

HEADTEACHER NOTICE

Welcome to the first edition of our new 'Heads Up' bulletin for parents and carers. We hope this will help strengthen how we share news and celebrate success across our school community. Each new update will be available on our school website, and we'll send you a link via Group call.

I'm delighted to share some positive news about our school's progress. Following the recent addition of the NPAs, our attainment has exceeded expectations, outperforming our virtual comparator in most areas. We've also been congratulated by the SBC Central Team for significant improvements in attainment for young people from Quintile 1 backgrounds—a fantastic achievement.

Some other key highlights:

- **98.5% of our students move into positive destinations** – our highest ever figure.
- **Attendance has increased by 2.9%** compared to last year, meaning more learning time for our young people.

I'd like to wish all our S4-6 students the very best of luck in their upcoming SQA exams starting on **25th April 2025**. Please make the most of the Easter Study School sessions we're offering in the holidays.

Finally, follow our social media channels to see the brilliant achievements of our students. If you have something to celebrate, get in touch via **HHS@scotborders.gov.uk** — we love to share good news.

Mrs Scott

CONTACT US

If you have any queries regarding our 'Heads Up' newsletter, or would like to contact the school to include information in our 'Community' section, please use the below platforms.



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HAWICK SCHOOL

HOUSE TEAMS 2024-25

SCOTT HOUSE

SENIOR CAPTAIN
Ruby McCreadie

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
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JUNIOR CAPTAINS
Toni-Louise Ferguson (3S1)
Belle Quinn (2S2)
Hana Renwick (2S1)
Ayia Gamel (1S2)

HOUSE MENTORS
Miss McFadzean
Miss Pelosi

TURNBULL HOUSE

SENIOR CAPTAIN
Stephanie Matthews

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
William MacFarlane

JUNIOR CAPTAINS
Grace Penrith (3T1)
Cindy Wei (3T1)
Tyler Logan (1T2)

HOUSE MENTORS
Miss Louvieux
Miss Armstrong

DOUGLAS HOUSE

SENIOR CAPTAIN
Samuel Fenech

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
Rhannon Montgomery

JUNIOR CAPTAINS
Callum Bain (3D1)
Cassie Duff (3D2)
Rhys Spratt (2D1)

HOUSE MENTORS
Mr Wilson
Miss Wilson

HOUSE ASSEMBLIES

Well done to everyone who took part in this months house assembly. The theme was 'Global Recycling Day' and the winning house was Douglas. Mrs Scott judged the Assemblies and was highly impressed with the professional presentation of the House Captains and the games they encouraged all young people in the House to participate in.

HAWICK HIGH SCHOOL INTERHOUSE		
HOUSE POINTS		
March 2025 Update		
1ST	3431	DOUGLAS
2ND	2881	TURNBULL
3RD	2710	SCOTT

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AMBITION
RESPONSIBILITY
DETERMINATION

MARCH HOUSE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Kelisi James (5S1)
Scott House

Kelisi was awarded the Scott House Student of the Month for her hard work and dedication to swimming. She is constantly giving up her weekends to participate in competitions, coming away with a variety of medals and trophies. She also spent her February break at a swimming training camp.



Lillie Jeffrey (2D1)
Douglas House

Lillie was awarded the Douglas House Student of the Month for reaching 7 hours volunteering within the Burnfoot Community.



Christie South and
Tyler Logan (1T2)
Turnbull House

Christie and Tyler were both awarded the Turnbull House Student of the Month for their amazing work in Maths. They both complete extra tasks independently and do lots of extra work without being asked. They are a pleasure to have in class and always help others.

HAWICK SCHOOL

BGE CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

At Hawick High School we are currently preparing for our annual S1-S3 Celebration of Success awards evening. During the awards ceremony, young people are recognised and celebrated for their outstanding achievements and efforts in the community as well as in school.

We are currently asking the Hawick community to nominate a young person for a “Contribution to the Community” award. These awards aim to recognise a young person who has excelled in the community according to one of our school values; **Honesty, Equality, Ambition, Responsibility and Determination**. For example, this could be for someone who shows responsibility taking a leadership role in a local club, or it could be for someone showing determination by raising money for a local charity.

If you know of a young person who attends Hawick High School in S1-S3 and who you think is deserving of a Contribution to the Community Award, please scan or click on the QR code on the attached poster. This will take you directly to a form which should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

All nominations will go to a community panel, and one young person will be awarded for each school value.

