



Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter Issue 10







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KINDNESS



INCLUSION



DETERMINATION



RESPECT

Our new school values

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 behavior policy.

We hope you enjoy the latest edition of our school newsletter...



S1 Dragons Den Business Fayre





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Last week our S1s all attended the Dragons Den Business Fayre as part of their Employability class. Pupils met a variety of local entrepreneurs and business owners to ask them questions about how they started, what challenges and successes they have experienced and what skills are required to set up a business. This is all in preparation for the pupils to create their own enterprise project in classes which will ultimately be judged by our 'Dragons' in March - when the same business owners return to PHS! Well done to all our S1's for demonstrating all of the school values!

Thank you to all of our Dragons:

Financial Pathways -Keeley Hazelhurst

Learn To Grow - Pauline Weddell

Happy Side Hustle - Julie Begbie

HR Staple - Jaclyn Pringle

Bonnie Burrito - Nick

Peace N Snout - Kim Stronach

Zest of Energy - Zoe McIlmurray We are looking forward to having you back in March!

S2 Dynamic Earth and Surgeons Hall Trip

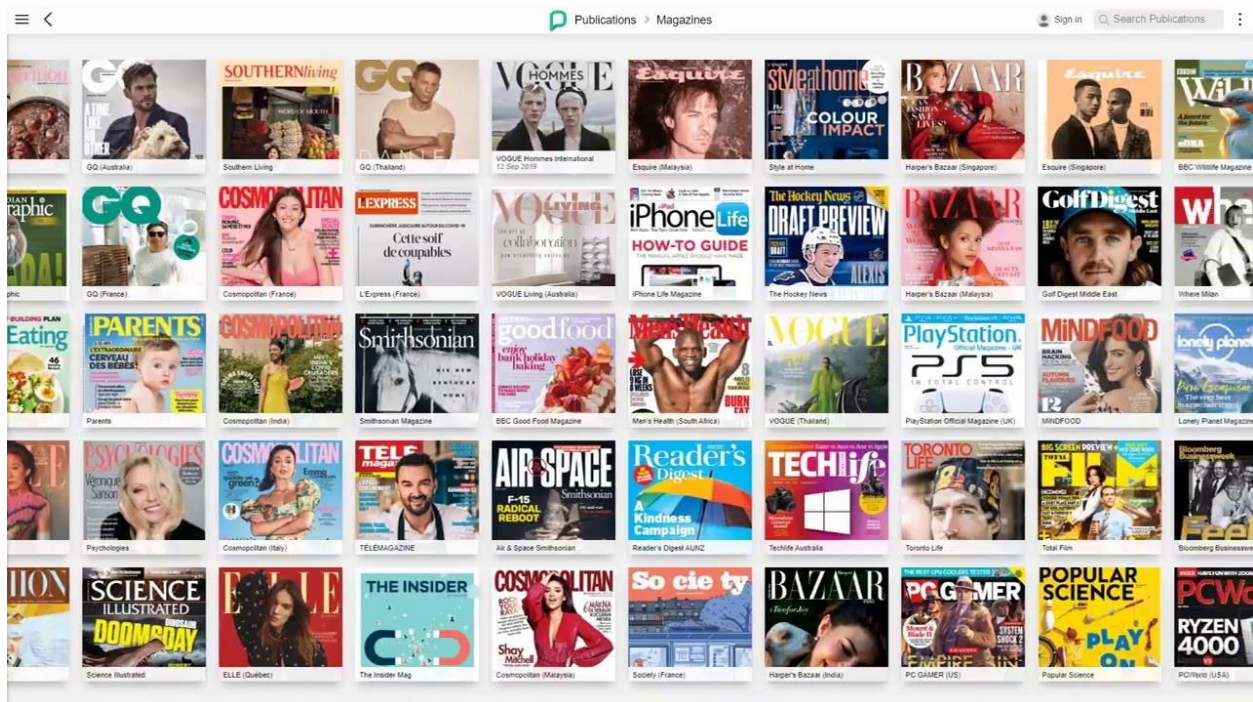


'S2 Dynamic Earth and Surgeons Hall Trip' The whole of our S2 went on a school trip to Dynamic Earth and Surgeons Hall last week! They have been learning about Earth Forces in Geography and History of Medicine in History this year. This was a great opportunity to bring a lot of what we learnt in the classroom to life! Well done to the whole of S2 for firstly, showing excellent knowledge in the workshops they carried out. Secondly, the mature and respectful behaviour of all pupils across both days. You all upheld Penicuik High School values and were excellent representatives of our school! Well done!





A suggested free resource for leisure or study



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- Your own computer [PC or Mac](#)
- A People's Network computer in libraries

You can freely browse the Pressreader website. However to read items without being charged, you must first become a member of the Midlothian Public Libraries, any questions see Mr Smith in the School Library.

Recruitment event



This free, in-person recruitment event is a fantastic opportunity for school pupils, college leavers, and parents/carers to explore apprenticeship opportunities with some of our valued partner employers, including Balfour Beatty, Forrit Technology Ltd, BEAR Scotland, and EMA Architecture + Design Ltd.

