



Penicuik High School

Friday 24 September 2021

Information Bulletin
for Students

NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

Mr Dewar - Acting DHT - will start in school on Monday 27 September and will be based in Mr Jamieson's room. I would like to welcome him to the school and I know he is looking forward to meeting young people and working with you during the session.

Mr Biddick

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PREFECTS

Can all senior prefects gather in the Assembly Hall TODAY after school in the Assembly Hall to collect your Blazer. This will take 10 minutes max.

Miss Tavakoli

FARADAY CHALLENGE - For the attention of S2 students

A great STEM opportunity has arisen, an engineering challenge on Tuesday 5 October. Some students have been selected to take part on this day and will receive a letter over the week ahead, outlining exactly what is expected and how the day will run. Should anyone have any questions, please come along to Miss Preedy in room 34.

Miss Preedy

CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

The school is taking part in a climate change conference for COP-26. There are 3 information sessions to be done before the conference. I am going to run these sessions on Wednesdays (period 5 for seniors and lunchtime for juniors). The project is aimed mainly at 6th years but juniors are welcome to come along to hear the sessions as part of Eco schools. Seniors will need to ask permission from their period 5 teacher to attend.

Miss Maden

THE WOODLAND CLASSROOM

The Woodland Classroom in Rosewell, Thornton Road, Rosewell is there for the enjoyment of all. This is a great area and is an invaluable place for our communities to enjoy. Sadly, there has been recent reports of incidents involving anti-social behaviour, fires being lit, littering and evidence of alcohol and drug use. More recently, the toilet facility has been vandalised by having the wooden panels ripped off and thrown away. This unacceptable behaviour is having a detrimental impact on our communities. This behaviour will not be tolerated. Police Scotland will take action against anyone who is found to have caused damage or are involved in anti-social behaviour. If you have any information as to the culprit for vandalising the Woodland Classroom please speak to a teacher or your Police Scotland School Link Officer.

S3 LUNCH - VENUE CHANGE

From Tuesday 21 September S3 should use the Assembly Hall for lunch. Please do not use the Old Gym, this is now being used by senior classes for PE.

Miss Lyon

REMINDER - FLU VACCINE FORMS

Please return signed forms to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mrs Davidson



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REMINDER - DATA CHECK FORMS

These forms were due in by last Friday. If you have not returned them then please do so this week. Please have your parent/carer check and update your forms and return them to the yellow box the school office. Thank you.

Mrs Razavi

RAG BAG COLLECTION

There will be a Rag Bag collection in school on Tuesday 28 September to raise funds for the school. Can you please start looking out clothes/shoes/bags/belts that you no longer need and watch out in this newsletter for details of when to bring your donations in. Bags will be available soon. Thank you!

Mrs MacFadyen

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

A Midlothian motor repairs firm could have an opportunity for a Modern Apprenticeship in Business & Administration. If you are interested in hearing more please see Mr Biddick. Thank you.

Mr Biddick

ADDITIONAL PHYSICS SESSIONS

Miss Preedy (room 34) is running an additional Physics session on a Tuesday lunchtime (12:15 - 13:00) for National 5 Physics. Our current focus is waves and radiation. All students who feel they need extra support in this topic are welcome to attend.

Miss Preedy

DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Could any pupil who speaks any other language apart from English please come and see us in the Modern Languages Department AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... We need your help! Thanks! **Mrs McEvoy**

MISUSE OF PPE

There are increasing reports of large quantities of masks being taken from the front of the school and dumped in various locations around the building. We are currently checking CCTV to identify those who are responsible. If any student can identify/describe or knows the names of those responsible, please inform a member of staff. This is a complete waste of valuable resources that are provided to protect our school community.

Senior Management Team

ENERGY DRINKS

A reminder that energy drinks are banned in school. If a student is found to be drinking an energy drink staff will ask you to dispose of the remaining contents of the can and place the can in a suitable recycling bin.

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SCIENCE INSTAGRAM

The science department have a very active instagram account where we post pictures and clips to recognise and celebrate pupil achievement. Every month we post a quiz for a particular year group and award prizes to the winners. Don't miss out! Follow us at **PHSSCI**.

Mr Proctor

LUNCHTIME IN THE PRECINCT

We have had a number of complaints from business owners about the mess being left in the Precinct after lunchtimes. I would respectfully ask that students refrain from littering in that area and put rubbish in bins or take it away with them. We will be monitoring that area in coming weeks.

Thank you

Mr Biddick

CHROMEBOOK RETURN

If you were issued with a Chromebook last session (as part of the council's device loaning system) you now need to return the device (with charger and cover) to our Support for Learning Department base as soon as possible (next to the Music classrooms). Midlothian Council need to update Chromebooks in anticipation of the 1:1 device roll out.

Please note: this does not apply to Students with Additional Support Needs (ASN) - by now you should have received a replacement Chromebook and returned your old one. If you think you have not your replacement ASN Chromebook, please visit the Support for Learning Department Base.

Miss Lyon