



Penicuik High School

Friday 9 December 2022

Information Bulletin
for Students

MESSAGE FOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Can all House Captains please meet the Guidance Teachers in the Library on Monday 12 December at breaktime to discuss support for Christmas Hampers. Thank you.

The Guidance Team

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Silver

Could everyone who has signed or wishes to sign up see me on Tuesday (13 December) in Room 39 at lunchtime to allocate eDofE places.

Bronze

Everyone who has signed up needs to attend the first training event TODAY after school. Half of you will be doing First Aid the other half will be learning how to put tents up. Bring a packed lunch and be as sharp as possible after school.

Mr Merson

PENICUIK BAKE OFF number 2 - Calling all Bakers!

You are invited to participate in the Penicuik Bake Off as the next House Competition for a chance to win Excellence and Pride Points as well as fundraise!

The second Penicuik Bake off is on Tuesday 13 December, after school till 5pm in the Home Ec Department! **All are welcome** unless they came in the top 3 teams for Bakeoff No1, as these teams are already enrolled for the big finale in May.

You have until Monday 12 December to pair up with a member of staff in the same house. There is a limited space of 20 pairs on a first come first serve basis. On the day, you will bake something (this is a surprise!) which will be judged by the House Captains and external judges. The Home Economics department will be providing ingredients and guidance. All the baked products will be sold at the bake sale at lunch in the Assembly Hall the next day.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in room 15 (Home Economics) or ask the member of staff you have invited to send an email to Ms Gungui.

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



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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

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

S2 ARTWORK FROM LAST YEAR

If anyone would like to collect their Artwork from last year to take home, they can pick up their folder from the window sill in the Art computer room, where they are arranged in class piles. This includes all of your beautiful clay tiles.

The Art Department.

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

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

CHRISTMAS SPIN S3-S6

Monday's after school and Friday Mornings 7.20-7.50am. Double house points and a prize for anyone who makes it to all 5 remaining spin classes in December.

Miss McShannon

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

We are going to have our annual wear a Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas 'dress up' Day in line with the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Charity and all donations will go towards this charity. It is optional to wear a Christmas Jumper or dress up and please also only donate if you can. Register teachers will collect all donations on Friday 9 December.

Mr Dewar



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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 THIS/NEXT WEEK. Thank you.

Mrs Davidson

HOUSE DODGEBALL COMPETITIONS

These are taking place every day next week. Everyone is welcome to participate for house points or spectate and cheer their house on!

If you don't have PE at the following times then please go to your timetabled class and your teacher will bring your class to the PE department.

S5/6 Classes Friday p1

S1 Classes Monday p6 (12 December not the 5th!!)

It would be great to see as many participants/spectators as possible.

PE Department

BIG 5 FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Following the assemblies two weeks ago, the focus for this week is feedback. Please read the slides shown below to understand what feedback means, what it might look like, and why it is important! Look out for opportunities to use feedback on your learning this week, and keep your eyes peeled for next week's focus. **Mr Smith**

<p>Feedback</p> <p>What is it?</p> <p>Anything that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helps you understand how well you are meeting the success criteriaHelps you understand what you need to do to meet them betterGives you something to do in response	<p>Feedback</p> <p>What does it look like?</p> <p>From your teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">written commentsspoken commentsHighlighting where you've met the criteria (where you haven't) <p>From your peers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">written commentsspoken comments <p>From yourself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Using success criteria or examples to see what you need to do next to improve
<p>Feedback</p> <p>Why does it matter?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Good feedback has a very positive effect on learningFeedback helps you understand exactly how to improveResponding to feedback helps you to take ownership of your own learning	<p>Feedback</p> <p>What can I do about it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Act on it! Feedback won't help you unless you do something with it, e.g.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revisit a piece of writingHave a go at some more questions on the same topicGo back to the success criteria to see how you can improveEtc.