The deadline for community nominations at **midday on Tuesday 6th May 2025**.



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

This is our first year running our National Progression Award in Furniture Making with some creative coasters made as students learn the craft of Veneering. We hope to also offer some of our products to be sold at future parental events held at the school as part of this new enterprise. Watch out for us at the Creative Industries Exhibition in November.



MATHEMATICS

It has been a busy month in the Maths department! Supported Study continues to thrive, with healthy numbers attending after school sessions on Wednesdays — and we even had our first student come along on a Saturday morning, which was great to see! Students in Ms Farmer's S2 class were thrown in at the deep end with a challenge to find out all about *surface area*. They've produced some fantastic presentations in response, and one group will be sharing their video with us next month once the final edits are complete.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Cross country: This year saw Hawick High School pupils participate across 3 Cross Country events: The Hawick High School Championships, Border regionals Championships and the Scottish Schools Championships. Runners all ran exceptionally well and should be very proud of their efforts! I look forward to next year for our cross-country team to grow in strength!

Interhouse Capture the Flag: We will be running this in the early weeks following the Easter break for S1-3.

BUSINESS STUDIES AND COMPUTING

Schools from around the world participated in a live online lesson to defend Stirling Castle from a cyber-attack. Our S3 Computing Science pupils used their cyber security skills to defend one of Scotland's most historic sites. This interactive event mixed online gaming, digital skills and interactive storytelling. All centred around Scotland's rich history and historic environment and delivered by Daniel Devine and Craig Steele from digitalskillseducation.com.

HAWICK SCHOOL

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dance Club Lunch time Dance Studio Miss Wilson	Basketball Lunch time Games Hall Mr Gould	Diversity and Equality Group Lunch time D4 Miss Weaver	S4-6 Volleyball Lunch time Games Hall PE dept	Senior Darts Club Break time PE1 Mr McLean
Senior Netball 16:00 – 17:00 Games Hall Millie Comley	Junior Netball 16:00 – 17:00 Games Hall Miss Wilson	Boys Football 16:00 – 17:00 3G Mr South	S1/2 School of Rugby 16:00 - 17:30 3G	
S1 Hockey 16:00 – 17:00 Astro Ms Hume + S6	S1/2 School of Rugby 16:00- 17:30 3G	Girls Football 16:00 – 17:00 3G	S2 Hockey 16:00 – 17:00 Astro Lauren Grant	
Drum Club Lunch time Music dept Archie Gibson	S3 Hockey 16:00 – 17:00 Astro Lauren Grant	Young Writers Club Lunch time M6 Miss Williams	Senior Hockey 16:00 – 17:00 Astro Miss Knox	
Formula 24 Club Lunch time/after school T4 Mr Henderson	Science Club Lunch time S10 Mr Smith	Eco Committee Lunch time S4 Mrs Thomson	Think Tank Club Lunch time M19 Miss McGillivray	
	BGE Darts Club Lunch time PE1 Mr McLean	Badminton Club 4:00 – 5:00 Games Hall Miss Watret	BGE Darts Club Lunch time PE1 Mr McLean	
		S1 Art Club 15:45 – 16:45 H9 Miss Alderson		
		S2 Art Club 15:45 – 16:45 H10 Mrs Hitchcock		

2024 - 2025

Senior Study Support

Easter Study Support

Programme

Book on the link : <https://forms.office.com/e/XZNyAbJWit>
(Please note this is bookable by Students only)

SENIOR STUDY CLUBS

Admin and IT and Business Management (in H3)

Day and Date	Time
Thursday 6 February	3.50-5.20 pm
Thursday 13 February	3.50-5.20 pm
Thursday 27 February	3.50-5.20 pm
Thursday 6 March	3.50-5.20 pm
Friday 7 March	1-2.30 pm
Thursday 13 March	3.50-5.20 pm
Friday 14 March	1-2.30 pm
Thursday 20 March	3.50-5.20 pm
Friday 21 March	1-2.30 pm
Friday 28 March	1-2.30 pm

Computing Science

Supported Study - Databases in M2

Thursday 6th February 3.45pm

Thursday 13th February 3.45pm

Supported Study from Monday 24th February by arrangement with Mrs Smyth/Mr Allen.

SENIOR STUDY CLUBS

Mathematics

As part of its on-going support the Maths department is offering study support sessions as follows.

