

Diary Dates

- Sat 10 Oct** Classics Department trip to Rome departs
- Mon 26 Oct** Return to school— no assemblies this week
- Wed 28 Oct** CDT trip to FMC Technologies, Dunfermline
- Thurs 29 Oct** P7 visit to KHS (evening) - parents will receive a letter soon and parents of potential enrolments for 2016-2017 are invited to call 01592 583405 for details
- Mon 2 Nov** Yeargroup Assemblies this week with a talk by the Charities Committee
- Wed 4 Nov** Business Education and Geography trip to St Andrews and Anstruther
- Thurs 5 Nov** S2 "Speedy Stem" Challenge all morning with Fife College and the Hydrogen Office, UK Maths Challenge (Seniors)
- Sat 7/Sun 8 Nov** Premiership Football Trip to Old Trafford and Villa Park, Birmingham
- Sun 8 Nov** Armistice Commemoration - wreath laying at town War Memorial
- Mon 9 Nov** House Assemblies this week - Remembrance theme with pupil monologues and music. Live-N-Learn sessions for S4
- Tues 10 Nov** KHS Parent Council at 6.30pm
- Fri 13 Nov** Teacher Training Days—staff will be working on Curriculum for Excellence and the new qualifications
- Mon 16 Nov** Yeargroup Assemblies this week (Road Safety theme)
- Tues 17 Nov** S1 Parent/Carer Evening
- Tues 24 Nov** Rotary Young Musician Competition at Balwearie High School
- Mon 30 Nov** House Assemblies this week
- Wed 2 Dec S5/6** Parent/Carer Evening
- Thurs 3 Dec** Rotary Hi-5 Event at KHS
- Mon 7 Dec** Yeargroup Assemblies this week
- Wed 9 Dec** Christmas Concert at KHS
- Fri 11 Dec** S1 trip to the Adam Smith pantomime
- Mon 14 Dec** House Assemblies this week, with Chaplain Ken Froude
- Wed 16 Dec** Christmas Disco
- Fri 18 Dec** Dress Down Day, Staff X Factor, for Charity and half day close for the holidays
- Mon 4 January 2016** Return to school, Yeargroup Assemblies this week.

The Rector writes ...

*W*elcome to our latest newsletter. I'm sure you'll be impressed by the successes and achievements of our young people—I know that I certainly am. We've had a pretty hectic term with a great many highlights. I am proud of all of our pupils and I am greatly appreciative of the hard work, dedication and commitment of our staff. The third element of our ongoing improvement is, of course, you ... the parent/carer community. Thank you so much for your active support.

In respect of SQA exam results, and I am delighted to report that there continues to be a rising trend in attainment over almost all of the reported indicators. A great many young people have seen their hard work and effort rewarded as they matched or bettered their targets. In the key areas of literacy and numeracy, ever more S4 pupils are achieving Level 5—the gateway to Higher. In S5, we can also report record levels achieving Highers, with 25% of the previous year's cohort going on to

pass 3 or more Highers at Grade A-C. This is the entry level for most University courses.

Chloe Newton, Rebecca Hay, Tamara Alrahow, Ashley Davidson and Lauren Kerr could not have done better in the exams. All of the girls got straight "A" grades in S4 and each has been presented with a special Achiever's Tie.

In August we welcomed new staff Miss Dickson in English, Mr Campbell and Miss Malcolm in PE, Miss Burke and Miss MacEachen in Languages and Miss Ashby and Miss Braid in Social Studies. We also welcomed back Mrs Garrie in Drama after her maternity leave. Mr Marshall is now a Guidance Teacher for Adam Smith House and Mrs Hunter is Guidance for Carlyle. Best wishes to Miss Keeble (English) and Mrs Bruce (Drama), who are currently on maternity leave.

I must say that seeing our young people so particularly well turned out is very heartening. Thanks for your support with this. Uniform really matters.

