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Information Bulletin
for Students

CQF Student Ambassador Training

Can the following pupils attend the training in **Miss Tavakoli's room (26) on Friday 10th Nov P3 and P4**. You will be out of class P3 and part of P4. I have made your teachers aware that you should catch up on any work missed.

S3

Amy Yule
Freya Collett
Eleanor Neill
Gemma Blyth
Ana Yordanova
Liv Davenport
Hannah Taylor

S4

Alyssa Gibb
Sommer McCloskey
Nina Lyall
Tyler Devlin
Logan Burwell
Ryan Davidson

S5

Tony Robertson
Jack Shepherd

S6

Aimee Aitken
Abbi Marshall

Miss Tavakoli
Thankyou!

CAREERS INTERVIEWS with Caroline Steele IN THE CAREERS ROOM

Students should make their way to her office in time for their appointment. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Thursday 9 November

Period 1 Fern Noble (S4)
Period 2 Ella Noble (S4)
Period 3 Georgia Mann (S4)
Period 4 Alana Selkirk (S5)
Period 5 Holly Montgomery (S4)
Period 6 Shona Steel (S5)



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YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES - week beginning 6th November

There will be Remembrance assemblies for each year group week beginning 6th November.

S1 - Tuesday P1

S2 - Thursday P1

S3 - Monday P1

S4 - Wednesday P1

S5/6 - Friday P1

Thank you

Mr Dewar

NATIONAL 5 HISTORY STUDY SUPPORT Room 24

3:30- 4:15pm

Tuesday 7th November	Explain Skill
Tuesday 14th November	Compare Skill
Tuesday 21st November	How Fully Skill
Tuesday 28th November	Evaluate the Usefulness Skill
Tuesday 5th December	To What Extent Skill
Tuesday 12th December	Drop in Session- bring an SQA question or topic you need help with
Monday 18th December	National 5 Prelim 8.40-10.10

XMAS BOOK SALE

6-10 November Library Xmas book sale in association with Scholastic

All this week we are running a book fair in the library. There is a great selection of books this year. Great idea for Xmas gifts!!!! Come along and have a look. First 5 pupils/staff to make book purchases will get a £5 book token to be used on that first purchase.

Preview available from Thursday 02 Nov. in the library.

All sales assist the school library.

Note – unfortunately cash only as our promised electronic sales system has not been delivered.

Mr Smith – School Librarian

REMEMBRANCE DAY COMPETITION

The Social Subjects department is running a House Competition open to all students. We are challenging you to design one of the following as part of the school's Remembrance Day activities:

- A War Memorial
- A Stamp
- A Poster
- A Poem.

Please hand your competition entries into one of the Social Subjects Staff; Mr Johnstone, Miss Tavakoli, Mrs Docherty, Miss Tinning or Miss Blake by Friday 10th November. There will be House Points awarded for all contributions and House Points awarded for the winning entries.

Miss Blake & Miss Tinning



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NEW CLUB IN PENICUIK

YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN PENICUIK

Art Club (S1-S6)

Monday from 4pm-5.30pm (Starts 13th November for 6 weeks)

@ Ladywood Leisure Centre

Everyone welcome no matter what your Art ability is. See Google classroom post for more information.

Thanks Mrs Wood

SENIOR VOCAL GROUP

Calling all S4/5/6 vocalists who would like to take part in the senior vocal group. Rehearsals are starting up again on a Monday 4th November at lunchtime in room 4. We are going to be gearing up towards the Winter concert and so will begin learning songs for this. If you are interested (even if you have never been a part of it before) please come along on Monday to room 4 at 1.20pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Mrs McIntosh

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY PROJECT WORK

Practical project work from last session (Design and Manufacture and Practical Woodworking) is available for collection from Design and Technology. If you wish to collect your practical work please do so by November 10th.

Mr Beards

ACTIVE SCHOOLS



Sports & Physical Activity Programme 2023-24

VENUE	ACTIVITY	AGE	DAY	TIME	TEACHER/COACH
Games Hall	Girls Football	S1-S6	MON	Lunch 1:05 – 1:50	K Madden
Spin Studio	Spinning	S4-S6	MON	After School 3:30 – 4:30	S McLennan
Old Gym	Dance	S1-S6	TUES	After School 3:30 - 4:30	Y Tavakoli
Games Hall	Girls Netball	S1-S6	TUES	After School 3:30 – 4:30	S Van Aswegen



