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Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school session. Time certainly flies when you are enjoying yourself. I would again like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, staff, parents and the whole school community for yet another wonderful year in our school.

As you can see from the Newsletter this term has replicated the rest of the session with a varied range of interesting and exciting activities for our pupils and yet more excellent achievements in a wide range of fields. Many of them new additions to our ever increasing catalogue of extra-curricular activities.

As I write hundreds of pupils are either out of school or preparing to go on a variety of UPBEAT trips ranging from World Team Challenge to Vietnam, Blackpool and just about everything in between. A fabulous end to a busy session.

We recently said farewell to our S6 pupils at a wonderful Prom in the Hilton Hotel and we wish them well for the future. We are now eagerly anticipating next session. The timetable has now changed for our new S2 to S6 pupils and we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils in August.

We have continued to maintain our high standards of school uniform throughout this session and I thank you for your support in this matter. It is vitally important, as we start to focus on our preparations for the next session in August, that we persist in our continued determination to maintain our current high standards. I have again included an extract from our Uniform Policy in the Newsletter for your information. I am confident that if pupils, parents and staff continue to work together we can look forward to sustaining our current excellent uniform standards.

As part of our uniform arrangements we have put in place a blazer recycling scheme. If you have a blazer you no longer require we would be delighted if you could donate it to the school in which case we will keep it in our Uniform Store, find it a new owner or alternatively try to arrange an exchange for a more suitable alternative.

In addition we now have a large collection of nearly new blazers which we are happy to provide to anyone who is having difficulty purchasing a new blazer. Please note that the school office is open throughout the summer break if you wish to contact us regarding this matter.

In addition to pupils leaving, the end of the session is traditionally a time when staff leave our school. Mr Jim Murphy (Technical Teacher) is retiring. Also congratulations to Ms Karen McFarlane on her promotion to the post of Principal Teacher of Modern Languages at Ardrossan Academy. I would like to thank both of them for their excellent contribution to our school and wish them well with the next stage of their life after Mearns Castle.

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MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Letter from the Head Teacher

As our thoughts turn to next session, as always, I have included a calendar featuring some of key events in our school.

I commend the school's website and Twitter account to you for regular updates on school events. The address of the website and Twitter account are shown at the bottom of this page

We always welcome your feedback on the Newsletter or indeed on any other aspect of the school. You can share your views with us via the return slip at the back of the Newsletter, via the school's e-mail address or by any other means of communication that suits you.

Finally, school closes for the summer holidays on Thursday 27 June at 1pm. The arrangements for the last day of term as follows:

- The school dining hall will only provide a sandwich service on this day
- Pupils having lunch in school should buy their lunch from the dining hall at the morning interval
- Lunchtime begins as usual at 12.20pm and will run until 1pm
- School buses will be available at 1pm for pupils who travel home by bus
- School closes for the summer holiday at 1pm

The 2019 SQA examination results will be distributed to candidates on Tuesday 6 August. We offer our best wishes to our senior pupils for their exam results. We re-open for pupils at 8.45am on Monday 19 August. I hope you and your family have a wonderful summer holiday.

Dean Smith

Headteacher

Email the school on: schoolmail@mearnscastle.e-renfrew.sch.uk

The school's website address is: www.mearnscastle.co.uk

The school's twitter account is: @mearnshigh

School Uniform Matters

Following extensive consultation with pupils, parents and staff the uniform for all pupils at Mearns Castle High School is as follows:-

Blazers

A black blazer (woolen or polyester) with a Mearns Castle High School badge is compulsory for all pupils. Blazers should be worn to and from school. Blazers must also be worn in school at all times but can be removed during lessons.

During inclement weather, pupils can wear a black outdoor jacket over their blazer. Outdoor jackets must then be removed in school and stored in lockers. If appropriate, blazers should be correctly braided. Braiding arrangements are available on our school's website: www.ea.e-renfrew.sch.uk/mearnscastle.

Skirts

Two styles of black skirt are compulsory: box pleat or straight.

Dependent on a pupil's height, skirts should be between 18" – 22" in length. As a rule, skirts should be worn no higher than 2" above the knee, with plain black tights or black knee high socks.

Trousers

Girls can wear black, formal boot-cut trousers. Boys must wear formal, black school trousers. Trousers must be worn up to the waist. If a belt is worn it must be all black with a plain buckle.

Shirts/Jumpers

A formal white school shirt must be worn, tucked in. A plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan, where the tie is clearly visible, can be worn.

Headscarves

If girls are choosing to wear a headscarf for religious reasons it must be a plain black headscarf.

Ties

An appropriate school tie must be worn up to the neck and properly tied with the school badge clearly visible.

The following school ties are available:

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| S1/S2/S3 | - | red tie |
| S4/S5 | - | blue tie |
| S6 | - | black and red tie |

Colours ties are available in all styles for pupils who have achieved School Colours.

Scarf

Two styles of school scarf are available.



Footwear

Formal all black school shoes with a black sole and black laces, if appropriate, must be worn.

Physical Education Kit

Pupils in S1 to S6 must wear a red Polo shirt. A customised version of the red Polo shirt is also available for pupils studying Higher PE. All pupils must also wear either black tracksuit trousers or black shorts. A black school hooded top is available to be worn during PE or when representing the school at sporting events.

All items of Mearns Castle High School uniform are available from:

Stevensons School Outfitters

192 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UE
Tel: 0141 638 7689
Email: giffnockbranch@stevensons.co.uk

Academy Uniforms Ltd

4a Rennie Place
College Milton North, East Kilbride, G74 5HD
Tel: 01355 244879
Email: info@academyuniformsltd.com

More information on our school uniform standards can be found on our website. If you wish further advice in relation to our school uniform requirements please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Tel: 0141 577 2300
Email: schoolmail@mearnscastle.e-renfrew.sch.uk

We look forward to working in partnership with pupils and parents to ensure a consistently high standard of school uniform for our school.

Maths

Maths Matters

Pupils in the Maths department have had another outstanding year. Many have taken part in national competitions, both on an individual and a team basis. Here are just some of the activities that have captured pupils' interest, together with a list of their successes:

United Kingdom Maths Trust

This session, pupils in S2, S5 and S6 entered this Maths competition. Pupils were very successful, with a large number of certificates awarded - ninety-nine! The results were as follows:

Gold 9

Silver 41

Bronze 49

Primary Maths Challenge

Mrs Anderson again organised our Primary Team Challenge. Pupils from our Cluster Primary schools visited for a morning in May to take part in a range of mathematical activities. By all accounts, this competition was enjoyed by all, with Mearns retaining the trophy.



Mathématiques sans Frontières

Once again, we entered this National Competition. Our S5 team was placed in the top ten: we eagerly await the final result!

