



# Penicuik High School

## Thursday 14 October 2021

Information Bulletin  
for Students

### PHS LIBRARY

Those on study please note the library will be closed from the end of period 5 today (Thursday 14/10/21) for the remainder of the school day to facilitate SFL senior assessments. Period 5 please go to the common room, periods 6/7 the green seats and Mr Smith will register you there.

**Mr N Smith, School Librarian**

### S4 PRELIM ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE AND LETTER

TODAY (Thursday 14 October) all S4 students will be issued with our S4 Prelim Assessment Schedule and letter. You will receive these items during your period 7 class. Students who do not receive the schedule and letter can collect copies from the school office.

**Miss Lyon**

### SOCIAL SUBJECTS INSTAGRAM

Social Subjects have set up a new Instagram account to share achievements and some interesting things we have been doing in class. There will also be some competitions and quiz's you can get involved in with the chance of winning a prize! Get involved and give us a follow: ***PHS\_socsub***

**Social Subjects Department**

### HOUSE EVENTS

There will be Liddell and Clerk Maxwell house competitions and events throughout the year under three categories: Arts, Athletics and Academics. The points are as follows:

- Attendance Points = 20 Points to all pupils with 100% attendance each term. Doesn't include authorised absences and off sick.
- Participation Points = 30 points for each club you attend. This is reviewed termly
- House Points = Up to 100 Points for House Competitions and Events
- Merit Points = 20 Points for student successes

The House of the Year will win a House cup and a prize! There will be opportunities to wear your House colours on these events (Yellow for Liddell and Blue for Clerk Maxwell). Watch out for the announcement of these events in the newsletter and bulletin board in the Guidance Base.

**Mr Biddick**

### HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

There will be a Halloween dress up on Friday 29 October as the first House Competition! Go full out! At break time, please go to the Old Gym for a chance to win best costume, judged by the House Captains, some prefects and seniors. Group submissions are allowed. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for juniors, seniors and staff for a chance to win up to 100 House points!

**Mr Biddick**



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### **FOR ALL STUDENTS S1-S6**

A number of issues around behaviour and attitude are starting to develop across year groups. Most students are behaving well and taking responsibility but there are small groups who are continually being disrespectful and not following our rules. We will continue to support you all post Covid but there is a clear expectation that high standards will be met by all and there has now been plenty of time for students to settle into routines.

We have full records from the past few weeks showing all categories of poor behaviour including truancy, late to school, late to classes, uniform issues and being sent out of class.

From the week beginning 25 October the SMT and all staff will be focusing on improving standards and sanctions will be enforced where appropriate. We will contact parent/carers of students who are showing poor patterns of behaviour and meet with them to enforce our standards.

There will also be a uniform blitz as we return from the break as a number of students are still flouting the uniform code agreed by the school community including parents. To balance the negative message we will be restarting praise post cards soon and will continue to look for ways to celebrate success and commitment. We are also aware that a number of things such as staggered timetables and masks are likely to change very soon allowing us to be more of a whole school community.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters and I hope that you all have a safe and happy October break wherever you may be.

**Mr Biddick**