

A: supportive, skilled, funny

Q: What is your favourite musical artist?

A: Olivia Dean

Q: Do you have any favourite hobbies you enjoy?

A: Dancing and shopping for vintage items!

Q: Cats or dogs?

A: Dogs