Maths

Finance Week

Pupils in S1, S2 and S3 had the opportunity to hone their financial skills by taking part in various activities. In S1, pupils were given the task of developing a business. They were required to identify a product or an experience, devise a plan, and work out costs before making a presentation to a panel of judges. In S2, pupils were tasked with designing a Theme Park and in S3, pupils took part in the BP Challenge, where they were involved in buying and selling oil, taking into account market fluctuations.



Code Breaking

Our Code Breakers once again travelled to Manchester in May, to take part in the Alan Turing Competition.



Congratulations to Emma and Anna (new S3), who successfully broke all codes in the competition this year - a first for Mearns Castle! Both girls received certificates from the organisers and a prize from the school.

Maths

Our third Inter-School Code Breaking competition took place on Thursday 20 June, with visiting teams from Williamwood HS, St Luke's HS and Barrhead HS. The theme this year was "Lord of the Rings". The codes this year were tough to break; however, I am delighted to announce that Mearns Castle were the worthy winners of the trophy for the first time. Our winning team consisted of Sean, Luke and Daniel, all new S2 pupils. We are indebted to Innes and Fiona (new S6) for making up the codes.



As the session draws to a close, pupils and staff alike are looking forward to a good rest, but we'll be back in August, ready to start the next round of competitions and activities!


 The logo for 'Puzzle of the Week' features the words 'PUZZLE', 'OF THE', and 'WEEK' stacked vertically. 'PUZZLE' is in blue, 'OF THE' is in red and grey, and 'WEEK' is in green. The text is set against a light brown grid background.

The international competition "Puzzle of the Week" is still coming to an end in the Maths department. We have had great success this session, currently sitting 3rd on the Global leaderboard although the puzzles will continue to be released for a few weeks after we have finished for the Summer Break.

Schools (leaderboards) 18-19 : Top 20 This Year

Position	School	Country	Correct Answers	All Answers
1	Queen Elizabeth's Academy	England	3087	3484
2	Strathaven Academy	Scotland	1631	1844
3	Mearns Castle High School	Scotland	1474	1747
4	Walthamstow School for Girls	England	1171	1310
5	St Andrews International School Bangkok	Thailand	1055	1240
6	Nishimachi International School	Japan	934	1246
7	Garden International School	Malaysia	912	1156
8	Archbishop Temple CofE High School	England	863	1507
9	The Kimberley School	England	798	943
10	JESS Dubai	UAE	689	1185
11	Parliament Hill School	England	591	1004
12	Ralph Allen School	England	568	692
13	The British School of Brussels	Belgium	496	553
14	Valenzuela City School of Mathematics and Sc	Philippines	495	587
15	Royal Hospital School	England	365	495
16	The International School @ Parkcity	Malaysia	343	425
17	Brannock High School	Scotland	335	424
18	Bryn Celynnog	Wales	332	358
19	St Albans Girls' School	England	329	418
20	Dumbarton Academy	Scotland	297	466
TOTAL			23632	31641

We have entered 1734 answers since the start of the contest in October and 1462 of those answers have been correct which means we have maintained our success rate of 85% over the course of the year, which is a fantastic achievement.

Our in-school competition came to an end with the change of timetable, and we have had some incredible success, with one of our pupils placing in the Top 10 globally from over 11,500 participants!


 A graphic with a grid background. The text 'PUZZLE' is in blue, 'OF THE' is in red and grey, and 'WEEK' is in green.

PUZZLE
OF THE
WEEK

School Position	World Position	Correct Answers	Total Answers	Forename	Surname	Year
1	9	26	26	Louisa	Crerar	S4
2	28	23	23	Erin	Beveridge	Leaver
3	45	21	21	Kirstin	West	Leaver
4	90	18	20	Jonathan	Russell	S2
5	107	17	17	Hassan	Sheikh	Leaver
6	111	16	21	Finlay	Blair	S2
7	128	16	16	Anan	Mughal	Leaver
7	128	16	16	Ruaridh	Wong	Leaver
9	133	15	18	Shraddha	Meti	S4
10	146	15	16	Grace	McKenzie	S2

Winning the POTW Trophy for the second year in a row is **Louisa Crerar** (S4). Congratulations to Louisa on her success - will anyone take her crown next year?

Those who finished in the Top 10 will also receive a prize. Well done to all who participated, and we look forward to the 2019/20 competition.

English



English Department News



This has been a very busy, productive term for the English department and we have very much enjoyed getting to know our new classes who we look forward to working with next session.

We would like to wish you a very happy, relaxing summer holiday!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR LUNCTIME CLUBS

Miss Murphy's comic book club has bid a very fond farewell to Abbas Baig who has supported the club since its inception. Over the years Abbas has brought his incredible enthusiasm for all things comic book - as well as his wealth of knowledge - to benefit the club as whole. Best of luck for the future, Abbas - you will be missed!

SEARCHING FOR LITERACY AND NUMERACY

During the month of May, S2 pupils (new S3) had the opportunity to explore how their numeracy and literacy skills are developed across all curricular areas by participating in activities in classes around the school. 8 lucky winners were selected for the quality of their answers and the amount of effort they had put into the quiz as a whole. The students listed below were each awarded a £10 voucher for Silverburn Shopping Centre at assembly:

NOAH LING

ALEEZA CHOUDHRY

JOHN GALLOWAY

LUCY KETTLEWELL

HANNAH MARTIN

ROSS BURNSIDE

SAFA AHMED

JEMMA MCKANE

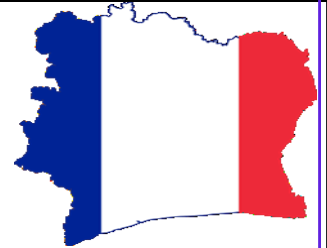
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PAIRED READING

As the school year draws to a close we would like to thank all former S6 pupils who worked tirelessly throughout the session to support younger students through paired reading and class involvement. We wish you all the very best of luck for the future.

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S6 ADVANCED HIGHER FRENCH & SPANISH STIRLING UNIVERSITY TRIP



On 12 June, a group of Advanced Higher pupils who will be studying French and/or Spanish this year visited the University of Stirling. They took part in a full day's programme designed for pupils from all over the country, allowing them to have a taster of the Modern Languages course. Pupils enjoyed attending mini-lectures, both on cultural aspects of their chosen country and on linguistic or grammatical aspects of either French or Spanish. They also had the opportunity to connect with other linguists. Finally, they were able to hear first-hand accounts from graduates who had completed the course at Stirling and who imparted their passion for Modern Languages and stressed all the benefits of the time abroad offered in the course. Overall, a very inspiring day!

Madame Naddell



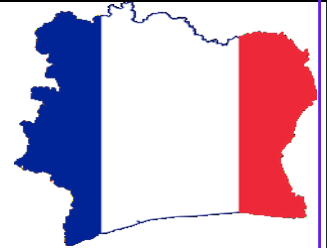
"A great day"

by Susannah, Advanced Higher student in French and Spanish

On the 12th June, myself and other Advanced higher French and Spanish students had the opportunity of visiting Stirling University to get a taste of what learning languages at university is like. We attended lectures and seminars in which we had the chance to experience a new style of learning while being immersed in French and Spanish culture. I found these really interesting and they helped me realise how important it is to know about a country's history to be able to fully appreciate a foreign language. For me, one of the best parts was listening to current language students who all sang praises about studying languages at Stirling.

