



# Penicuik High School

## Tuesday 13 December 2022

Information Bulletin  
for Students

### DRAMA CLUB CANCELLATION

Unfortunately due to the winter weather conditions, drama club will be cancelled this week. It will return in the new year! Happy Christmas!

**Mr Laydon**

### BAKE-OFF CANCELLED THIS AFTERNOON

The Home Economics department has decided to postpone the event this afternoon because of the weather. Keep an eye out for the next date, which will be in January/February. Those already enrolled will be automatically re-enrolled. Apologies to all those involved.

**Miss Gungui**

### PE NOTICE – SPIN AND NETBALL

Hopefully we will have our final Christmas spin next Monday and netball will restart after the holidays.

**Miss McShannon**

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC HOUSE QUIZ

We are going to be running a fun House Quiz based on Christmas Music at lunchtime on Thursday 15 December. We have 11 teams entered at the moment. Each team will be made up from two members of staff and up to 4 pupils. We have a staff team who are still looking for some Clerk Maxwell pupils to join them. If you want to get involved and win some points for your house, speak to either Mrs Van Aswegan or Mrs Hogg.

**Mr Murphy**

### BIG 5 FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Following the Big 5 assemblies, the focus for this week is Teaching and Learning from others. Please read the slides shown below to understand what this means, what it might look like, and why it is important!

Look out for opportunities to teach and learn from others this week, and keep your eyes peeled for next week's focus. Thank you.



## The Big Five

Learning, Teaching and Assessment at PHS



### Instructing Others

What does instructing others mean?

- Learn with each other
- Learn from each other

### Instructing Others

What might it look like in my subjects?

- Explaining a concept to my peer that I have grasped well
- Assessing my peers' work and giving them feedback on areas for development
- Discussing a concept in a group or as part of a class
- Working collaboratively on a group project

### Instructing Others

How can they help me learn?

- Someone explaining a concept in a different way can help me to understand
- Hearing different opinions and views can give me a broader understanding of the problem/issue
- Builds skills in communication, team-working and listening
- It strengthens my own understanding when I try to explain to someone else
- Improves motivation by working with others

**Miss Burrows**



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### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

#### **Silver**

Could everyone who has signed or wishes to sign up see me TODAY in Room 39 at lunchtime to allocate eDofE places.

**Mr Merson**

### VACCINATION FORM RETURNS

**Returns are very slow** - S3 students, and S4-S6 catch-ups, are asked to return their signed permission forms to the school office NEXT WEEK. Thank you.

**Mrs Davidson**

### MIDLOTHIAN YOUNG PERSON AWARD

Congratulation to Callum and Euan Semple. Both brothers were nominated for the Midlothian Young Person Award. Callum was shortlisted and was awarded a Midlothian Young Person Award this week. Euan has received a certificate in recognition of being nominated.

Both boys support Lothian Disability Sport who have said this is amazing recognition to one of our youth volunteers. Callum gives up his lunch hour at school as well as during the school holidays to volunteer in our multi Sports group in both Penicuik and Newbattle. The peer mentorship and friendship these young volunteers bring to our groups is so valuable to our athletes.

**Mr Biddick**

### CHRISTMAS DOOR COMPETITION

The Christmas themed doors will be judged on Monday 19 December. There will be house points awarded to first second and third place along with house points awarded to the department with the best doors.

Points will be given in the following order:

First place - 100

Second place - 50

Third place - 25

Best department - 10 per door

**Miss Hill**

### SENIOR PRELIMS - EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

Students with additional arrangements for prelims that have been agreed with Support for Learning, please check with the Support for Learning department for details of their exams. Information can also be found each exam day on the notice board next to the Support for Learning office in the Library corridor.

**Ms Colqhoun**

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

It is nearly holiday season, and as a school we are again hoping to support our community and share the joy of Christmas by encouraging you to donate an Item to our Christmas Hamper appeal. We are looking for any food products with a long shelf life and Christmas treats are welcome. Every contribution is appreciated with House Points for your house to be won. Christmas Hamper collections are open until Thursday 16 December. Please see the separate list of suitable donations.

**Senior Prefects, the Guidance Team and SMT**



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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EDINBURGH COLLEGE PUPILS**

The final day of SCP classes at Edinburgh College will be **Thursday 15 December**. Therefore there will be **no college on Tuesday 20 December**. College pupils will be expected to remain in the library that afternoon and should register with Mr N Smith. More information regarding starting dates and courses for next term will be sent out soon.

**Best wishes, The Schools Team**

### **LIBRARY CLOSED**

Please note Library closed due to prelims December 5 to December 14. Reopens Thursday 16 December. Those recording medicines I will come to you during period 6. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Mr N Smith**

### **PRELIMS REMINDER**

There are Prelims happening for the next week and a half. These are important examinations and the students who are sitting them deserve to do so without interruption. Please be quiet while you walk around the building and remember you must be in your designated social area at break and lunchtime.

S1-3 Bitesite

S4-5 Greenseats

S6 Common Room

**Mrs Wood**



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## **ECO GROUP ACTIVITIES**

The Eco Group has been very busy this term, working on a few different projects in and around the school.

Below you can see both staff and students working hard to plant our new fruit trees in the quad.

We are also working on turning the quad into a meadow space. While it may not look so pretty at the moment, removing the grass is only the first step. It can then be replaced with a diverse mixture of plants and flowers.



Finally, S1 have worked on building bird boxes in CDT, which were then kindly donated by the department to the Eco Group. We have already started hanging these up around the John Clerk estate.

As you can see, there are a huge variety of different ways you can get involved with the Eco Group. Our next term is going to be even busier, so if you are interested in taking part please speak to Mr Johnstone.