



Christmas hampers

Help us give back to our community by bringing as many donations as you can to your registration class box this week.

By contributing to the Christmas Hampers!

Every contribution helps- thank you!



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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LIBRARY OPEN

Please note the library is back to normal opening again from today following the prelims.
Mr N Smith



END OF TERM CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES



To get into the Christmas Spirit and to uphold the S6 Nativity tradition, we will be holding morning Christmas assemblies.

Friday 16 December - S1 & S3

Monday 19 December - S2 & S4

Tuesday 20 December - S5 & S6

Students should go straight to the Assembly Hall on their allocated day where registration teachers should meet them to take the register. Period 1 teachers should also then come down to register their classes and support in managing the assemblies.

Miss MacDonald

BASKETBALL CLUB

Basketball is cancelled after school TODAY. We will start again in the new year.

Mr Hunter

DRAMA CLUB CANCELLATION

Drama club will return in the new year! Happy Christmas!

Mr Laydon

BAKE-OFF CANCELLED

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 TODAY. 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

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



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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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EDINBURGH COLLEGE PUPILS

The final day of SCP classes at Edinburgh College will be **TODAY**. 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



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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.

Staff and students have been 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.

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.