Their degrees all sounded very fun and rewarding, but what interested me most was their opportunity to spend a year/semester abroad - all of the students described this as a highly positive experience which really helped them grow as a person and greatly improved their language skills. Overall, I had a great day, which gave me an insight into life at university and has further encouraged me to study languages!

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S3 Linguachef Competition

On Friday 14th three gifted linguists and aspiring chefs - Sam, Lili and Ilya of S3 competed at the Linguachef Final at The City of Glasgow College. The pupils had one hour in a professional kitchen to produce a French dish with a Scottish twist.

Our budding master chefs produced a very impressive Hachis Parmentier incorporating haggis and cheddar cheese; however, they were beat to the top spot by Dunblane Academey with their Dutch Stampot.

Pupils presented their dish in French and impressed the judges with their culinary knowledge and selection of tenses in French.

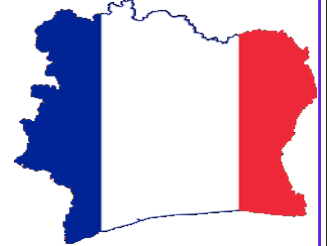
Well done to Ilya, Lili and Sam in S3



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Modern Languages Information via Social Media



Please note that the Modern Languages Department has its own Twitter page, so information and photos regarding any department activities and deadlines can be found here if you follow @MCHSModLang

On the Modern Languages Department website is posted information on the Higher and Advanced Higher courses in languages. This is worth a read if you are embarking on either of these courses. Follow this link to access the information. [Modern Languages Website](#)

S3 Modern Languages Ambassadors

In early May, the Modern Languages department recruited some of their most enthusiastic young linguists to take on the role of Junior Language Ambassadors.

The Junior Language Ambassadors take up the duties of the S6 Languages Ambassadors in the last term of school.

They have worked with the Modern Languages department to host an S2 French Breakfast, during which they introduced pupils to typical French breakfast items and some legendary French pop classics. Pupils also completed a quiz.

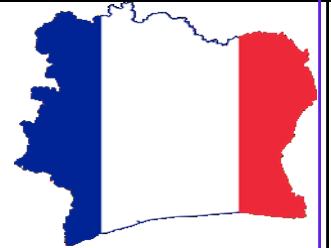
They have also revamped the noticeboards around the department, and worked on the Pupil of the Month initiative.

Congratulations to:

Megan, Hope, Lucy, Chloe, Laura and Sophie



Modern Languages



S3 Modern Languages Ambassadors

Bonjour, we are the Junior Language Ambassadors

We ran the S2 French Breakfast on the 20th May.

We made quizzes on French tongue twisters, Francophone countries and French eating habits.

We helped the S2 pupils translate the tongue twisters into English to help their understanding of the French language and how to pronounce certain words

When they went up to get their food, we helped them to order it in French. They had a choice of baguettes, croissants, pain au chocolate and apple or orange juice

At the end of the breakfast, we put on the French Eurovision song from this year so they could hear what a French song sounds like. We then put on the Spanish Eurovision song to let them hear Spanish and to try to encourage them to take Spanish next year so that they are able to widen their job opportunities and communicate with people all around the world.

SE BUSCA!

¿Usted es de habla hispana? O ¿habla español a nivel avanzado? Si es así necesitamos su ayuda. Buscamos familiares o amigos de alumnos que trabajen en una empresa multinacional aquí en Escocia o que hayan vivido y trabajado en el extranjero, para visitar el colegio para hablar con los alumnos de la importancia de los idiomas y las oportunidades laborales que les puedan ofrecer. Será una charla informal durante el curso escolar.

Le Club Français

In D2

Every Friday Lunchtime

A new French Club is starting in August. Pupils will be able to approach both French languages and culture in a fun, informal way. We will be playing games, looking at recipes, listening to songs and watching videos, discussing news items and much, much more!

Starting in August

For further information or suggestions

Contact Madame Naddell



Social Subjects

Geography, History, Modern Studies

This term saw the Social Subjects faculty successfully deliver the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) for the fourth year running to the entire Second Year cohort. YPI allows the pupils to develop a multitude of skills for life, learning and work while forming positive links with the local community.

Pupils were required to develop their understanding of philanthropy through identifying a social issue and championing a local charity with the aim of winning a £3000 donation from the Wood Foundation. Pupils used their time in class and outside school to choose, research and visit their chosen charity and create a presentation asserting why their charity was the most deserving of such a valuable donation. The pupils delivered their presentations to their peers within their class groups before eight groups were selected to compete in the YPI Final on the 30th of May.



The YPI project culminated in a grand final in the school theatre where the eight successful finalists delivered their presentations to their peers, charity representatives, teachers and an intimidating panel of judges consisting of a representative from YPI, former Head Girl Iona Ferguson, former Deputy Head Boy Hassan Sheikh and S2 Year Head Mr Donnelly and Depute Head Mr Hale. All finalists delivered their presentations with confidence, enthusiasm and passion; showcasing the dedication and commitment they had shown to this challenge. The standard of presentations gained plaudits across the board and certainly impressed the Wood Foundation's representative in attendance, Alistair Cairns, who remarked that 'the standard of presentation was exceptionally high this year!'

The Winning Group!

After some very hard deliberation by the judging panel, it was decided that the charity who would be benefiting from the £3000 donation were announced to be **Include Me 2 Club**. The charity had excellent representation from Annabella Rice, Ayaan Sheikh, Anna Fotedar, Leon Buchanan-Widmann, Zia Afzal and Iain James who delivered a fantastic presentation outlining the needs of the charity, their journey as a team and also the importance of the issue through a brilliant, thoughtful video.



The final was hard fought and all of the teams who made it through did themselves and their charities proud. A wide variety of social issues and charities were represented during the final including charities dealing with poverty, supporting those with disabilities, carers, victim support, refugees and the elderly.



All staff in the Social Subjects faculty and the wider school community have been thrilled by the amount of work and effort the pupils have dedicated to this initiative again this year, making it as successful as it was last year. The amount of pupils who spent class time, break times, lunch times and their own time to make this project such a success was amazing to see. One of the great elements of the project was the engagement by all groups with their chosen charity and commitment to aiding them in their causes through independent fundraising contributing to their charities through bake sales, sponsored cycles as well as other endeavours. It is our hope that all of the pupils who engaged with a charity on their journey will continue to do so in the future and can continue to develop their role as responsible and conscientious citizens of East Renfrewshire.