Targeted support is Aimed at N5 classes. Saturday school will now be online. Young people can join the Team using the code: **14tncvp**. Young people can join by clicking the button in the main chat.

Exam Dates:

12th May – Higher maths

14th May – National 5 Maths

16th May- - National 5 Applications of Maths

16th May- Higher Applications of maths

Week Beginning	Drop In support	Targeted Support: Wednesday After School M18		Saturday School
		N5 Maths	N5 Apps	
27/1/2025		Straight Line	Five-point summary and box plots.	The structure of Saturday school will be as follows:
3/2/2025		Algebra Skills	Standard Deviation 9 All N5 Students welcome)	Targeted Support for those transferring to N5 Apps. 9-.15 am -10.10 am
10/2/2025		Arcs and Sectors	Scatter Graphs.	
17/2/2025				Targeted Support: (same as Wednesday) 10.10- 11.10 am
24/2/2025				
3/3/2025				
10/3/2025				
17/3/2025				
24/3/2025	Drop in Support 11,15 am - 12.00			
31/3/2025				
7/4/2025				
14/4/21/4	Young people can drop in and get help with questions about revision or classwork.			
21/4/2025				
28/4/2025				
5/5/2025	Friday After School- M18			
	Wednesday the 7 th . Immersion Day. Staff will be available all day for students for all levels and courses.			
12/5/2025	Tuesday the 13 th Staff will be available throughout the day for those studying National 5 Maths Wednesday the 14 th – staff will be available all day for those studying N5 or Higher Applications of Maths			

SENIOR STUDY CLUBS

Higher PE

Drop in session every lunchtime and supported study Thursdays 4-5pm in the PE Department.

Nat 5 PE

TBC by Miss Watret and Miss Wilson.

Home Economics

HFT study support sessions on a Monday and Tuesday lunchtime in E12.

Fabric

1:1 support with Miss Moncur can be arranged with individual students.

English

Tuesday after school, 4pm-5pm

Spanish and French

Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 4pm – 5pm

SENIOR STUDY CLUBS

Chemistry

Tuesday and Thursday after school 3:45 to 4:45(Tuesday) 4:20
(Thursday) with Dr Mitchel

Physics

Thursday after school, 4pm-5pm with Dr Mitchel

Biology

Thursday lunch

Higher Human - Miss Penman

Higher Bio - Mrs Brown

N5 - Mrs Thomson

Science – All levels

After school - Mr Smith

Geography and History

N5 and Higher – Wednesday and Thursday after school in D2.

Modern Studies

Wednesday and Thursday after school

RMPS

Monday lunchtimes with Mr Walton.

SENIOR STUDY CLUBS

Graphic Communication

Wednesday after school 15:45 - 17:00 with Mr Henderson

Woodworking/Furniture Making

Thursday after school 15:45 - 17:00 with Mr Henderson

Art and Design (all levels)

Art department open lunchtime every day of the week for portfolio support.

Wednesday after school in H8 with Mrs Hitchcock and Miss Alderson

Thursday after school in H10 with Mrs Hitchcock

Any other after school support sessions to be arranged with classroom teacher.

Photography

Wednesday after school in H6

Any other day arranged with Miss Alderson.

HAWICK

NOTICES

LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Due to the amount of pupils using the library at break/lunch times and the difficulty managing this there will be a timetable as follows:-

Monday – S2 break/lunch time
Tuesday – S1 break/lunch time
Wednesday – S2 break/lunch time
Thursday – S1 break/lunch time
Friday – S2 break time

This timetable will continue for the rest of Academic years

Thank you

LIBRARY USAGE

The library is a great space for our young people, there is support from our Librarian – Mark – and provides a good study space.

We have had some young people behaving in an unsafe manner whilst in the library so these yeargroups have been restricted from going into the library.

During SQA Exams S1-3 will be asked to be very quiet – its SQA regulations.

HOME ECONOMICS COOKING

Due to the amount of mess and litter being created by the throwing of food from Home Economics, no food is now to be taken from the class until the end of the day. For those who use a bus to get home you will be excused 5 minutes before the bell from your period 7 class to go and collect so you can make it to your bus in time. Those who do not have a bus are to go at the end of the day.

Thank you, Mr South

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

Nurses drop in will take place on Wednesday lunch times in the NEW school nurses area in the Technologies Corridor.

Thank you, School Nurses

CANTEEN INFO

Canteen will be open from 8am onwards. