



Diary Dates

Fri 28 Mar Dress Down for Charity and end of term
Sat 29 Mar Ski Trip to Andorra (ret **Mon 7 Apr**)
SQA Study School see our Website
Mon 14 Apr Return to school—Easter themed assemblies with Chaplain Rev Ken Froude
Fri 18 Apr Good Friday Holiday
Tues 22 Apr SQA Assembly for S4, KHS Parent Council 7.30
Wed 23 Apr SQA Assembly for S5/6
Tues 29 Apr SQA exams and study leave starts
Thurs 1 May Jnr Maths Challenge
Mon 5 May May Day Holiday
Tues 13 May Partner Primary Enterprise Day at KHS
Thurs 15 May P7 Sports at KHS
Fri 16 May P7 Commonwealth Theme Day at KHS
Thurs 22 May P6 Commonwealth Theme Day at KHS
Fri 23 May Activities and Trips Day (S1-S3). S3 Reports posted home
Tues 27 May KHS Parent Council at 7.30pm
Mon 2 Jun Holiday
Tues 3 Jun Inservice Training Day with Colours and Awards Ceremony p.m. "Letter to Lacey" performance, Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh
Wed 4 Jun All pupils back from study leave and new timetable
Fri 6 Jun S5/6 Induction Day
Mon 9 Jun FoKHS AGM (7pm)
Tues 10 Jun Prizegiving (7pm)
Wed 11/Thurs 12 Jun P7 Welcome Days, disco and parents' evening on Thurs
Fri 13 Jun S1 Reports posted home
Wed 25 Jun Snr Health Day
Thurs 26 Jun Big Event (pm)
Fri 27 Jun Dress Down for Charity and end of session.

The Rector writes ...

What an exceptionally busy term it has been at Kirkcaldy High School. As you will see from the latest collection of diverse reports in our Newsletter, our young people continue to excel in a great variety of ways.

The school has had a very strong endorsement of its approaches to health and wellbeing. The Scottish Government's Minister for Public Health visited last month to find out about our pioneering on teenage sexual health, and our "in-house" NHS clinic. And earlier this month, we were delighted to be the winners of the COSLA EXCELLENCE AWARD for making a real difference in our community. Listening to the views of young people, we are tackling inequality and improving health in a highly practical way, and I must thank you for your support. Special recognition goes to all our S4 peer educators and canvassers, and especially to Erin Sandilands and Morgan Stupart, who were both an excellent part of the team which gave a very convincing presentation in Edinburgh as part of the awards judging.



Pi Day at KHS on March 14 (3.14!) With Pi-Rates Ryan, Stef and Rebecca

Also, many thanks to the parents and carers who responded positively to our planned change to arrangements for delivery of "Curriculum for Excellence" courses and qualifications from next session. As of June, our school day will change to comprise 7 periods. The standard length is 45 minutes, except for period 1 which is 50 minutes long. We are confident that this structure will allow us to efficiently deliver a more appropriate range of courses.

On the theme of qualifications, you should note that the SQA exams begin on 29 April and study leave for all exam candidates extends from that date through to Friday 30 May. You may be aware that National 3 and 4 candidates will not have any exams. To ensure that there is a meaningful experience for all learners during May, we are working with Fife College and the other secondary schools in Kirkcaldy to develop a vocational based course for N3/4 pupils. More details will be issued when we have them.

I mentioned the change to the school day from June, and I am also delighted to announce that we will be promoting the wearing of blazers for pupils in all year groups next session. This was initiated by our Pupil Forums, and I explained recently at assemblies that this is the natural next step for our school. We want to make a statement—that Kirkcaldy High School is the best there is, and looking really smart is a good way to demonstrate it. We value "Respect for Self", and a sharp dress code can develop this. The blazer is also a practical and hard wearing garment, and we have been able to source very stylish and good value examples which we will promote—male and female versions are available. More details will come in a letter home.

As usual, we have important staffing news to relay. At the mid term break we bade farewell to our much admired librarian Eileen Montador, who has retired from the post after 15 years terrific service to KHS. Mr Malinen, Miss Montador's replacement, is settling in well. After the Easter break we will say goodbye to Mrs Goudie, who has been a great teacher of CDT and guidance teacher here. Mrs Goudie and her family are heading to Fort William to start a new life in which outdoor sports will play a big part, and Mrs Goudie will take up a teaching post at Lochaber High School—we wish her well.