Please do remember that blazer ordering details and information about applying for a school clothing grant are on our website; www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs

Finally, do be in contact if we can be of assistance. It's best to make an appointment in advance and Guidance is usually the first point of contact.

All the very best

Allan.



Get Involved at Kirkcaldy High School!

At Assemblies recently we were encouraging participation in school clubs and extra curricular activities, and this was very well led by our Head Girl, Louise Wallace. On this theme we are delighted to report that Robert Greenhorn, our excellent Active Schools Coordinator has been tracking participation in sport. The proportion of the school roll taking part in physical activity (beyond PE lessons) on a regular basis has risen from 9% in 2012 to 24% in 2015. The most popular activities were; Netball, Basketball, Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Dance and Hockey. We are strongly committed to health and wellbeing and KHS pupils receive far more than the statutory minimum time in PE lessons. Full details of the many extras we offer are on our website and are advertised daily on "Twitter".

Meet The Marines Event at Ratho



The Royal Marine Commandos played host to 14 Kirkcaldy High School pupils at the Ratho International Climbing Centre last week. The 'Meet the Marines' event gave our pupils an active and hands on introduction to some of the aspects of life in the Corps and to military service in general. As you can imagine, teamwork, determination and confidence were the order of the day and the importance of these qualities were evident in each activity.



The pupils were put through their paces with team tasks such as casualty evacuation and fitness drills. It was great to see the pupils work together and give 100% effort to pull their teams through. Likewise, teamwork, communication and coordination were required in the boat race to successfully maintain a straight line never mind win. Confidence was tested on the rock climbing and some bolder pupils volunteered to abseil down the 100ft rock face within the centre. Very impressive stuff. A laser quest type activity allowed the pupils to let off steam together and they were also given a demonstration of various elements of kit and weapons. All agreed they had a great, if tiring time.

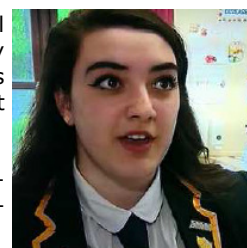
Rotary Youth Leadership Camp 2015



The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is based in Abernethy, in the Cairngorms, and aims to provide potential young leaders with knowledge and experience in leadership and teamwork. KHS is delighted to have had 2 students undertake the course over the summer. Shauni Boyd and Talia Toruntay were selected after a tough interview process.

Their leadership qualities were developed through the demanding physical activities on offer throughout the week, and by lectures and talks given by business professionals and mentors at the camp. Some of the activities included rock climbing, kayaking, gorge walking, mountain hiking and raft building.

Shauni, who underwent a selection process through her youth club, is pictured left with other RYLA winners at the camp and Talia who was nominated by the school, is pictured right.



The KHS Show on K107FM

For the last year, a KHS team has been presenting a weekly radio show on K107, Kirkcaldy's Community Radio Station. Every Saturday at 11.00pm, the lucky residents of the Lang Toun have been treated to an hour of fabulous music and some great banter including a weekly riddle, debate (often quite a heated one) and top 10s including the weekly music top 10 but also, top ten best Horror Movies, best food with cheese and most expensive things ever bought.



You can listen in live on 107 FM in the Kirkcaldy area (although the signal has been reported as far as Straiton in Midlothian!) or on-line at www.k107.co.uk. See/hear you there Pop Pickers! Not 'arf!



Report Dates 2015-2016

As well as our regular "on-track" letters for S4-6, please note that more detailed reports are issued at these times;

S1 Settling In Report Fri 9 Oct 15
S1 Report Fri 20 May 16
S2 Report Fri 29 Jan 16

S3 Report (with Profile) Fri 3 June 16
S4 Report Fri 15 Jan 16
S5/6 Report Mon 15 Feb 16

Term times, other important dates and lots of information about the school, including revision materials for exam courses, can be found on our website; www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs.