PE Department

Physical Education and Sports Update June 2019

New Additions to our fitness Suite

The fitness suite, in the school, is currently being reorganised and with our new equipment it will create another excellent learning environment. This area should be ready for pupil use on their return in August. The PTA funded Concept 2 Rowing machines will be available for all pupils during their fitness development classes as well as supporting the development of the rowing team.

Cheerleading Club news

Within the club pupils develop their dance, gymnastics and performance skills. The Club has managed to purchase Pom Pom's ready for the competition season in 2019-2020. We are always recruiting pupils in S1-S3 new to cheerleading. If you would like to be involved in the club next year and require any further information, please speak to Miss Roberts in the PE Department.

Hope to see you all next year.



PE Department

Girls 5 A Side Football

Mrs Little's team (S1-S3) have now completed their final series of games. Several ER secondary schools took part throughout the year in a variety of mini tournaments. Well done to all girls who competed this year.

Netball

East Renfrewshire Netball Championships A group of 14 S1 girls travelled to Williamwood High School on the 19th March 2019 to take part in the East Renfrewshire Netball League. They had the opportunity to play against other teams from Williamwood HS, Eastwood HS and St. Ninian's HS. The girls really enjoyed this experience as it was their first time playing as a team against the other schools in the Authority.

The following week on the 26th March 2019, a group of 8 S2 girls travelled to Eastwood High School to take part in the East Renfrewshire Netball League for their year group. They played matches against Eastwood HS, Williamwood HS and St. Ninian's HS. This was excellent opportunity for the girls to represent the school and gave them a chance to re-play some of the teams they faced in the Scottish Cup Tournament.

East Renfrewshire Summer Netball Tournament The S1 and S2 school netball teams attended The East Renfrewshire Summer Netball Tournament at St. Ninian's High School on Thursday 9th May. All three teams played excellently showcased admirable sporting etiquette. Both the S1 team 1 and the S2 team came away with 4th position in their respective competitions and the S1 team 2 came in 5th position.

S1 Team 1: Jessie Gavienas-Tweedlie, Jemma Moffat, Abigail Patterson, Nikki Cuthbertson, Neve McNab, Katie Orr, Anna Stevenson, Ellie Fraser, Cara Nutley and Sophie Links.

S1 Team 2: Olivia Syme, Eilidh Veitch, Lauren Crerar, Imogen Boyle, Susie McInnes, Fiza Ali, Naomi O'Brien, Rebecca Jones and Tara Menon

S2 Team: Helena Summers, Neve Patterson, Emma Wilson, Beth Logan, Alex Wittmann, Sophie Gillespie, Kirsty Wylie and Jenna Henderson.



PE Department

School Athletics Meeting at On X Linwood 2019

We were fortunate with the weather over the 2 days of our school sports at Linwood this year. Well done to all S1-S3 pupils who participated. There were many personal best results achieved on both days. The event help identify competitors for the East Renfrewshire and Scottish Schools Athletics Championships.



East Renfrewshire Athletics Championships 2019



Well done to all participants who represented the school at the recent ER Inter School Athletics Championships. Many achieved new personal best times and distances. A special mention to some who were placed.

100m: S1 Sean Kodra 2nd, S3 Stephen Kelly 2nd, S2 Beth Logan 2nd, S1 Olivia Hendry 3rd

200m: S1 Sean Kodra 3rd, S3 Harris Paterson 2nd, S1 Emily Watson 1st, S1 Katie Orr 2nd, S2 Beth Logan 3rd, S3 Lily Rae 3rd.

400m: S1 Anthony Orr 3rd, S3 Thomas Robinson 3rd

800m: S3 Harris Paterson 3rd

1500m: S1 John Fairlie 3rd, S2 Leo Nicholson 3rd, S1 Poppy Rae 3rd, S2 Kirsty Wylie 2nd

Long Jump: S1 John Fairlie 3rd, S3 Stephen Kelly 1st, S1 Emily Watson 2nd, S2 Beth Logan 2nd

Shot Putt: S2 Lewis McCormick 2nd, S3 Lewis McNeil 2nd, S3 Daniel Farooq 3rd, S2 Girls Sorcha Caves

Relays (4x100m): S1 Girls 2nd, S2 Boys 3rd, S3 Boys 2nd

PE Department

Scottish School Athletics Championships June 2019

Congratulations to all pupils who attended various events throughout the days of the Scottish Schools Championships.

There were some notable results which included some PBs.

Pentathlon Emily Watson total points 2205

100m Scott Wylie 5th overall, time 11.44

1500m Kirsty Wylie 5.17.09

1500m Harris Paterson 3rd overall 4.13.06

400m Ross Veitch 4th overall 52.72

75m Hurdles Emily Watson 2nd overall 12.43

800m Harris Paterson 2.05.61

3000m Ben Shaw 3rd overall 8.58.59



PE Department

Sports Leadership Team (1 minute interviews)

The Sports Leadership Team carried out a number of 1 minute interviews with some of our sports celebrities to give you some background information and an update of their recent achievements.

Gregor Stott, Tennis. Gregor started his tennis career when he was only 7 years old and ever since he has fell in love with the game, interested from a young age by watching his tennis hero's on the court, so too did Gregor find himself being successful whither it was at Whitecraigs, Giffnock or at David Lloyd. Achievements: 1st in under 14's Scottish singles, 3rd in under 16's Scottish singles, 1st in under 16's Scottish indoor champs (doubles). Gregor says in his own words that he is a hardworking and determined player who is not negative when down in a game and uses self-empowerment to better his game. Gregor hopes to receive a scholarship to a USA university, as well as becoming a professional player competing at the highest levels.

Isa Akram, Boxing. Isa found himself in the boxing ring from a young age and for the past 11 years. He has excelled and demonstrated this in many performances. He highlights how he improves with every punch thrown. Inspired by his dad, who got him into the sport, Isa has an excellent boxing record with over 40 wins in the ring. Achievements: Won the British Championships, Bronze in European championships, 40 wins. Isa says that he is a hard training boxer who does not give up. He is passionate about the sport and uses the sport to keep himself out of trouble and keep focused on achieving his dream. Isa is an inspired boxer who wants to make it to the very top of the sport and will do anything he can to get there.

Harris Patterson, Athletics (800m/1500m). Harris joined Giffnock North at young age after competing and winning a primary school cross country competition and has not looked back. Harris has been extremely successful in his running with being selected to represent Giffnock North and Means Castle High School at numerous events. Achievements: Selected for SIAB (Scottish athletics competition), won 1500m Scottish Schools. Harris is a hard training athlete who is motivated by success. In the future Harris is hoping to make a career out of athletics and one day be a world champion.

