



Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter Issue 11







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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 behaviour policy.

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





A reminder that all S2s need to give their completed and signed course choice form to their Guidance Teacher as soon as possible. If your form is late, you are at risk of not getting your first choices.

DYW | Developing the
Young Workforce



DYW in support of Skills Development Scotland Apprenticeship week have put together a booklet featuring details of Apprenticeship routes, events and LIVE apprenticeship vacancies. These can be accessed by the link or the QR code. Use either link to access but please note that some Youtube videos may not be viewable on school chrome books. Please use QR code to access from a personal device if required.

https://read.bookcreator.com/zrxfZYo5hrMzQhKiyarVpUkJbn82/aoQt5MyxSAy1AJFS_ODJqQ/ISLdYMkKSdajD7ChFO8Uew





The students who have signed up for 'The Duke of Edinburgh Award' should make sure they are working on their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections and be uploading information and evidence to their eDofE accounts. If they are having any issues please see/email Mr Merson. He is available in the D&T Department after school on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.



Future Forward: Discover the Power of Apprenticeships with QA & Microsoft

Date: Friday, 7th March 2025

Time: 13:00-16:00

Location: Microsoft HQ, Edinburgh City Centre

Secure a spot here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/future-forward-discover-the-power-of-apprenticeships-with-qa-microsoft-tickets-1202984120889?aff=oddtcreator>

This free event is designed for young people considering their next steps after school. They will:

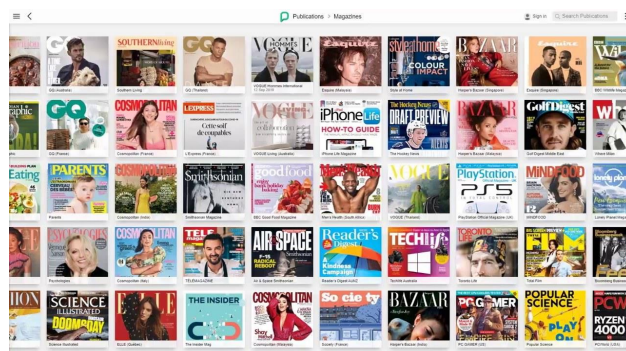
- Gain insight into the world of apprenticeships with real-life examples.
- Hear from Microsoft and QA experts about the skills employers are looking for.

- Learn how apprenticeships combine practical work experience with qualifications to fast-track careers.
- Participate in interactive sessions to explore the exciting possibilities that await them in the tech and business industries.



Thanks to funding from the Wilfred M. Silvia Library Trust

1 - A suggested free resource for leisure or study



Read newspapers & magazines with PressReader

- Over 7000 worldwide newspapers and magazines including over 100 UK & Irish newspapers and 300 UK magazines
- Publications from over 100 countries in 60 languages
- Download 20 titles a day or unlimited streaming

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- 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..



FUTURE PATHWAYS







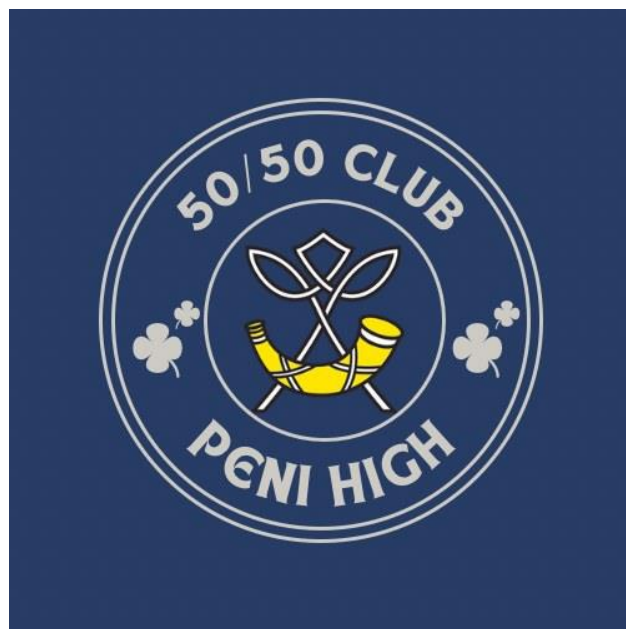
Future Pathways

Just before the holidays we held our annual 'Future Pathways' event for our S3 students. This is a very busy but fun morning where we invite people from across many different areas of employment to share their stories and experiences with our students. We have a wide range of

careers represented including Data Analyst, Childcare, Construction, Biomedical and the Army to name but a few.

Students moved around in small groups and got the opportunity to engage with many different people in one day, displaying the vast range of potential career opportunities and sectors available to them after school.

Thanks to our volunteers who came in to speak with the students the feedback was incredibly positive and it is an event we really enjoy hosting here at Penicuik.



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.

Student leader Instagram QR code

Scan the code to see and keep up to date on what our senior pupils have been doing around PHS



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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/>



- **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 S1/2/3 (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)
- Scripture Union (Rm 13)
- 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

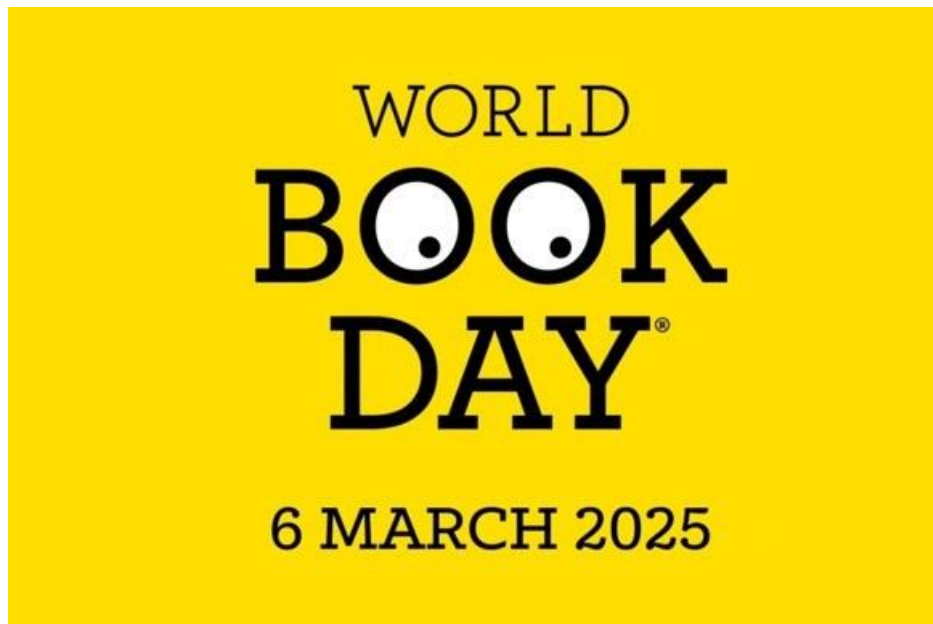
Fairness & Equity

This means that you get the help and support you need to achieve your full 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.



<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

The above link will take you to your free book token, Tesco Penicuik usually have the books. They are available on World Book day 6/03/25



Re-imagined object homework of the week winners and oil pastel lollipop drawings.

Names of homework winners:

Aoife Wood 1P1, Molly Neil 1P1, Aiden Duncan 1P5 and Dylan Castle 1P5

The lollipops were done by 1P1. Might have some more to share later by 1P5.