KHS Trip to the Edinburgh International Book Festival

On Friday 22nd August, Mrs Hume and a group of S3 pupils set off in the minibus to the Edinburgh Book Festival. We had lunch at the festival in Charlotte Square before attending a talk by Sophie McKenzie, author of dystopian thriller "Every Second Counts".

It was really interesting and gave us an insight into the life of an author. It was fascinating to learn about the creative process that goes into writing a book; we all left feeling very inspired.



S1 Fordell Firs Outdoor Learning 2015

Last week, all S1 pupils had a great time once again when they focussed on team working, leadership skills and personal growth through a series of problem solving tasks as part of our annual outdoor learning experience at Fordell Firs near Inverkeithing.

Each House group - Adam Smith, Beveridge, Carlyle and Oswald, had a day away at the camp which is the Scouts National Activity Centre.



The pupils had the chance to try out a range of activities including pot holing, climbing and archery. Many thanks to "Friends of Kirkcaldy High School" for their financial support.

Fund raising from last year's ceilidh subsidised the price of the trips to ensure that no pupil missed out for financial reasons. Also, thanks to our S6 "buddies" who helped ensure that the trips ran smoothly.



MacMillan Coffee Morning Raises Over £200

Once again this year, Mrs Nelson's Personal Development class decided that they would like hold an event in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. They planned the event over several weeks until the big day arrived on Friday 25 September.

The class was very grateful for the support of staff and pupils, who baked, bought cakes and donated prizes for the raffle. This was in celebration of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, an event organised to raise funds and awareness of the work done by the charity.

As usual, the staff were wonderful in supporting the event by buying tickets and also providing baking. It was a great success and raised £208.25 for the charity.

My "WOW" Careers Advice - Employability Matters

Skills
Development
Scotland

My World of Work is Scotland's careers information and advice web service. At school and right through to retirement, My WOW helps you with up-to-date information, advice and tools when you need it most:

Subject Choice—understand your strengths and make better choices

about your subject choices and future career

Leaving School—find a career that interests you and understand the skills you need to get the job you want

Exams—straight into a job or onto further learning? Whatever your grades, find help in planning your next steps

Preparing for a Job—discover Scotland's industries, search for jobs, build your CV and practice for interviews

Modern Apprenticeships—why not earn as you learn? Find out what apprenticeships are available in Scotland and how they work

NEW to My World of Work: My World of Work for parents:

<http://parents.myworldofwork.co.uk>

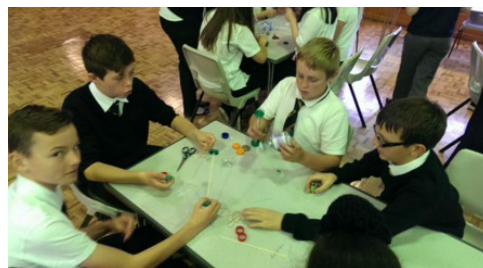
The school careers advisers, Aileen Stevenson and Ramsay Dow, are available in school every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-2pm in the careers room (opposite B17) on a drop-in basis. You can also request an appointment.

The careers advisers also attend school parents' evenings where they are on hand to provide advice and guidance if required.

Speedy "STEM" Boosts Skills & Teamwork

Last month our second year pupils enjoyed a terrific day of skills based workshops delivered by Fife College, the Construction Industry Training Board and "Bright Green Hydrogen" based at Methil.

The school is promoting employability skills as being of key importance and these sessions focussed on teamwork and problem solving



Bienvenue a Kirkcaldy High School



Last week we welcomed a party of 35 students and 2 teachers from Charles de Gaulle High School in Vannes, Brittany. The group was on a cultural and language visit to Scotland, staying in Edinburgh.

Keen to get a flavour of a typical Scottish school, the group spent half a day in classes in KHS being shown around by pupils studying French.

Several new friendships were

made and "Facebook" connections established. Our visitors had a great experience and left with a good understanding of the Scottish education system. Many thanks to Mrs MacEachen, Head of Languages, who put together the programme.