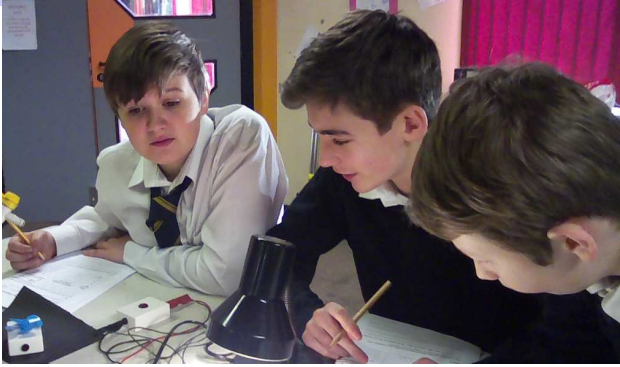
We also welcome Mr Potter in the Classics Department, covering for Mrs Brown on maternity leave, and Mr Haigh is a new addition to the Maths Department. And it's welcome back to Mr Kowbel after his successful spell in a leadership post at Lochgelly High School. Finally, we have a new Chief Invigilator for the SQA exams, welcome Mr John Marshall.

As always, do not hesitate to contact the school should you need any assistance or advice on any matters relating to your son's or daughter's learning and/or welfare.

All the very best.

Allan.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM)



Recently, Bill Hutchison from Fife College, along with Karen Ritchie from Bright Green Hydrogen, came to KHS to deliver a "Renewables Experience" with S3 science pupils. Divided into groups, pupils carried out a variety of experiments, including fuelling hydrogen powered cars and measuring their speed, along with calculating the optimum number of blades to use on wind turbines and the optimum angle to set solar panels at.

The profile of STEM has further been raised through input from Karen on the vast number and diversity of careers in the renewable sector within Fife. Our photo shows pupils working on the fuel cells.

Friends of Kirkcaldy High School Ceilidh

Following the terrific success of last year's fund raising ceilidh, we once again hosted this fantastic community event on Friday 7 March. Many thanks to Bert Pozzi and his Band for their excellent dance set. The Valente fish suppers also went down a treat and the various raffles added to the final pot. Incredibly, we have managed to exceed last year's fund raising total with £2500.

All funds raised will go towards supporting educational excursions in the year ahead. After recent ceilidhs we were able to install a new projector and screen in the Assembly Hall which has been of huge benefit and the new curtains are really smart.

Friends of Kirkcaldy High School Chairman, Harry Kerr, said that the event had been a great success and he thanked the Kirkcaldy High School Association for their help with the event. Mrs Davidson, Depute Rector, also made a great contribution, by drawing all the various strands together

This year also saw a big increase in senior pupil involvement—in terms of organisation, participation and tidying up. As you can see from the photograph, they had a great time of it.



Senior Prom News *by Daniel Garvie, S6*



The KHS senior prom this year will be held at Balbirnie House hotel on the 13 June. Sixth year and teachers are all looking forward to this, with the girls already trying to find their dream dress and the boys sorting out their kilts.

The committee has gone to great lengths to organise fundraisers for things decorations, photo booths and a candy buffet to make it a memorable experience. They completed a sponsored walk along the Fife Coastal Path at the start of February (photo) and many other fundraisers have been held in school.

The committee has also kindly donated some of the funds raised to the Meningitis Now charity.

Staff/Pupil IT Committee Update

In the IT Committee we have researched the use of interactive smart boards in the school, their usefulness within the class room and how they impact on our learning. We devised and gave out surveys to both pupils and teachers so everyone would have a say on how they felt about this technology. Although there were some examples of very good use, on the whole however, we have found that of the 39 boards in our school, some were used irregularly—eg as a simple video/projector screen.

We also looked at WIFI within the school. We have found that the WIFI in the school is located in a few areas such as the Library, Refectory and in the Community Café. There are plans to make this available and any Fife Council library user can log on with their own device or phone.



DSF Football at KHS

We are delighted to continue to host the Disability Sport Fife football series. This is the third year KHS has been involved. We also recently had our Sport Leaders involved in supporting the DSF Swimming Gala in Glenrothes—a brilliant opportunity for them. Best wishes to Richard Brickley (pictured far left) and all our friends at Disability Sport Fife.