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Games Hall	Basketball	S1-S3	TUES	Lunch 1:05 – 1:50	C Hunter
Rugby Pitches	Rugby	S1-S6	TUES	After School 3:30 – 4:30	L Witton
Astro	Boys Football	S1-S3	WEDS	After School 3:30 – 4:30	Z Dziejulska
Astro	Boys Football	S4-S6	WEDS	After School 3:30 – 4:30	M Rathie / S MacDonald
Games Hall	Racket Sports	S1-S6	THURS	Lunch 1:05 – 1:50	L Witton
Astro	Hockey	S1-S6	THURS	After School 3:30 – 4:30	K Robertson
Astro	Cricket	S1-S6	THURS	After School 3:30 – 4:30	D Burgess / C Hind
Spin Studio	Spinning (Jan 2024)	S4-S6	FRI	Before School	N McShannon

More Information

- Please ensure you wear suitable clothing and footwear for the activity
- Please bring a bottle of water to the activity
- Please bring a packed lunch on the days you are attending lunchtime clubs.
- Please check the daily bulletin / Active Schools notice board for any changes to the above – details may change ·

Please inform family that you are attending clubs and will be late home or arrange suitable transport / lift home · Please join Penicuik High School Sports Club – this will allow you to attend as many clubs as you want for only £10 per year Forms available from PE department
: **Follow us on twitter: @Penicuik PE & Active_Penicuik**

RAG BAG

To help raise funds for the work that the Eco Group does with the garden could you please bring in any old clothes that are no longer wanted or needed.

These then get sent off and turned into "new" clothes for those that are in need.

If you have any please bring them in at any time to Mr Berry in Room 23 and I will arrange storage ahead of our next collection.

My thanks in advance.

Mr Berry



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STUDENT TOILETS – 24 October 2023

Please Note: The Green Seat toilets – male and female will remain closed this week. The social area within the green seat area is now open for S4/5 students.

I wish to apologise for this disruption which as you know is an ongoing consequences of a reckless and extremely dangerous act in a male toilet last term that resulted in a fire and evacuation. This has been followed up by the Police and Fire service.

The toilets in school belong to all students and the facilities should be treated with respect and be freely accessible to anyone who requires to use them. No one should feel unsafe or intimidated in our toilets. **I would ask that students stand up for their right to have safe and clean toilets and inform duty and or senior staff if they do not feel able to enter the toilets, experience any harassment or bullying within those spaces, find unsanitary conditions or see vandalising or dangerous behaviour – including vaping.**

Toilets will be re-designated as junior or senior toilets next week once we have most of them operational. This will be enforced and there will be closer management of toilet spaces at lunch and break times by senior staff. All toilet entrance points are now covered by CCTV and all negative behaviours will be fully investigated.

Students who continue to congregate in the toilets unnecessarily and / or are caught vaping in these areas will face disciplinary consequences and may have some rights curtailed.

REMEMBER - Please stand up for your right to have safe access to all areas of school and you can inform us of poor behaviour in confidence at any time without you being identified.

Let us all make this a good place to be.

Thank you for your support and I am happy to talk to any students about these issues at any time.

Mr Biddick

TLC BREAK & LUNCH

A reminder to regular TLC break and lunch visitors. You will know we have to limit numbers due to overcrowding. To help TLC remain a calm quiet lunch space (with enough room to sit down :) we will be giving out passes to selected students and supporting some of our older students to make alternative plans for lunch.

DANCE CLUB

Due to popular demand, Dance Club is back and running on a Tuesday afterschool in the Old Gym - 3:30-4:20pm. Dance club is open to everyone who may/may not have danced before across all year groups. Our sports leaders will be leading the club - Abbi Marshall and Chloe Aitken so if you would like more information, please see one of the seniors or Miss Tavakoli. Hope to see you there!

Miss Tavakoli



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Course Name:

AN INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL

Target Audience:

Opportunity for ALL school staff

Course Description:

This course will be delivered by PickleBall Scotland representatives. Pickleball is a fun sport for all ages that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, over a net. During this training session, you will be given an introduction to the sport and how to play it, information on what equipment is needed, ideas on managing groups and fun games ideas.

When:

Monday 8th January 10am – 11.30am

Where:

Lasswade High School Centre (Main Games Hall)

Cost:

This course is **Free of Charge**

*To cover the cost of this course we would expect a volunteer to lead **3 hours** of sports sessions for Active Schools in Midlothian at lunchtimes or straight after school.

To enquire about this course and/or book your place please

contact: activeschools@midlothian.gov.uk by no later than Friday 8th December 2023.