Val McDermid Inspires our Students

It was a rare pleasure to welcome Val McDermid, the world famous crime writer, on Thursday 1 October. Val is a former KHS pupil and was in school to give a talk on writing and her career as an author. She spoke with Higher English students, and they grilled her with a series of incisive questions. Val said that she had really enjoyed being back in her old school and the interaction with our young people. For their part, our pupils were very impressed, and many said that they had been inspired. Look out for further FPs on the best seller list in a few years!



Val has also offered to sponsor learning in the school in a unique way over the next few years. She will offer a grant to one of our leavers who is going on from KHS to University and who has excelled in language. The school will decide the precise criteria in time for next June's Prizegiving, but there is no doubt that the Val McDermid Bursary, valued at £500, will be a highly coveted prize among our senior pupils.

Pick Up and Parking—Safety Advice

We would respectfully request that parents/carers collecting pupils at the end of the day avoid parking on Dunnikier Way. It is a dangerous place to pick up. Please use the astroturf car park, or better still, arrange a different pick up point at a reasonable distance from the school. We have buses to load up and over 1100 pupils to see off safely. Badly parked cars and crowded car parks make things that bit more difficult and a bit less safe.

Continuing our Support for MeningitisNow by Zeba Sajad



Last month, we received a visit from Fiona from the MeningitisNow campaign. As a school we have a major link to this charity in memory of our former pupil Gregor Smith. On her visit, Fiona had kindly shared her story with us and her experience of being a survivor from Meningitis.

She also explained what the charity do to help the research, and told us about the new vaccination

which has now been put in place to help prevention, which will be given to pupils next year.

As a school this month we have donated £1000 to the MeningitisNow Charity, to help support the great work that has gone on, and will continue to go on.



KHS Gains International Recognition in Young People's Health and Wellbeing



Kirkcaldy High School was asked to showcase its sector leading work at an International Health and Wellbeing Conference in Glasgow in September. The Rector addressed the conference with a team of five peer educators (Brogan Wilkie, Erin Sandilands, Hannah Thomson, Talia Toruntay and Jack Garvie, all S6) who have helped develop positive and safer attitudes to relationships across our school community.

Parents/carers will perhaps be aware that the school has an award winning approach to tackling teenage sexual health which has helped reduce the incidence of pregnancy in girls under age 16 in our catchment area from over 15 per thousand in 2010 to below 6 per thousand according to the most recent figures.

As well as an NHS "in-house" contraception service available every Friday, we have specially trained peer educators or mentors who support younger pupils to develop well informed attitudes about sex and relationships. In Glasgow, at the conference organised by the Scottish Government, our peer educators were excellent communicators and wonderful ambassadors for the school. They presented to experts from all over the UK as well as from Lithuania and Japan.



Senior Football Team show off new shirts sponsored by Trans World Soccer



Mrs McCormick's S1 Class made their own puppet "Matilda" to celebrate Roald Dahl Day recently

Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015 by Charlotte Louise Macmillan S6

During the school holidays the Higher and Advanced Higher drama pupils went to the Edinburgh Fringe festival.

We saw two performances 'Cleanse' by Sarah Kane and 'Rapunzel' performed by Fourth Monkey. Both plays included physical theatre, and movement and sound were big parts of the production.

'Cleanse' was a dark and ominous play which explored the themes of drug abuse, addiction, mental instability and violence/abuse. This play was set in a sort of rehab centre and it showed the mental battles the characters had with their addiction and other issues.

'Rapunzel' was a darker version of the original fairytale. Not only did it portray the story of the girl who was trapped inside a tower and whom was then saved by her Prince Charming but it also told the story of a new mother suffering from postnatal depression.

