



# Penicuik High School Pupil E Newsletter



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# PHS NEWS TEAM



**Welcome to our new and returning pupils!**

We hope you enjoy our first pupil electronic newsletter!

The newsletter is created by our top team of Reporters Bella Holsgrove, Katie McComb, Emily Wilson, Penny Jorgenson and Isla Kerr



A message from Mr Biddick our Headteacher

We hope that you all had a fun holiday and have now settled back into school. It is great to see you all back and we hope that you have a good session. Thank you to all of you who are wearing uniform – you look very smart!

This is the new e-newsletter which you will receive every two weeks. We will use this alongside Google classroom to let you know what is going on in school. Please make sure that you check your messages.

If you would like to help with the e-newsletter please see Mr Smith in the Library. Please also speak to Mr Smith if you have any ideas for what you would like to see in your newsletter.

## School Clubs



This section features information about the clubs that are active in school. All pupils will be surveyed over the next fortnight about extra curricular clubs they would be interested in attending (both sports and whole school) so if there is something you don't see here that's your opportunity to suggest a new club .



**Eco Schools this club runs every Thursday lunch time in Mr Johnstone's room (21).**



**LGBTQ+ and Allies Club - Are you passionate about equality? Do you feel strongly about our freedom to express who we are? Are you willing to stand up for others? You may be interested in our LGBTQ+ and Allies club! The group meet every Wednesday lunchtime in room 28 (Miss Graham's room). All S1-6 are welcome, whether you are a member of the LGBTQ+ community or are a supportive ally. Please see Miss Graham if you would like to be added to our Google Classroom as often club announcements and news is shared here. Miss Graham**

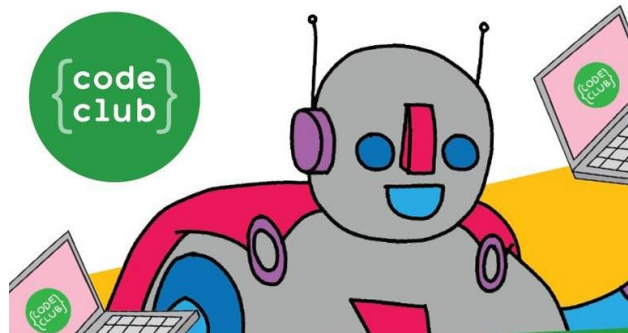


**Creative Writing Club at lunchtime on Tuesdays. It's open to everyone and will be starting on the Tuesday after September break - 17th of September - See Miss Henderson for further details.**





- Our Senior Sports Leaders will be running sessions for S1 (Monday 9th September p3/4) and S2 (Thursday 12th September p3/4).
- Touch rugby festivals. Student's should sign up for these in the PE department where further details will be given.
- Spin class Mondays after school starting 8 September. S3 and up, see PE staff for details.



Code Club - Thursdays after school starting soon see Miss Georgi for details. This will be about text-based programming in python/javascript - any young people who have a personal coding project and wish to share or get support can also join if they wish.





DO YOU WANT TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT  
BECOMING AN  
APPRENTICE WITH  
NHS Lothian?

**JOIN US!**  
Wednesday, 4 September  
17:00  
MS Teams

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### NHS Lothian Apprenticeship Info Session

The NHS Lothian Apprenticeship team would like to invite you to an upcoming information session to learn more about apprenticeships across NHS Lothian.

We would like to invite young people/parents/service providers and anyone who is interested to an Apprenticeship Information Session to learn more about our upcoming apprenticeship vacancies. Please use the link to register: <https://bit.ly/3yR5Lun>

When: Wednesday, 4 September

Time: 17:00 - 17:30

Where: [MS Teams](#)

Hazel Jobson ( DYW Coordinator)



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

Students should make their way to the careers office in time for their appointment.

**Tuesday 3 September**

Period 2 Alex Airlie-Gibson (S5)

Period 3 Logan Burwell (S5)

Period 4 Ruby Campbell (S5)

Period 5 Jamie Collins (S5)

Period 6 Tyler Devlin (S5)

Thursday 5 September

Period 2 Archie Rodgers (S5)

Period 3 Ben Weston-Conway (S5)

Period 4 Euan Gallagher (S5)

Period 5 Joshua Gibb (S5)

Period 6 Hamish Laird (S5)

Wednesday 11 September

Period 3 Ronan Mas (S5)

Period 4 Braeden McGhee (S5)

Period 5 Corey Millar (S5)

Period 6 Ella Noble (S5) Period 7 Darren Campbell-Steward (S5)

### **Thursday 5 September**

Period 2 Rudi Richardson (S5)

Period 3 Isabel Sabok (S5)

Period 4 Christopher Smith (S5)

Period 5 Alan Tabol (S5)

Period 6 James Watson (S5)

**Caroline Steele (she/her)**

**Careers Adviser (Penicuik High School)**



*2 - New Books for the New School Year*

**I very much look forward to welcoming both our new and returning pupils.**

**The library is open all breaks and lunch times. You are welcome to eat here too.**

Mr N Smith





If you participate in athletics outside of school could you please come and speak to the PE department as soon as possible, thanks

Mr Witton

An ongoing series of staff interviews, This edition Mr Biddick interviewed by Bella Holsgrove.

## Getting To Know You



In the hot seat this edition is our Headteacher.

Q: Can you tell us about previous work experience?

A: I've worked as a researcher at a university in New Zealand researching an amoeba killer. I've also worked as quality control for a company that made medicines and pharmaceuticals out of animal waste products, for example creating digestion pills out of a sheep's gallbladder.

Q: What was your favourite subject at school?

A: I've always enjoyed the sciences but I quite liked English as well.

Q: What are your favourite musical artists?

A: I like George Micheal, after WHAM!, though Club Tropicana is a cool song. I Also like Manic St Preachers, The Smiths and Coldplay.

Q: Is there a motto or quote you live by.

A: 'Fame has only the span of a day, they say, but to live in the hearts of people, that is worth something.' By Maria Louise Rame.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have a lovely dog called Elsa, she's really soft and gentle.

Q: What is your proudest achievement?

A: Beating cancer when I was young.

Q: What's your favourite book or book series?

A: I really liked the Hobbit when I was younger, well the whole JR Tolkien collection really.

Q: And finally, are there any other interesting facts about you?

A: I have a twin brother and I've been on TV in two countries.