Luke Flavell, Football. Luke is someone who is passionate about the game ever since he was young, joining the team he is still with today, over 12 years later. Luke one day hopes he will become a top level coach of a first division side. Achievements: Dunoon tournament winner, Division 3 cup final, St Mirren Cup semi-finals, Scottish Cup quarter finals. Luke is hardworking, determined with a want to win attitude

Sophie Mo, Gymnastics. Sophie is an athletic outgoing S2 girl in our school. She has been involved with gymnastics since she was 4 years old, this is when she first joined Zippy gymnastics club. She recently left Zippys club in December 2018 and moved to Hamilton to help her develop her skills further. Sophie has accomplished a lot. For example at the National 4th level competition in Perth, she was placed 1st and also at a level 4 competition in Cumbernauld where she performed very well. The most important characteristics which helps her to be successful is being able to control her nerves and by being resilient- "if you fall off the beam you need to get back up."

PE Department

Sports Leadership Team (1 minute interviews)

Emma Barbour, Athletics (high Jump). Emma is a strong determined S6 girl who has been involved with the High Jump event since she was 13 years old. She started by joining Giffnock North athletics club and getting her own professional coach. Since then she has been progressing. Currently she is taking a break from the sport. Her PB is an outstanding height of 1.70m and has broken Scottish Indoor records and once held the top height for Scotland under 17's. The most important characteristics which helps her to be successful is being confident and having "long legs"

Kendal Armitt, Rower. Kendal is a talented young rower who started the sport of rowing at the age of 11. Kendal now rows for Clydesdale amateur rowing club 10 times a week and is hoping to soon join the Scottish team, when she turns 16. Kendal recently achieved 1st place in the Scottish Championships and has been placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in various Indoor championship events. At the moment Kendal is waiting to participate in the British championships which are coming up. The most important characteristics which helps her to be successful is being hard working and determined.

Beth Logan, Netball, is a 3rd year pupil at Mearns Castle who has been playing netball since primary 4. She is very committed to her netball as she trains 3-4 times a week with St Cadocs and plays in the position of Goal Attack. She has recently been selected for the Scotland Development Academy, which is a fantastic achievement, with her hard work paying off. Her most important characteristic which has helped her to be successful is her resilience.

Crystelle Lake, Gymnast. Crystelle is a talented young gymnast at Mearns Castle who has been performing competitively since she was 11. She trains with City of Glasgow Gymnastics club and has been a very successful member of this club. She is currently 10th in Britain in her gymnastics and most recently was the 2019 Junior Champion... a great achievement! Her most important personal characteristics that have driven her to success is commitment, determination and patience.

Mark McKee, Boxer. Mark is a talented young boxer at Mearns Castle high School who has been boxing for 5 years. He trains 3 times a week which shows his hard work and commitment towards the sport. Mark won the Scottish Novice Boys 44 kg Gold Medal which is a fantastic achievement. Mark's most important personal characteristics which helps him succeed is his determination, hard work and confidence.

Danyaal Farooq, Taekwondo. He first started when he was 6 and his Dad wanted him to try out the sport because he too had previously competed. Danyaal has now been competing for 10 years. His notable achievements: Gold at the Croatia open, Bronze at the European Open, British Championship winner (three times). Most up to date achievement: Silver at the Slovenian Open in February 2019, Gold at Yorkshire Open in May 2019. Characteristics: Danyaal feels he is confident, determined and motivated and credits these characteristics for his success in Taekwondo.

Daniel Sabba, Gymnastics, he first took part in Gymnastics aged 4 and has not looked back since. He has been competing for 9 years. Notable achievements: Scottish U14's champion. Most up to date achievement: Competing for Scotland in the home nations. Characteristics, Daniel credits his achievements to his excellent work ethic and determination to succeed. In the future Daniel hopes to take his ability all the way to the Commonwealth games as he hopes to make a career out of competing.

Taylor Langmuir, Skiing. Taylor first started skiing at the age of two after going on a family holiday. Her notable achievements: 3rd in the British Championship, 2nd in the English Championship. Most up to date achievement: 2nd in the Scottish Indoor. Characteristics: Taylor believes that her ambition and determination is the reason for her success so far. Taylor is looking to make a living for herself through competing in various Skiing events.

Ross Clarke, Football. Ross first started playing football at four years old after a friend invited him to join his local team. Notable achievements: Paisley & Johnstone division 2 winner, West region cup runner up. Most up to date achievement: Quarter finals in the Scottish Cup. Characteristics: Ross believes that his attitude has helped him to improve as a footballer. In the future Ross is looking to become a coach of a football team.

PE Department

Volleyball News

Congratulations to Laura Baillie (S6) who was presented with her first International cap when she was selected to represent Scotland for the Scottish women's volleyball team earlier this year. Thanks Laura for your past support in the development of the young talent within the volleyball club. Many pupils benefitted from your expertise and help. Great to see someone following in Lynne Beattie's (Olympian) footsteps.

Mrs McNab and Mrs Little have organised the summer volleyball camp again this year. Primary 7 pupils from our associated Primaries will attend this camp from Wednesday 7th August to Friday 9th August.

Football News

Shirley Roberts 5 a side Football Competition

Thanks to Mr Robertson and Mr Thomson who organised the team which represented the school at St Ninians in this competition. The standard, like usual, was high with several very close games with one or two goals separating teams.

Paisley and District schools football team trial

Congratulations to both Fraser Robertson and Matthew O Donnell were selected to participate in the P and D football team trials.

Secondary Games Events May 2019

Congratulations to all 56 competitors who participated in a wide range of activities throughout East Renfrewshire with some excellent results in: table tennis, hockey, netball, tennis, bowls, football and rugby.



PE Department

S3 Young Sports Leaders

The S3 Young Sports Leaders supported by helping on the day of our associated primary schools sports days, through the months of May and June. Thanks to them all for their support and help making it a memorable day for all participants.

P7 transition Sports Day

Mearns Castle hosted the primary 7 pupils from our associated primaries to the annual inter school sports day held at the astro turf pitches on Waterfoot road. Thanks goes to the staff from the Primary schools who accompanied competitors and Brandon Wamberg, from Active Schools, who hosted and organised the event. This was another great opportunity for pupils to meet one another prior to starting in August 2019.

Primary Transition 5 a side Football competition

5 primary teams participated in this event on Wednesday 12th June. All teams played a series of games with Eaglesham primary just winning after a close fought match against Mearns primary. Well done to all participants. Thanks also go to Jamie and Alex for their excellent help referring the event.

Community Involvement Sports Leaders

The following sixth year students have requested to join the community involvement programme within the PE department. They will be supporting the young people within PE classes throughout next year. Thank you all for your continued support. S6 pupils who have yet to decide their community involvement are still welcome to be involved with the PE programme or indeed the many other leadership roles within the department. You are welcome to discuss this further with Mr Gibson. Luke Flavel, Ross Clarke, Nicole Watson, Susan Howie, Olivia Robertson, Laura Hay and Ewan McFarlane.

Young Sports Ambassadors

Thanks goes to Ewan McFarlane, Megan Merry and Nicole Watson for their support in organising and officiating in a variety of sporting events throughout the year. Your great support during the primary series of competitions in badminton, football, netball and dance are worthy of a special thanks. Your help was invaluable and many primary pupils have lasting memories of the competitions. Their organisation of a number of secondary events created a safe and competitive environment.