S4 Senior Phase Event

In January, we held our Senior Phase Open Evening for S4 Parents/Carers, with an invitation to the school to learn about options/courses and study skills as our learners progress through the Senior Phase.

The Rector explained progression routes from the new Nationals to Higher and also shared details of the school's extra classes being laid on in the run up to the SQA exams. He thanked the staff for their commitment to study support and advised parents that full details were on the school website and available via Twitter @KirkcaldyHigh. Mrs Aitken (Senior Depute) spoke about how the course choice process operates.

Different workshops were laid on for groups of parents. Principal Teachers Mr Fleming and Mr Stewart explained how Higher courses are organised and assessed. Miss Diamond (Depute) led a session on study skills and highlighted the very useful links and resources available on our website – www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs.

We also had a very well received advice session from senior pupils who have been over the course before. Many thanks to Jack Cargill, Sophie Harrower, Saad Majeed, Mark Moseley and Karly Robertson for their insightful remarks.

"All the Best" to the Class of 2014



As is traditional, the end of term sees the final House Assemblies led by our S6 Leavers (see above). These will undoubtedly be emotional affairs with quite a few tears shed. We wish them all well for the future.

Crisis Resolution at University of St Andrews



A group of twelve S3 Modern Studies pupils took part in the Crisis Resolution Day at the University of St Andrews on Wednesday 5th March 2014. The event was held in Lower College Hall and run by 3rd year International Relations students.

The crisis scenario was based on tensions in the Middle East whereby Iran had refused to allow its nuclear facilities to be inspected. The group from KHS were representing Saudi Arabia and had to make foreign policy decisions to try to achieve specific objectives through negotiations with 8 other countries. These countries were represented by groups from eight other schools in Fife. The game was played in 4 rounds throughout the day during which the teams were given time to devise a game plan and make negotiations. At the end of each round there was a news round up from the media including the BBC, Al Jazeera

and Iranian broadcasts (all played by the university students). Each group had to decipher whether or not these reports were genuine or not and each round saw the building of tensions and some serious alliances being broken or forged.

Our team did really well and everyone engaged in the day with great enthusiasm. By the end of Round 3, it looked like all objectives had been met and the team was confident of winning the task. However, last minute military action from the UK put paid to the team's plans. Nonetheless, it did receive a prize for the biggest turnaround of policy and the boldest move with only 30 seconds remaining! This event really enhanced understanding of the fragility of international relations and built skills in discussion and negotiating objectives. It also deepened their understanding of how quickly situations on the international stage can change. All the pupils who took part showed great confidence and it was a very enjoyable day. Our photo shows; Cieran Auchterlonie, Shauni Boyd, Nial Cherrett, Ashley Davidson, Casey Johnston, Lauren Kerr, Connor MacLean, William McIntosh, Natasha Moffat, Ashley Morris, Robbie Pitcaithly and Rachael Stoddart.

Biology Visit to the Roslin Institute

Students from the Higher Human Biology class spent a fascinating morning recently at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. They firstly toured the building, looking at the labs and specialist equipment whilst getting some inside knowledge into the research carried out there. They then followed on with two short lectures on stroke cases and then brain injuries and treatment. As well as being highly relevant to their course, pupils all gained an excellent insight into an array of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers available to them.

Study Support 2014

Please see our website; www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs, which gives full details of all the lunchtime and after-school revision/study classes available this term. We are also running additional sessions on Saturdays and during the Easter break with "master classes" in the study leave just before each exam.

The regular weekday programme is as follows; **MONDAYS:** ART, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, CHEMISTRY, ENGLISH, GEOGRAPHY, GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION, MUSIC, PRODUCT DESIGN. **TUESDAYS:** ART, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, CHEMISTRY, DRAMA, ENGINEERING SCIENCE, ENGLISH, MATHS, MUSIC, PHYSICS. **WEDNESDAYS:** ART, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, CHEMISTRY, DESIGN & MANUFACTURE, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, MATHS, MODERN STUDIES, MUSIC, PE, PRODUCT DESIGN. **THURSDAYS:** ART, CHEMISTRY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, MATHS, MODERN STUDIES, MUSIC. **FRIDAYS:** ART, ENGLISH, MODERN STUDIES, MUSIC.

