



BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

Weekly Update Monday 10th February 2020

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

School Week

School will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 12th February (Inset Day) and Thursday 13th/Friday 14th February (holidays).

British Mathematical Olympiad

Bell Baxter High School pupil, James Painter, recently took part in the British Mathematical Olympiad. He is shown being presented with a bronze medal and book prize by the Rector, Ms. Penrose. James has now been invited to take part in the final round of this prestigious national competition. Each year less than 200 students across the UK receive invitations to enter the final round so congratulations and good luck to James. (Mr. Markham)



SDS East Cross Country

Congratulations to our group of young people who competed in SDS East Cross Country Series 3 - all completing their courses in a field of over 200 competitors and first time out for our S1 pupils. The support they show for each other is commendable but all of the performances deserve special mention. (Mrs. Orkney)

500M Secondary Girls

S1 Girls - third place Lauren Hamilton
S1 Girls - fourth place Hannah Donald
S3 Girls - fifth place Nikole Spinks

500M Secondary Boys

S1 Boys - first place Codie Kane
S1 Boys - third place Thomas Soutar
S2 Boys - second place Alfie Chapman
S3 Boys - first place David Norrie

1K Secondary Girls

S4 Girls - first place Sophie Coughlin (4th girl overall)

1K Secondary Boys (S1 & S2)

S2 Boys - third place Thomas Quigg (4th boy overall and first time at 1K)

1K Secondary Boys (S3-S6)

S3 Boys - second place Kian Mallord (first time at 1K)

CLUBS, EVENTS AND REHEARSALS

Chef Club (S3 Pupils)

Elmwood College offer a Chef Club to each year group throughout the year, the session lasts for six weeks and is held in the SRUC Campus across the road from the school. Each session is £2, with the club costing £12 in total. The next session to run will begin on 19th February for S3 pupils. If your child is in S3 and would be interested in taking part, they should see Miss Thomson in Room 200/Technologies Base by Tuesday 18th February, as spaces are limited.

Save Australia Day: Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 11th February is a Non-Uniform Day. There will be a bake sale (everything 50p) and Guess the Kangaroo's Birthday competition. See link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/bellbaxterhighschool/uploads/sites/9838/2020/02/07140311/Save-Australia-Day.pdf>

S1 - S3 MESSAGES

S2 Parents' Evening

The next Parents' Evening is on Monday 10th February for all S2 and the system is now live for booking appointments. Refreshments will be available to purchase in the Dining Hall. All money raised will go to The Polar Academy. (Mrs. Baxter)

S3 Course Counselling

Course Counselling for S3 pupils will take place on Monday 10th February and Tuesday 11th February. Pupils should check notices in the Dining Room and outside Room 210 for appointment times. (Mrs. Nelson)

S4 - S6 MESSAGES

NHS Volunteering

NHS Fife are in the process of recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for 2 hours per week and are over the age of 16, please see Miss Thomson as soon as possible.

Course Counselling (S4/S5)

Course Counsellors met with all youngsters in S4 and S5 on Thursday 30th or Friday 31st January regarding the mock course choice process for next session. Please note at this point in time no youngster is locked into any course or level of study for the new session and dialogue surrounding options was based on attainment data held in school at the time of the meetings. The final course choice process will take place in March following prelim results.

Senior Netball

There will be a short meeting on Monday at interval before our fixture away to Glenwood. Attendance is essential. (Mr. Baillie)

University Communication

Please click on the link below for an important communication from the University of Edinburgh on the importance of completed courses in S5 and S6. (Ms. Penrose)

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/bellbaxterhighschool/uploads/sites/9838/2020/02/07135911/Edinburgh-University.pdf>