- **Date:** Thursday, 27th February
- **Time:** 17:15 – 19:00
- **Location:** [Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart Campus](#)

At this event, you will have the chance to meet employers who are recruiting Graduate Apprentices in 2025 and explore the benefits of Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships. Exhibitors will include HR professionals, senior managers, and current and former Graduate Apprentices, offering valuable insights and advice about apprenticeships.

We're also thrilled to have Kelly Dawson and Bernie Critchley, our Careers Development Consultants, on hand to provide expert support. Whether you need guidance on CV writing, cover letters, interviews, or assessment centre preparation, they'll be available to help answer your questions.

This event is a valuable opportunity for pupils, parents, and carers alike. Whether you're actively considering apprenticeships as a career route or simply curious to learn more, there's something here for everyone.

To secure your place, please register your attendance by completing the registration form via the link below before 17th February 2025.

[Register Here](#)



1 - New books!!





LGBTQ+ and Allies

February is LGBT history month, and the last week of January is Allies week. In celebration of this and to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community, we will be hosting a flag signing throughout the month of February. Pupils and staff can go to the library at any break time to sign our pride flag and show their support. One of our school values is inclusion and we feel strongly that all pupils feel included at Penicuik High School.





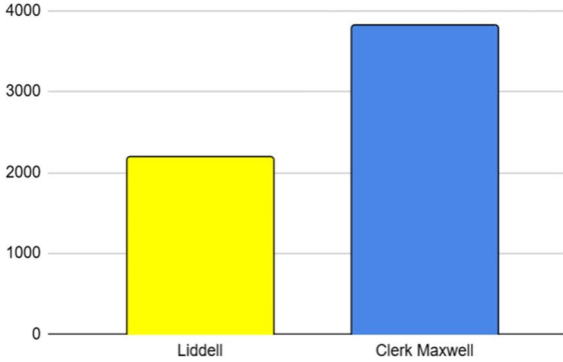
50/50 Club

Do you want to be in on a chance to win some cash... and help us raise funds for our Parent Partnership at the same time? Sign up to our 50/50 Club for £5 per month (multiple entries allowed) via this online form.

<https://forms.gle/uxkWKo4racL4Krym9>

We give out 50% of the entries to one monthly winner and keep 50% towards fundraising. This helps us support things like prize giving, uniform costs, hygiene products, and hopefully some families with the cost of trips.

HOUSE POINTS



UK Summer Schools



Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools

For: S5 students (eligibility criteria applies)

Application Deadline: 6th March 2025

Overview:

The Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools are for S5 students who would like the chance to experience what university life is really like. Spend a week in summer at one of 12 partner universities – attend lectures, explore academic taster sessions, receive university application support, enjoy social activities and more!

Summer Schools take place at various dates between June and August. See the Sutton Trust Summer School website for further details.

More details:

All Sutton Trust Summer Schools / Courses

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

University of Edinburgh Sutton Trust Summer School

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/university-partners/university-of-edinburgh/>

(Note info evenings taking place in February – all are welcome to attend to find out more)

How to apply: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/how-to-apply/>



Edinburgh College Open Days in February



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Are you ready to Experience Edinburgh College?

The college is hosting Open Days at all four of their campuses this month for anyone considering applying for a **full-time course** starting in August 2025.

This will be an opportunity to meet curriculum teams, explore their courses, see their facilities, and learn more about applications and funding. This is also a chance to ask any questions you might have.

Midlothian Campus

Tuesday 18 February

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Milton Road Campus

Wednesday 19 February

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Sighthill Campus

Thursday 20 February

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Granton Campus

Saturday 22 February

10.00 - 1.00pm

Find out more about which subject areas are available at what campus on the Edinburgh College website.

You can also register for subject-specific sessions for a limited number of areas.

Register your interest to attend or just drop in!

We'll see you there!

Edinburgh College

<https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/open-days-2025>



NEW CLUBS!

A lunchtime darts club is starting up. Any budding Luke Littler's please sign up with Mr Smith in the library.

New S1/3 Lunchtime Basketball - Note now open to S1 pupils.

Club Starting Monday 20th January

Games Hall 1.15pm - 1.40pm

ALSO

Wednesday Badminton will now also include Pickleball as well



- **Monday Lunchtime**

- 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
- Basketball S2/3 (Games Hall)

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)
- Modern Languages Homework Club Mrs McEvoy's Room

Wednesday Lunchtime

- LGBTQ+ and Allies (Miss Graham)
- Young Carers (Mr Milligen - fortnightly)
- S1-S6 Badminton and Pickleball (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

- S6 Indoor Football (Mr Hunter)
- Junior Vocal Group (Miss Hamilton rm 3)
- Darts Club Old Gym Hall

Thursday After School

- S1-S6 Songwriters club (Mr Murphy)



RRS definitions

Social Justice

This means that that duty bearers should remove barriers to help you achieve your potential.

A Rights are for ALL children. UNIVERSAL	B Rights are there at BIRTH. INHERENT	C Rights CANNOT be taken away. INALIENABLE	D Rights DO NOT have to be earned. UNCONDITIONAL	E All rights are EQUALLY important! INDIVISIBLE
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The ABCDE of Children's Rights show us the nature of your Rights. You have Rights and that they cannot be taken away from you.

The Scottish Government have written your Rights into Scottish Law. It is important that you can speak to an adult (duty bearer) if you feel that your Rights are not being met.