Interviews for the new S5 Young Sports Ambassadors will take place at the beginning of the new term. Pupils interested in these positions please make sure you collect an application form from Brandon Wamberg, our Active schools coordinator.

U14 Football

The u14 team have now completed their successful 18/19 season where having only properly entered the league set up after Christmas, they have won the Europa League and got to the semi-final of the St Mirren Cup which has been a fantastic achievement for the boys. On route to winning their league they beat Park Mains 2-0, Eastwood 8-2, Gryffe 5-0 and St Ninians B. Several members of the squad were presented awards to outline their contribution to the team at our end of season awards lunch. Winners were as follow:

Goal of the Season and Young Player of the Year - Sean Borland

Fans Player of the Year and Joint Managers Player of the Year - Fraser Robertson

Players Player of the Year and Joint Top Scorer - Matthew O'Donnell

Joint Managers Player of the Year - Adam Grahame

Joint Top Scorer - Lukas Millar

Most Improved Player - Gordon Wylie

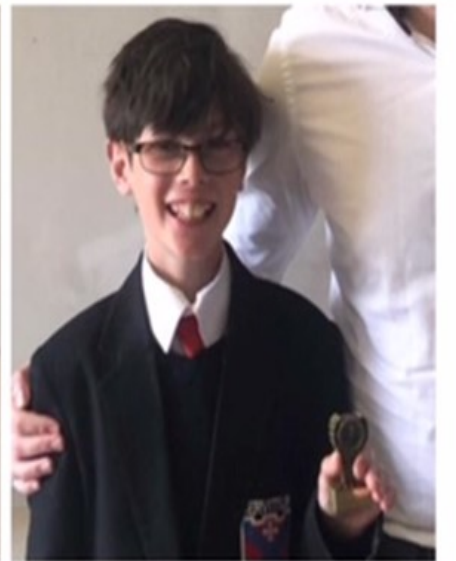
Unsung Heroes - Ben McAlister and Ethan Hill

Players Player of the Year Runner Up - Dylan Rae

Ultra of the Year - Sam McFarlane



U14 Football



Duke of Edinburgh



Duke of Edinburgh Award (Kward)

A group of 67 enthusiastic S3 pupils have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions. Pupils completed a training Expedition in New Lanark. They developed their navigation skills and enjoyed the scenery along the Clyde walkway. They were not so happy about the number of steps they had to climb up to the Clyde Waterfalls!



The pupils put up their tents and enjoyed a gourmet one-pot dinner. A few still had energy to play football! It was a very cold night but we woke up to sunshine in the morning.



Duke of Edinburgh



By the end of term, pupils should all successfully complete their Bronze Award. They have been involved in a variety of different activities, helping in charity shops, with after school clubs and fundraising for charity. They have taken up new skills like cooking, sign language and coding. They have also been busy doing an hour of sport each week for the physical section of the Award.



In August a group of 62, S5 pupils will take part in a 30 mile Silver Practice Expedition in the Lake District, followed by a Qualifying Expedition in the Loch Lomond area. They will be joined in the Lake District by 27, S6 pupils who are taking part in the Gold Award. The Gold group will face some challenging climbs and navigation in the Skiddaw area. In September, Gold participants will undertake a 50 mile Qualifying Gold Expedition on Arran. The route takes them from the North to the South of Arran. Pupils will get to see otters, eagles and dolphins. Over the summer holidays, many of the Gold participants are undertaking their 5 -day residential section of the Gold award. They have signed up to adventure programmes, team building weeks, helping at international guide camps and helping in respite care centres.

All sections of the Award demand dedication, enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things. We look forward to presenting certificates and badges at assembly when they complete.

Debating News

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Mearns Castle's Durham Debaters

Zainab, Kirsten, Punim, Cerys, Katie, Vivian, Emma and Hazel

On Saturday 30th March, 8 Mearns Castle debaters travelled to Durham to compete at the 2019 Durham Union Schools Debating Competition. The Durham weekend attracts the top debating schools from around the UK and a total of 120 teams were in attendance at this year's competition. All teams debate 3 times on the Saturday and twice on the Sunday in the preliminary rounds before the 'break' to the top 16. The motions on the day were `challenging and varied and included the topics: *abolishing the minimum wage; abolishing patent laws for pharmaceuticals; making Trade Union membership compulsory* and 'cancel culture'.

Mearns Castle entered 3 senior teams and 1 novice team. All four teams achieved at least one 1st place finish in the preliminary rounds against top class opposition. However, a special mention goes to **Cerys** (S4) and **Hazel** (S5) who qualified for the last 16 after the early rounds and denied a team from Eton College a place in the later stages. Both girls competed to a high standard in the Quarter Finals but the decision went against them in the end. However, breaking at Durham is a fantastic achievement especially as both Cerys and Hazel were competing against many older and more experienced debaters from some of the top schools in the UK.

Debating News

Mearns Castle win the Durham Union Novice Competition



Mearns Castle's Durham Union Novice Champions

Zainab and Kirsten

The Durham Union also run a novice competition for younger debaters as part of the Durham schools competition. All novice teams also debate the 5 preliminary motions against the senior teams but the novice results are placed in a separate tab.

Huge congratulations go to **Zainab** and **Kirsten** (both S3) who won this year's Novice competition. Both girls broke to the last 8 before coming through the semi-final on a motion on *'positive and negative voting'*. Zainab and Kirsten then contested the final in the Durham Union debating chamber and successfully opposed a very difficult motion on TV production. This is a fantastic achievement especially as this was Zainab and Kirsten's first ever Durham competition.

*One final point to note - all of Mearns Castle's debaters achieved excellent speaker points and finished very highly on the speaker tab. The 2019 Durham Union competition was possibly the most successful yet for Mearns Castle debating.

Debating News

International Competition for Young Debaters



Mearns Castle's ICYD debaters

Zainab and Kirsten

On Saturday 27th April, Mearns Castle once again competed at Finals Day of the International Competition for Young Debaters. This year's competition was organised and hosted by the Cambridge Union. Mearns Castle was represented by **Kirsten** and **Zainab of S3**. Kirsten and Zainab had previously qualified for Finals Day back in January at the Regional qualifier in George Watson's College. The ICYD competition attracts the best junior teams (up to age 16) from the UK and around the world. There were also teams in attendance from Canada, India, Greece and the Netherlands. The motions in the preliminary rounds were challenging and included topics such as: *'banning developed countries from hiring doctors from developing countries'*, *'supporting the school strike for climate change'*, *'paying reparations for the Atlantic Slave Trade'* and *'compulsory military service for women as well as men into the army'*. Against top class opposition, Zainab and Kirsten achieved one 1st place and two 2nd place results in the early rounds and broke to the semi-final stage of the competition. Mearns Castle were the only Scottish school to achieve the break. Zainab and Kirsten competed to a high standard in the semi-final (on a motion about teaching children that wealth is a source of shame) but narrowly missed qualifying for the final on a split decision. However, reaching the top 8 in a competition of this calibre against top quality teams from around the world is a fantastic achievement. Both girls represented the school very well. The weekend was rounded off with a short walking tour of Cambridge (we talked our way into King's College - picture overpage).

Debating News



In King's College

Mearns Castle win the Craigmount High School

On Friday 24th May, three intrepid Mearns Castle teams once again made the journey to Craigmount High School in Edinburgh for the annual Craigmount Junior competition. The Craigmount competition attracts the best S1-S3 Junior debaters in the country. Mearns Castle was represented this year by Kirsten and Zainab (S3); Zoe and Eva (S2); and Sarah and Rebecca (S2/1). Each team debated in 3 preliminary rounds before the top 4 teams broke to the final. The motions for the early rounds were wide-ranging: 'This house would ban gambling', 'THW prioritise the funding of STEM subjects in schools' and 'TH regrets the creation of nuclear weapons'. All three of Mearns Castle's teams debated to a very high standard and all achieved at least one 1st place finish in the preliminary rounds. In the end, two Mearns Castle teams, (Kirsten/Zainab and Zoe/Eva) reached the final. Both teams were drawn on the Proposition side of a very difficult final motion - 'This house would cancel Brexit'. Mearns Castle competed against teams from the High School of Dundee and Craigmount in the final.

Debating News



Mearns Castle's 'Craigmount' Debaters

Zainab and Kirsten (with the winner's shield) along with Eva, Zoe, Sarah and Rebecca.

After deliberating for a long time, the judges eventually awarded the win to the team in Opening Proposition - Kirsten and Zainab. Another fantastic achievement. However, a huge mention to all of Mearns Castle's debaters for competing so well. A special mention to Zoe and Eva for reaching the final for the second year in a row. Another mention to Zoe for winning the prize for finishing as the highest S2 speaker on tab. Another great day at Craigmount.

AND FINALLY...

...a mention to all of Mearns Castle's debaters who participated in the **Glasgow Bar Association Junior Debating Competition** at the end of the year. Mearns Castle entered two teams this year - Zainab and Naomi (S3/1), and Kirsten and Emma (S3/2). Both teams qualified from the 1st round on the motion: 'This house would send Greta Thunberg back to school'. Both teams then competed in the Semi-Final on the motion: 'The house deplores the nanny state'. After a long time deliberating, the Judges decisions went against Mearns Castle on this occasion. But all of Mearns Castle's debaters can be proud of their efforts at the end of a long debating season. *A special mention again to Zoe (S2) for standing in for Naomi in the Semi-Finals whilst she was on a school trip.

Personal Development

This has been another busy term in Personal Development. There have been so many events to mention, however here are a few highlights.

Our S4 class have completed the Personal Development Award and rounded off their session by organising an Easter party for the Mearns House Care Home residents. This was another excellent afternoon of games, music and Easter Bingo. It has been a great partnership this year and we look forward to how this can develop in the future.



Some of our S4 PD class also came in during study leave to work on a 'School Memories Project'. As part of this, we looked at oral history and how this was important in finding out about the past. We also practiced our interview skills by looking at good examples of interview questions and situations. We then had the pleasure and privilege of interviewing 2 residents from Mearns Care Home about their school days. This was a very interesting and entertaining morning where we found out some amazing things about the lives of the ladies we spoke to. Following this, we then interviewed Mrs Brophy and Mrs Crilley and this was filmed by our Senior School Technician, Mr McDonald. He worked with us on editing the film as well as discussing how we could add titles and music to make our recording look professional.



Personal Development

S3 meanwhile had a wonderful Teambuilding trip to Lapwing Lodge Outdoor centre in Paisley. We experienced a wide range of activities, including high wire rope climbing; carpet bowls and archery. Everyone contributed very well and encouraged all of the class to take part. Mrs Reynolds and I also managed to climb to the top, thanks in no small part to the motivating words from the pupils. It was a truly great day and helped us reflect on the self-awareness part of the Personal Development course. On Wednesday 12th June, we also organised a Sports Day for the Maxwell Mearns Castle Church playgroup. This is the third event we have been involved in with the Playgroup and we have loved getting to know them this year. All of the Playgroup children received a medal and certificate from our pupils, which was very much appreciated.

Finally, we welcomed our new S3 class to the department at the start of June. Our first task with them was a 'Getting to Know You' exercise where we had to complete various challenges. The class did this very well and we look forward to seeing how they develop and grow as individuals in Personal Development next session.



Young Enterprise Team



S3 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

On Thursday 23 May, 30 S3 Business Management students attended the Festival of Youth Enterprise 2019 at RBS Gogarburn, Edinburgh.

The event aimed to bring young people together with industry specialists for a day of workshops, inspiring speakers and most of all - fun!

The young Entrepreneurs speaking at the conference were extremely passionate about what they did and were inspirational to say the least! The speakers gave our pupils a terrific opportunity to gain a valuable insight into what it takes to start and grow a business.



Young Enterprise Team



The first speaker of the day was Steven 'Big Gal' Galloni, Head of Communications at Skapade Studios in West Dunbartonshire.

Steven chatted about his own background and how he got into the music industry, sharing some of his own experiences and advice:

"Don't compare yourself to others and make as many mistakes as possible. As long as nobody dies or gets hurt, you'll be fine"

The next speaker, Molly McFarlane, shared her own journey of leaving school without much of an idea what to do, working full-time in HRM then moving to Manchester and working for huge companies such as Pretty Little Thing, Bershka and Topshop.

Molly chatted about how she grew her online audience and her advice for any others looking to follow in what she has done:

"Take big steps and have confidence in yourself!"



Our Students also took part in a workshop on entrepreneurial thinking, a viral marketing session and the YES team ran a social enterprise pitching workshop.



Still at school, the final entrepreneur of the day was Robbie MacIssac. He demonstrated an entrepreneurial flair for identifying a problem and creating a working solution. Through his Flux Blowpipe invention for his bagpipes, he now has a patent pending and received a scholarship to Strathallan School.

The day's events were a wonderful success - bringing together young people, educators and support organisations in one space, creating a cocktail of energy, innovation and enthusiasm.

Having such a young group of entrepreneurs in front of them was eye opening for many of our students as it gave them an element of understanding that 'enterprise' can be more than simply buying and selling - it comes down to mindset too.