Easter School runs for 8 of the 10 days of the holidays (not Fridays) - details are on our website and Twitter feed.

Primary Transition Engagement Sessions

The recent parental engagement events held in Capshard, Fair Isle, Torbain and Valley Primary Schools were very well attended and received. Mr Allan and Miss Diamond delivered a short presentation assisted by S1 and S6 former pupils from each of the Primaries, the new KHS Prospectus was distributed and parents/carers, as well as prospective S1 pupils, had the chance to ask any questions. Many other transitions events are planned.

Any parent or carer who has a child in P7 in any other primary school but would like their child to attend KHS should contact us on 01592 583405 as soon as possible. All placing request will be considered and confirmation given by mid-March. Any parent/carers requiring a Prospectus is asked to enquire at the office or see the online version on our website.

Our Support for Meningitis Now



After last year's sudden death of S2 pupil Gregor Smith from Meningitis, the pupils and staff of Kirkcaldy High School made a commitment to fundraising for Meningitis NOW, a national charity. The commitment will run for four years representing the time Gregor would have attended the school. The pupils have thrown their heart and soul into a variety of events to raise an incredible £6049.94 in this first year. See photo with Jo Stevenson of Meningitis Now (centre) and Gregor's mum on the right.

The KHS community, driven by the pupils, has rallied round and taken part in both group and personal challenges from concerts, sponsored walks, non-uniform days, a road race, leg waxing and bag packing. We would like to thank all of our supporters for their generosity with their time and money.

2014 Climate Challenge

As part of Climate Week, 24 enthusiastic Geography pupils took part in the school's Climate Challenge where they had to create, develop and present an idea that helps people use less energy heating buildings and water. Working in their House groups, the pupils spent the morning being highly creative, working very effectively as teams and communicating their ideas with each other before presenting them to teachers from the Social Subjects Department.

The winning team was Adam Smith, who devised an ingenious plan to limit the time spent in the shower with a continual display of how much energy was actually being used which they called their 'Light Shower Sensor' and 'Bath Button'. Well done to all who participated and especially to Sorcha Cross, Jamie-Lee Gordon, Kieran Harries, Reece Horsburgh, Rachael McIntyre and Melanie Newberry. Their idea will now go forward to the national competition. Many thanks to Mrs Lindsay for organising this really enjoyable challenge.

KHS "Big Bang" Team in UK Finals



Over the past year, a group of exceptionally keen and dedicated S4 science club members have been working hard on a project they designed and carried out by themselves. Usually only awarded in S6, the group has achieved the highest accolade of a gold CREST (CREativity in Science and Technology) award through their 'Music and Memory' project.

Initially based around the 'Mozart effect' whereby listening to music creates a positive impact on learning and memory, the project widened to investigate the effects of gender, genre of music and type of data memorised. CREST assessor Lesley Weston was astounded at the quality of their project, given that the pupils were only 14 years old when they started.

Science club coordinator, Miss Higham further added "Their award is thoroughly deserved, they are a true credit to themselves and the school." After winning the Scottish heat in Glasgow last June, the group competed in Birmingham at this month's "Big Bang" national science fair - a showcase for their excellent work.

Our picture shows the team; Charlotte MacMillan, Talia Toruntay, Usama Majeed, Grace Pierce and Lauren Ferriday. They are pictured at their stall in Birmingham.



Red Hot Burns Night at Kirkcaldy High

Pupils and staff showed off their talents in January at the annual Kirkcaldy High School Burns' Supper. The haggis was piped in by Chris Mack and was addressed in great style by Dr Murray before being heartily enjoyed by pupils, parents, staff and guests.

The Immortal Memory was delivered by Emma Duncan before Saad Majeed gave a very amusing toast to the Lassies. This was matched in humour by Stef Campbell's Reply. Jamie Clark gave a terrific display of pipe band drumming before the KHS singers performed a range of Scottish songs – led by Mr Britain and Mrs Parkin.

The drama vignettes were a real highlight. Scott Binnie and Ben Ramsay had the audience in stitches with "Dead Dad Dog" while Adam Campbell and Taylor Springthorpe performed an excerpt from "Tally's Blood". Sophie Simpson and Melissa Murphy gave a fiddle recital and Mrs MacDougall gave a beautiful rendition of "John Anderson My Jo". The supper closed with a very vigorous and well received "Tam O' Shanter" from Dr Murray. Our photo shows the main contributors.



Pi-Rate Day 2014

The staff and pupils in the maths department have been celebrating World Pi Day, with a Pi-rate theme. Pupils voted for their favourite maths teacher to



walk the plank, and had treasure hunts, guess the number of coins in the chest and other Pi-rate fun activities. They managed to raise a total of £142.37, which will go to Sport Relief. Well done to Mr Allan (Maths), pictured centre, who walked the plank after the votes were in.

Commonwealth Games Leadership Training

The LEAD 2014 event was attended by Louise Wallace (not in photo), Jack Murray, Connor Young, Joe Costello, Liam Sinclair, Megan Jones, Nicole Carter and Nicole Batchelor.

These selected pupils were invited to participate in a series of practical workshops delivered by students from the University of St Andrews.

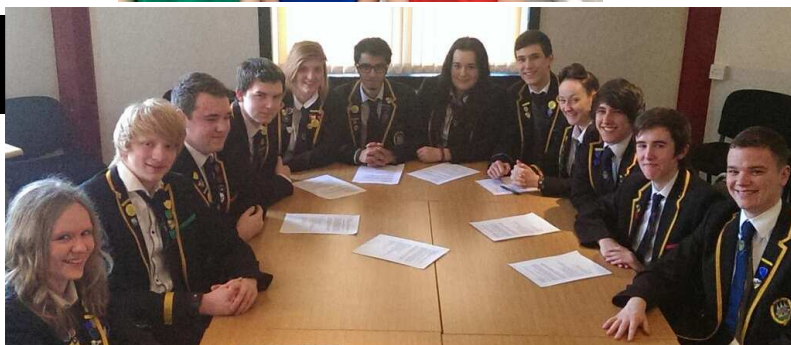
The aim is to provide the next generation of young leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge for Commonwealth Themed festival planning, delivery and evaluation. Our young leaders will come together to plan Kirkcaldy High School's very own Commonwealth themed Festival for P6–S1 pupils with help from Robert Greenhorn (Active Schools Co-ordinator).



Miss Mitchell's S1 Food Technology class proudly show off their baking

Learning Council News

The Learning Council has been busy helping put together advice leaflets for pupils to help with course choice and several members also described their "learning journey" at assemblies recently. Mrs Aitken (Snr Depute) would like to thank all members for their positive contributions over the session and wish them well as they move on to new challenges.



The "Learning Fair" is a Big Hit Once Again

Last month we welcomed over 250 parents and carers of S2 pupils to find out more about "Curriculum for Excellence" and the new "National" qualifications. After an initial talk by the Rector, parents and carers got some hands on experience of the courses on offer in S3 as teachers and pupils gave demonstrations and explanations.

Mr Allan explained how Standard Grades have been replaced by National 3, 4 and 5 Qualifications, with National 5 being seen as the entry standard for Higher courses. National 4 will be internally assessed by teachers and the first SQA National 5 exams will be taken in May 2014.

It was also great to joined by employer representatives Volker Stevin, the company currently undertaking the Kirkcaldy Esplanade improvement work and FMC Technologies – a major off shore engineering firm based in Fife. We also had representatives from the University of St Andrews. Many parents/carers commented that they had found the session exceptionally helpful. More details and weblinks to help parent/carer understanding of the Nationals can be found on our website.



Remembering The Holocaust – Lessons From Auschwitz

Earlier this term, two sixth year students, Amy Farmer and Colin Fisher, gave assembly talks in KHS and Fair Isle Primary School, speaking about their trip to Auschwitz in Poland at the end of last year. The trip was organised by the Holocaust Memorial Trust, and Holocaust Memorial Day took place in late January.



They told pupils about the shocking story of Auschwitz and the poignant memories they have of the trip - which included meeting a survivor called Kitty. Amy told pupils of the famous "Arbeit Macht Frei" or "Work Makes You Free" sign above the gate and explained how it was a Nazi lie - a cover for genocide. "There were no words to describe what I felt viewing the piles of spectacles, shoes and human hair taken from those slaughtered. I wondered if everybody felt the same? What was the "right" emotion?" She added.

Colin showed a collection of moving photographs which he had taken on the trip and warned audiences that we must never be complacent, and that inhumanity and institutionalised murder are still prevalent in the world today. "We must all be responsible, and cry out in opposition" he added.

Amy and Colin are pictured in the Assembly Hall. Mrs Bell, Depute Head at Fair Isle thanked Amy and Colin, describing their presentation as "outstanding".

RYLA Camp 2014

We are delighted that S5 pupils; Abigail James, Mark Dunsire and Adam Campbell were successful in achieving places at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp this Summer.

There were only three places available, and with nine pupils interviewed from all over Kirkcaldy, it was fantastic that the three KHS entrants bagged all the places. Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy for sponsoring the leadership training at a cost of £500 per person. We are sure that these exceptional young people will become leading ambassadors for our school in the year ahead.

Karate Success for Claire

We are very pleased to announce that Claire Penman (S6) and of the Shukokai Karate Academy, has been selected for the Olympiad Team Fife (Karate Squad) 2014 to compete at Bergama, Turkey in June. Very well done Claire (front row centre).



S1 Kidnapped!

On Thursday 13th March, two S1 classes enjoyed a trip to the Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline to see the *Sell A Door* Theatre

Company's highly imaginative re-telling of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story *Kidnapped*. Both classes are currently studying a version of Stevenson's text in the English department. The play told the story of Davie Balfour as he survived shipwreck to dramatically escape to the Highlands of Scotland. Set against the tense social and political backdrop of 1750s Scotland, this gripping, fast paced production was packed full of physical storytelling and imagination. The pupils agreed that seeing this dramatization of the play was not only exciting and enjoyable but also greatly enhanced their understanding of the plot. Transport to the venue was made possible by a generous donation from the Seedcorn Trust.



COSLA Excellence Award 2014: A Major Public Sector Honour for KHS

The school has received a major national award which recognises real success in tackling teenage pregnancy. This is a significant health and wellbeing issue, and school and NHS colleagues jointly deliver a sophisticated programme of sex and relationships education, an "in-house" condom distribution and pregnancy testing clinic, and highly effective "signposting" to specialist services. It is a highly innovative programme which is effectively tackling teenage pregnancy and sexual health, and it has now been awarded the Scottish Convention of Local Authority's highest "Excellence Award" at a recent ceremony at St Andrews.

In 2010, the Scottish rate of under 16 pregnancy was the highest in Western Europe. At 10.5/000, Fife had the highest rate in Scotland, and, at 14.6/1000, the Kirkcaldy High School catchment rate was one of the highest in Fife. Teenage pregnancy is clearly linked to cyclical poverty, single parenthood, low birth weight, poor childhood health, disrupted education and impaired employment prospects for young mothers.

The clinic is at heart of the school, adjacent to the guidance staff base, and guidance staff often help young people initiate engagement. The service is freely advertised around school; in daily information bulletins, at assemblies, on the announcements board at reception and using the school's newsletter, website and "Twitter" news service.

The other major strand of the initiative has been the reorganisation of personal and social education to facilitate small, single gender groupings for sex education lessons supported by NHS staff. These help frank discussion and good questions. Also, after collaboration with the school's Parent Council, a whole school parent/carer engagement evening with community partners was held last April, and this gained very positive evaluations.

As one of the few schools in Scotland taking such a progressive and holistic health approach, we were invited to give evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee as part of its Inquiry into Teenage Pregnancy – the only school to be asked. The Report, published in June 2013 noted: "other approaches are being taken ... such as the Kirkcaldy High School project, which includes distribution of condoms to young people in school. There is potential for other schools to

adopt similar schemes to the Kirkcaldy one." In February this year, the Scottish Government's Minister for Public Health, Michael Matheson MSP, visited the school to learn more about the project, describing it as "very impressive".

NHS Fife reports very positive results – the latest data shows a significant reduction in the catchment rate of under 16 pregnancy from 14.2/000 in 2010, to 8.6/000 in 2013.

David Torrance, the MSP for Kirkcaldy and a member of Parliament's Health and Sport Committee, has described the initiative as "a proactive, progressive and pragmatic partnership".

Mr Allan (Rector) thanks the NHS partners who support the programme and in particular praised School Nurse Val Reid and the Guidance Team, especially Mrs Houston and Mrs Ritchie, for their excellent leadership. "Our young people have shown an outstanding maturity and sense of responsibility throughout the course of this project", he added.

Fife Council nominated the school for a COSLA "Excellence Award" and KHS has now won the Chairman's Award, which is "selected from short leeted applications of exceptional standard, with achievements that have been conducted in exceptional circumstances or that are beyond the limit stipulated in the award categories".



Councillor Brian Poole, Fife Council's Education spokesman said he was aware of the sensitivities around this project and praised school staff for their boldness. "There is a very clear connection between this area of work and the work around reducing inequalities, closing the gap and increasing the learning opportunities of our most vulnerable groups of youngsters and the winning of the award will hopefully encourage others to follow the example of KHS" he added. These sentiments were echoed by Councillor David Ross, new Leader of Fife Council, who said that the school should be very proud.

Our picture shows peer educators; Jordan Skirving, Owen Bonner, Morgan Stupart, Heather Hopton, Erin Sandilands, Hannah Thomson and Victoria McEwan with Mrs Houston, Val Reid and Mr Allan. In front is the Cosla Excellence Award. Photo by Andrew Beveridge, Fife Council.

S1 L+ Photography Competition Winners

Congratulations to Kara Wilson, 1B05, for winning the 'Winter in Nature' themed Learning Plus photograph competition. Kara used the low and bright winter sun to silhouette the Scots Pines in the grounds of the school (right).

Runners up were Calum Shields, 1A01, who used an interesting artistic effect on trees and Chloe Walker, 1C02, who took a black and white shot of the sun, also shot through trees. Well done to all who took part—the standard was very high.

The class has been taking a digital photography short course led by Miss Murray of the Computing Department.



Our Link with K107FM



The school is right behind the launch of K107fm, and we recently had a group of pupils visit the station's Kirk Wynd studio to learn more about broadcasting local radio.

Pictured are Rachel McIntyre, Kyle Pitcaithly, Jeska Francis, Dylan Champion, Gabriel Ward and Emma Duncan, trying out some of the studio gear in advance of their debut broadcast—the KHS Saturday morning school news and music programme coming your way soon. This is a great opportunity for our young people to gain some real life media experience.

Colin Johnston, one of the forces behind KHS107fm, is also a "Friend of Kirkcaldy High School", and we are delighted to be given the opportunity to be part of something so important for Kirkcaldy.

Mrs Davidson (Depute Rector), the school's community link, said that all the young people involved had enjoyed a very valuable time at the studio. "K107fm is an important new service for the town, and it's great to

Continuing Support for Kirkcaldy Foodbank

We received the following message from Lynn Jenks of the Kirkcaldy Foodbank after making a substantial cash donation and the school continues to organise foodstuff collections. Please help.

On behalf of the steering group and everyone involved in Kirkcaldy Foodbank I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone at Kirkcaldy High School following your recent financial donation.

Sadly, the problem of food poverty is a growing trend in our modern society and some local people may unfortunately need our support for the foreseeable future.

Kirkcaldy Foodbank are pleased to be able to forge links with interested parties within the locality and already, churches, schools, local businesses, etc, have all provided support to us in a variety of ways including financial donations, food donations and volunteer support. We look forward to developing on-going relationships with our supporters such as yourselves so that we can tackle food poverty and support other organisations who provide associated support to those in need throughout our community. Once again, thank you for your generous donation and please pass on our gratitude to all of the staff and pupils at the school.



WE INTEND TO HAVE FOODSTUFF COLLECTIONS AT ALL SCHOOL EVENTS, INCLUDING PARENT/CARER EVENINGS, IN THE SESSION AHEAD ... PLEASE SUPPORT KIRKCALDY FOODBANK.

Blazers for All Years from Next Session



Following requests from the pupil forums and a very positive sample consultation with parents/carers at the recent S2 parents' evening, we have decided to promote the wearing of blazers across all year groups from August. We think that this will be a very popular move.

A company has shown us their "Eco Blazers", made from recycled plastic bottles, and we found these to be very smart and durable. They are also machine washable and available at the very competitive price of only £28 including an embroidered school badge. Other blazers sourced locally are equally acceptable and the fleece can also remain part of the uniform for now.

We now intend to make arrangements to allow you to order a blazer and other items before the summer break—details soon. Please remember that a Fife Council Clothing Grant is available to help low income families purchase schoolwear.

Megan Rhodes (S6) is pictured demonstrating the advantages of the blazer to parents of S2 pupils.