



Brechin High School

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Weekly Update 26.04.24

A reminder that the school is closed on Monday for the May holiday weekend. I am very much hoping that the sun continues to shine for us all!

Once again, this week the exams have gone smoothly, and we continue to be grateful for all of the young people who are behaving so sensibly and allowing this to happen. Our invigilator team, led by Lindsay Crowe, are working efficiently and are proving to be both welcoming and calming to the young people doing exams.

On Tuesday we will welcome Mrs Strudwick to the Maths department. Mrs. Strudwick is a very experienced maths teacher who is looking forward to getting to know pupils and staff in Brechin.

Library News

The library had a visit from acclaimed Scots author and poet, Matthew Fitt, this week. Matthew has recruited braw S3 Reading Ambassadors, Lewis and Daniel, for a fantastic multimedia project - the creation of a digital artefact, including drone footage of Angus countryside and music - celebrating the poetry of Violet Jacob.



Produced for Matthew's Scots Hoose creativity project, and working alongside pupils at Montrose Academy, we're doing Violet's beautiful poem, 'The Field by the Lirk o' the Hill'.

The boys recorded a fabulous rendition of the poem in Scots. Expect updates on this exciting project soon.

Hurricane News!



S1/2 Boys Rugby played brilliantly against some tough competition across schools from all Scotland and gained a win and draw.

The girls were the only team entered so never got to play but does that make us Scottish Champions?



The S2 netball team became Angus Champions on Friday!



S3 Sports Leaders were down in Maisondieu Primary School delivering sports to the Primary 2s and have done great so far.

Financially motivated sexual extortion: alert for education settings

Globally, there has been a large increase in reports of children and young people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after an offender has threatened to release nudes or semi-nudes of them. This is financially motivated sexual extortion, a type of online blackmail often referred to in the media as 'sextortion'. It is a form of child sexual abuse.

Financially motivated sexual extortion is usually carried out by organised crime groups (OCGs) based overseas who are typically motivated by money. These groups target all ages and genders however, a large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged 14-18.

Here is what you need to know as education professionals to recognise the signs of this form of abuse, understand how to respond, and increase awareness and help seeking behaviours amongst children and young people.

What we would like you to do

- Develop your understanding of financially motivated sexual extortion using this alert and read [Police Scotland's guidance](#).
- Refer concerns, if disclosed or discovered, to local police and/or local authority children's services through your safeguarding procedures
- Avoid using [victim-blaming language](#) and support children and young people in getting their images removed
- Whilst the responsibility is not on the child, know how you can support children and young people to understand how they can respond safely to requests or pressure to provide nude or semi-nude images or videos

What it looks like

Child victims may report being:

- contacted by an online account that they do not know but appears to be another child or young person. They may also be contacted by a hacked account of a child or young person they do know and the communication feels unfamiliar
- quickly engaged in sexually explicit communications, which may include the offender sharing an indecent image first
- moved from a chat on social media, an online platform or game to a private messaging app that is an [end-to-end encrypted chat platform](#)
- manipulated or pressured into taking nude or semi-nude photos or videos
- told they have been hacked and the offender has access to their images, personal information and contacts (whether this is true or not)
- blackmailed into sending money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after sharing an image or video, or the offender sharing hacked or digitally manipulated/[AI-generated images](#) of the child or young person and making the threat of sharing them wider

Be aware that OCGs may target multiple children and young people within an education or wider social setting, as it is more likely that a child or young person will accept a friend request

or communicate with someone they don't know if they believe they are a 'mutual friend'. If a child or young person has disclosed an incident like this, your designated safeguarding person should immediately refer it to police and/or local authority children's services through your safeguarding procedures. If this happens to your child:

- **Reassure them that they've done the right thing by telling you:** make sure they know they are not to blame for what has happened and they have done the right thing to ask for your help. Children and young people's mental health may be negatively impacted by experiences of exploitation; you can [find advice on looking after your child's mental health from the NHS](#).
- **Report to the police or CEOP:** call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm to your child. Or you can use the [CEOP Safety Centre](#) to report an incident. If your child is 18 and over, call 101 or 999 if they are at risk of immediate harm.
- **Report any images or videos that have been shared:** help your child to remove images that are online or prevent images being shared online by following these three steps:
 1. Use [Report Remove](#), a tool from Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation. Your child can use this to remove images that have been shared or might be shared.
 2. Use [Take It Down](#), a tool from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Your child can use this to remove or stop the online sharing of images or videos.
 3. Report directly to the platform or app that the incident has occurred on. For advice on how to report to major social media platforms, visit [Internet Matters](#).

My World of Work account migration – existing pupil accounts

The process to migrate over 576,000 registered accounts from the current My World of Work to the updated site will begin on Monday 6 May. This means pupils will be unable to access their accounts, including their CVs and profiles, from **13 May until 2 June**. They can then regain access when the site launches on 3 June.

All pupils who have accessed their My World of Work account within the last three years will be sent an email this week to notify them of the essential maintenance taking place, with instructions to download their CV if required.

When the refreshed site is live on 3 June, pupils with registered accounts will also receive an email with instructions to reset their password – this will be necessary to regain access to their accounts. Once the password reset is complete, any existing CVs will be available in the new CV builder, and they'll be able to download their profile as a PDF. Existing customers can also choose to create a new account on the beta version of My World of Work, where they'll be able to begin using the new and improved CV builder. However, if they create a new account using the email linked to their existing account, their CVs and profile will not be migrated across.

Healthcare Academy



Are you interested in a career in health and social care? The Healthcare Academy could be the perfect opportunity for you!

- Join **D&A College & NHS Tayside** for a 6 week training course in partnership with **Discover Work**
- **Gain the skills, knowledge and confidence** you need to start a rewarding career in health & social care
- Experience working in various NHS departments during **work placements**
- **Guaranteed interviews** for up to 6 months after satisfactory completion of course

Information Day:

11am, Tuesday 23rd April 2024 @ Lecture Theatre 1, D&A College, Gardyne Road, Dundee, DD5 1NY

Course dates:

Monday 13th May to Friday 21st June 2024

To get involved email:

contact@discoverworkdundee.co.uk



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Jobs Fair at UHI PERTH

**Wednesday 22 May 2024
9am – 2pm**

UHI Perth, Webster Building, Crieff Road, PH1 2NX

UHI Perth are hosting a Jobs Fair where students and the local community can **speak to with over 30 local employers about live job opportunities,**

bring your CV if you wish to hand this across.

**Register your interest
in attending here:**