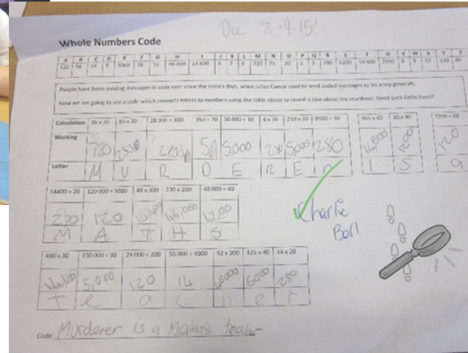
This trip was beneficial to our course and also very enjoyable. It was great opportunity to spend the day in Edinburgh with our classmates and see some amazing productions.



Maths Dept Crime Scene Investigation



Our S1 pupils have been using their mathematics and investigational skills to try and work out the culprit of a very serious crime that has taken place in the Mathematics department. Poor Mrs Aitken, her body was found in the photocopying room. All we need to know now is - 'Whodunnit?'



All of the staff in the Mathematics department were initially suspects and the pupils have been solving clues and eliminating them until they get down to two remaining suspects. On Friday 9th October, there will be a mock court case taking place. The S1 pupils will have to use their decoding skills to try and work out the correct culprit. Will they manage to pick out who really did it? Left we have a picture of some of the pupils working on one of the clues.

Parents' and Carers' Evenings 2015 –2016

These take place as detailed below, from 5.00pm - 7.30pm. Please expect your son/daughter to make appointments on the schedule which is issued about 2 weeks before each event. You will receive a letter with full details in advance;

- **P7 Tour of School - Thurs 29 Oct 15**
- **S3 Parents' Evening - Mon 1 Feb 16**
- **S1 Parents' Evening - Tues 17 Nov 15**
- **S4 Parents' Evening - Tues 8 Mar 16**
- **S2 Learning Fair - Wed 17 Feb 16**
- **S5/6 Parents' Evening - Wed 2 Dec 15**
- **S2 Parents' Evening - Thurs 25 Feb 16**

Miss Higham Up For Top UK Award in London

A Kirkcaldy High School principal teacher has reached the final of the Annual STEMNET Awards 2015 in the "Most Dedicated Teacher" in the UK category. Helen Higham was shortlisted in the awards for motivating young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). As Principal Teacher of Science and STEM at Kirkcaldy High School, Helen has been supporting the school to develop pupils' skills and ensuring that they go into education, employment, or training when they leave school. Kirkcaldy High is one of the few state schools to offer a Baccalaureate in Science, and Biology pupils are now gaining unit passes in a new qualification - Scottish Studies.

Helen's work involves holding a weekly science club and supporting pupils achieve the British Science Association's CREST Gold Award - giving students opportunities in real-world science projects. Derek Brown, Fife Council's Head of Education Services, said: "I am delighted that Helen's enthusiasm, dedication and passion for STEM and teaching is being recognised, which is a testament to the quality of the teaching delivered in Kirkcaldy High and across Fife."

Cllr Lesley Laird, Fife Council's Depute Leader and Spokesperson Economy and Planning, said: "A strong economy is built on a strong education and STEM subjects are central to boosting skills and employability for young people in Fife. Engineering today is a diverse career and far removed from the traditional images of what engineering used to look like.

"That's why we want to encourage more young Fifer's to look again at the range of careers that studying these subjects can offer, so that we can give them the widest career opportunities possible, and at the same time help fuel our economy. "Fife Council is working with employers, schools, and Fife College to promote and raise awareness of STEM opportunities and to help create the skilled workforce of the future." Kevin McKeever, STEM East, said: "This is great news for both Helen and Kirkcaldy High School and reflects some of the fantastic work taking place in both Fife and throughout the East of Scotland."



The final of the STEMNET Annual Awards, which recognise the most dedicated people involved in its programmes, take place at the House of Lords, London, on Tuesday 6 October 2015. The prestigious awards will be hosted by STEMNET's President, Lord Sainsbury.

UNICEF "Rights Respecting School"



The pupils have been working hard to move forward our involvement and progress in extending our commitment to the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award. Mr Marshall has established a Steering Group made up of pupils from different year groups and backgrounds. The S6 learning Council will team up with the Steering Group during Tutor Class visits the first week back after the October break to explain to their peers the Articles which make up the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This will then be discussed by all 48 Tutor Groups and the most 'chosen' Articles will then be short listed by each of the House Forums.

Our school will then base our own charter around these short listed Articles – a truly consultative and democratic approach to a school charter which will promote: inclusion, democracy, fairness and empathy through charitable work locally, nationally and internationally. This School Charter will extend our vision of a school community based on 'Respect' values which promotes understanding, tolerance and acceptance of difference and supports people in need of help.

This is an exciting and challenging time for us – the coming months will present us with new opportunities to broaden our understanding of the UNICEF Convention and explore how we can encompass our Rights Respecting ethos more widely.

PayWizard PLC - Support for Kirkcaldy High School

The school has established several key business partnerships. One such partner is Paywizard Plc, to whom we are especially indebted this term.

The company has renewed sponsorship of our "Breakfast Club" and presented the school with a £1000 cheque which will allow us to peg the price of juice, cereal and toast with spread and jam to only 40p first thing every morning. Hot drinks are also available to allow our pupils to get a good start to the day.



Cheering On Scotland

Many thanks to the staff who are helping KHS pupils contribute to the national football team's chances of Qualifying for the 2016 Euro Championship by running buses to Hampden.

They were there for the recent Germany match and will cheer on the Scots against Poland shortly. Well done Mr English and Mr I'Anson.

The same team will run our Premier League football trip in November—this entails visits to Old Trafford, Manchester and Villa Park, Birmingham.

Making the Right Impression—Uniform Update



We are off to a particularly smart start for 2015/16 with our young people very well turned out this term. Seeing our kids looking so smart in their blazers, confident and happy to be back to school has been a pleasure. I wrote during the summer to explain our policy on the wearing of leggings for girls and would wish to emphasise that these should not be worn to school.

For the avoidance of doubt, we regard leggings as being the type of very tight fitting pants which have no pockets. See through material is also not acceptable. Please help us by ensuring that all trousers are of a reasonably thick material and that no underwear is visible. Your support with uniform is really greatly appreciated. Please do remember that blazer ordering details and information about applying for a school clothing grant are on our website; www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs

S3 Employability—Building Scotland's Young Workforce

In September we had a very successful week where all S3 pupils experienced a variety of talks/practical exercises focusing on Employability Skills. This also entailed visits to local employers.

Employability is a key area for schools and we recognise the importance of developing skills and preparing pupils for the world of work. Thanks to many partners who assisted on the day to deliver the programme including STEM Ambassadors (right), Fife Council, Skills Development Scotland, ASDA, Sainsburys, Barratt Homes and Fife Ice Arena. KHS staff also delivered sessions and facilitated practical exercises in class.



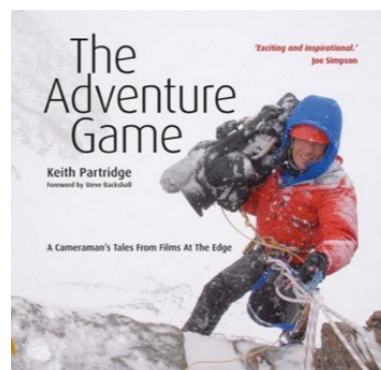
All subject areas across the school were involved in the "Inter-Disciplinary Learning" project. For example, S3 Latin pupils had the chance to discover more about the job of a modern archaeologist from Kate Fowler, Heritage Training Officer of "Archaeology Scotland". She explained modern research techniques and gave pupils the chance to handle tools as well as real Roman artefacts, including coins, pots, glass and a vicious looking Roman nail! She explained that if you like to dig in the dirt, put pieces together and use clues to figure out the past, then a career in archaeology is worth thinking about! Kate is pictured (below left).

S3 Biology pupils (right) were given a talk by Dr Kerr from the government organisation Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) about the production of food in Scotland and the array of career opportunities open to them. Pupils hope he will be coming back later on in the year when pupils make a start on their Feed Scotland project.



A real highlight was a special talk from Fife based adventure cameraman Keith Partridge, who shared his experiences of filming in extreme locations—including his time with Steve Backshaw, the BAFTA-winning English naturalist, writer and television presenter, best known for BBC TV's *Deadly 60*.

Keith talked about his book "The Adventure Game" and showed some amazing footage of his ascent of Everest and the filming of whales in Alaska. He encouraged our pupils to follow their dreams and make things happen to pursue a fulfilling career.



Mock Trial Prosecutors Gather Evidence for Court Case



In early September a group of S5/6 pupils with an interest in the law visited Petrofac Fire Training Centre in Montrose as part of their research for a Mock Trial competition which will take place in Edinburgh Sheriff Court. They were given the opportunity to learn the science behind the case, which is centred on an alleged arson. The group learned about fire safety and the law.

They also tried out different types of extinguishers and learned



about the unique dangers of each type of inferno. They also witnessed the repercussions of fire raising when they saw aerosols explode and saw the damage that this can cause.

This background helps as they prepare to argue their case against opposing schools in court in Edinburgh next month.

Finalists in SEPA's "Our Environment" 2015



Kirkcaldy High School is delighted to have been a finalist in a national eco competition - "Our Environment"- sponsored by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and "Young Scot". This is in recognition of the work we have done in conjunction with the Dunnikier Park Project.

The school has been closely involved with a variety of partners; Fife Council, Greener Kirkcaldy, Growing Kirkcaldy, Bug Life, Wild Fife and the Dunnikier Country Park Improvement Group. The award carries a cash prize and pupils involved were

filmed as part of the project.

You can find the film on "Youtube". Many thanks to those of you who voted for the school online. Unfortunately we did not win the overall award, which went to a primary school on the island of Mull.

Our pictures show: the finalists at the presentations held in the Scottish Parliament — awarded by Alex Fergusson MSP (above), Ewan Thomson and Luke McQueen (left), who represented the school, and work in the park continuing last week with the planting of additional fruit trees (right).



"Top Marks" in the SQA Exams 2015



In August we were delighted to note a strong improvement in exam performance of KHS pupils, with most indicators now standing at "best ever" levels – especially the number of pupils achieving "Highers" by the end of S5. The proportion of S4 doing well in literacy and numeracy has also increased, as measured by the success rate in the new National 5 qualification. A continuing trend is the "value added", which measures actual results against those expected or "predicted" by tests set by Durham University when the exam candidates were in Primary.

Special congratulations go to those young people who could not have done better in the "Nationals" (L- R); Chloe Newton, Rebecca hay, Tamara Alrahaw, Ashley Davidson and Lauren Kerr. All of the girls got straight "A" grades and will receive special "Achievers' Ties". Tamara already has the distinction of being recognised as a top achiever – she gained the highest score ever recorded in the University of St Andrews "First Chances" wider access programme earlier this year.

Promoting Industry Links at "Offshore Europe"

KHS is right behind the principles of the Wood Report, which promotes employability skills for Scotland's young people by making learning more vocationally relevant and encourages better links to training where appropriate. Last month, two recent Fife "Energy Hub" graduates addressed a group of engineering employers at "Offshore Europe" in Aberdeen.

Liam Sinclair and Kyle Martin spoke of the mentoring programme they had undertaken and Mr Allan (Rector) also explained the benefits of employers working more directly with schools. The "Energy Hub" programme has been a real success and at least one of the ten "Hub" graduates has been made the firm offer of a Modern Apprenticeship in Engineering with Sparrows, a major North Sea Oil supply company. Liam and Kyle are pictured delivering their talk in Aberdeen.



Roman Invasion at Kirkcaldy High



What did the Romans do for us?... They invaded Kirkcaldy High School! Pupils in the S3 Latin class had no option but "to keep calm and carry on" when a fully armed Roman soldier burst into their lesson one morning in early September. Within moments, the soldier Quintus had forced Curtis, caught totally unawares, to sign a wax tablet, which meant he had committed the whole class to 25 years' service in the Roman army!

One of these new recruits, Fraser, quickly decided that his wisest course of action was to make the best of the situation and co-operate with the enemy. Soon dressed in full Roman armour and promoted to Quintus' second-in-command, Fraser was clearly in his element, barking orders in Latin at the "slackers" in the ranks! All class members were assessed like any Roman recruit would have been – no special treatment for them!

They were examined for lice, were checked to ensure that they had the minimum two eyes required for military service, were given some basic weapons training and were taught to march in formation. Those out of step were punished with decimation

i.e. every tenth man was subjected to the punishment of a "beating"! Many thanks to Douglas Eckhart of "Real Roman Tours" for giving the pupils a (bitter?) taste of ancient Roman military life!

English Department Trip to Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh

A group of S4 English pupils visited Jupiter Artland near Edinburgh in September. They spent the morning walking around the estate with their guide, Helena, who told them about each of the sculptures. Pupils were encouraged to analyse the sculptures and discuss their personal responses to each one. They particularly enjoyed New York based sculptor Tara Donovan's dramatic installations that resemble elements of nature under a microscope.



They also enjoyed a rainy walk through the 'Life Mounds'. After lunch, pupils took part in a creative writing workshop based on Laura Ford's 'Weeping Girls' sculptures. There are five of these girls in the woods, each faceless and posing dramatically. Pupils created a group story around these figures and then spent some time creating their own story using one of the girls as the stimulus.



Inter House Tug of War

Junior Results

- 1st Carlyle - 10pts**
- 2nd equal Beveridge - 7pts**
- 2nd equal Oswald - 7pts**
- 4th Adam Smith - 4pts**

Senior Results

- 1st Adam Smith - 10pts**
- 2nd Oswald - 8pts**
- 3rd Carlyle - 6pts**
- 4th Beveridge - 4pts**



Follow Us On "Twitter!"

You are perhaps aware that the school has a strong online presence with an excellent up to date an informative website and a well used Twitter service. We currently have over 1300 followers for @KirkcaldyHigh.

Recently, new school based accounts have been added;

@KHSmodern, @KHSmaths, @KSHHomeec
 @KHSEnglish_Dept, @KHS_PEDept, @KHSScience,
 @KHSBusinessEd

No doubt more will follow in the weeks ahead.

These subject based feeds are great for homework, study and for keeping in touch with our work.



Prefect Team 2015-2016

Congratulations to our Prefect team, which was finalised this week, with the addition of a small group of extra Prefects. The team is led by the Heads and Deputes; Head Boy – William Rae. Deputes – Calum Hughes and Ross Glancy. Head Girl – Louise Wallace. Deputes – Megan Greer, Louise Newberry and Talia Toruntay.

The full team now comprises:

Craig Balfour	Alex Gibson	Grace Pierce
Rebecca Barnes	Ross Glancy	Emma Powrie
Nicole Batchelor	Caitlin Greenhill-Lally	William Rae
Audrey Boateng	Megan Greer	Sarah Reid
Charlene Burza	Heather Hall	Emma Robinson
Jake Carr	Liam Hannah	Shannon Ross
Nicole Carter	Georgia Hepburn	Zeba Sajad
Tiegan Clark	Jodi Hood	Georgia Scott
John Clark	Calum Hughes	Megan Scott
Chelsea Connolly	Jordan Johnston	Martyn Simpson
Joe Costello	Megan Jones	Molly Sinclair
Jack Cowan	Taylor Lafferty	Liam Sinclair
Megan Craig	Michael Lafferty	Nicola Smart
Rhiannon Cross	Hannah Low	Megan Smith
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