Mearns Castle Bake off

Monday 10th of June saw the FHT department host their first ever S1/2 (new S2/3) Great Mearns Castle Bake Off. The standard of baking was unbelievable as you can see from the pictures which gave judges Mr Thomson and S6 pupils Kiera Campbell, Zoe Wilson and Anna Baird a very difficult decision to make. All pupils did themselves proud and can be very pleased with what they produced. In the end after lots of consultation our winner was Niamh Moore with her Unicorn cakes which tasted amazing with an almost slush like flavour, as well as being elegantly presented. We had two runners up: Amber Rissman with her Coconut Explosions which were presented with amazing flair and excitement as well as tasting great too, and Megan Digby whose Pinocolada like flavoured cakes which were every bit as good as sitting on the beach sipping an actual Pinocolada and bursting with flavour. The event was a big success and something which will definitely be on the calendar for next year. Can you challenge Niamh next year to be our Second ever Bake off champion??



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Mearns Castle Bake off



S1 Jass



S1 JASS

This term saw a number of S1 pupils take part in the Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS) at Mearns Castle High School. JASS is an accredited learning programme aimed specifically at the junior year groups. It is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award which we offer to our senior pupils.

JASS recognises and celebrates wider achievement in the following four broad areas:

Get Active, Stay Active: Regular physical activity

My Interests: Exploring a personal interest

Me and My World: Working for the good of the community or the environment

Adventure: Completing an outdoor activity or challenge

On Wednesday 29th May the pupils worked together in groups to complete an orienteering challenge around the school. The weather was not particularly kind to us that afternoon but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves regardless and Jemma Moffat and Sophie Mo were the winners on the day.



S1 Jass

On Tuesday 18th June the pupils were involved in a litter pick as part of the Me and My World section of the award.



Many of our pupils already participate in a number of extra-curricular activities and have a variety of sporting skills. Working on the first two sections of the award individually, the JASS programme has provided the pupils with the opportunity to develop these skills and attributes while offering structure and guidance in meeting these goals.

All pupils have shown real enthusiasm and have worked hard to complete the four different sections of the JASS award. Well done to all involved!



PSYV East Renfrewshire are recruiting Adult Volunteers

for more information visit: www.scotland.police.uk/psyv

Aims of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers:

- The promotion of a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people.
- Encouraging a spirit of adventure and good citizenship amongst young people.
- Supporting local policing priorities through volunteering and giving young people a chance to be heard.
- Inspiring young people to participate positively in their communities.



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Colours Referral Form



Mearns Castle High School

Celebrating Pupil Achievement

Name		Year Group	
House			

We are interested in finding out the activities/hobbies/interests you have in and out of school. Please fill out a separate form for each achievement you want to be considered.

Please tick category of application

Enterprise
 Citizenship
 Sport
 Expressive Arts

Tick up to three skills that you have demonstrated in your activities

Successful Learner	Confident Individual	Responsible Citizen	Effective Contributor
<input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiasm and motivation for learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Self Respect	<input type="checkbox"/> Respect for others	<input type="checkbox"/> An enterprising attitude
<input type="checkbox"/> Determination to achieve high standards of achievement	<input type="checkbox"/> A sense of physical, mental and emotional well-being	<input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to participate responsibly in political, economic social and cultural life	<input type="checkbox"/> Resilience
<input type="checkbox"/> Openness to new thinking and ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure values and beliefs		<input type="checkbox"/> Self-reliance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ambition		

1. Please give a brief description of your success, giving details of dates of competitions, awards, participation etc

When did the activity take place?	
Where did it take place?	
Who was the activity arranged through?	
Describe what you did	

2. **References and Evidence**

To support this application please provide a reference where possible from your group leader, coach or teacher. To help provide a full picture to support your application and to help the school celebrate your success, please attach any **PHOTOCOPIES** of photos, certificates, medals or other relevant information with this form. **Originals will not be accepted.**

3. Parents or carers, please add any additional information you feel may be relevant below

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Pupils Signature	
Parents Signature	
Date	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/> House Colours	<input type="checkbox"/> Half Colours	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Colours

Comments Slip

Pupil's Name: _____

Year Group: _____

We welcome any feedback on the content of the Newsletter or indeed any other aspect of the work of the School. If you wish to make an electronic reply please do so by following the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/MearnsCastle/contact-us/>

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Parent's Signature:.....

Parents Name (please print):.....

Mearns Castle High School

Final Collegiate Calendar
20/06/19 - Vers 2

W/C	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	W/C	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
12-Aug-19				IS 1	IS 2	06-Jan-20	School re-opens at 8.45am S5/S6 TR1 Issued				
19-Aug-19	School re-opens 8.45am					13-Jan-20					
26-Aug-19						20-Jan-20					S5/6 Prelims S4 Reports Issued
02-Sep-19			Senior Awards Ceremony			27-Jan-20	S4/S5 Options Evening	S5/6 Prelims			
09-Sep-19				S6 Curriculum Evening		03-Feb-20		S5/6 Prelims		School closes at 3.35pm	IS 4
16-Sep-19	S6 Curriculum Eve				S4 TR Issued	10-Feb-20	MID TERM HOL		IS 5	S2 Options Evening	S2 Reports Issued
23-Sep-19				S4 Curriculum Evening	HOL	17-Feb-20	S2 Parents' Meeting				
30-Sep-19	HOL			S4 Parents' Meeting		24-Feb-20					
07-Oct-19	S1 Curriculum Evening				School closes at 2.45pm	02-Mar-20	S5/S6 Reports Issued	S3 Parents' Meeting			
14-Oct-19	OCTOBER HOLIDAY					09-Mar-20					
21-Oct-19	IS 3		Careers Convention		S2 TR Issued	16-Mar-20		S3 Exams			
28-Oct-19		S3 Curriculum Evening				23-Mar-20		S3 Exams			
04-Nov-19	S5/S6 TR1 Issued			S5/S6 Parents' Meeting		30-Mar-20		S3 Exams		School closes at 2.30pm	
11-Nov-19				DIW Evening		06-Apr-20	SPRING BREAK				
18-Nov-19		S1 TR Issued				13-Apr-20					
25-Nov-19		S1 Parents' Meeting				20-Apr-20	School re-opens 8.45am	S3 Practical Exams	S6 Leavers' Ceremony	S4,5,6 last day in school	
02-Dec-19			S4 Prelims		S3 TR Issued	27-Apr-20	Start of SQA Exams			School closes at 2.45pm	
09-Dec-19			S4 Prelims			04-May-20				IS 6	HOL
16-Dec-19	S4 Prelims				School closes at 2.30pm	11-May-20					
23-Dec-19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS					18-May-20	S1 Reports Issued			School closes at 3.35pm	HOL
30-Dec-19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS					25-May-20	HOL	IS 7	School re-opens 8.45am		
						01-Jun-20			End SQA Exams/S2-6 new T/T	S3 Reports Issued	
						08-Jun-20			P7 Ind 1, P7 Parents' Eve	P7 Induction 2	
						15-Jun-20					
						22-Jun-20				School Closes 1pm	
				In Service			Parents' Meeting		Year Group Report		
			TR = Tracking Report				Parents' Information Meeting		Options Evening		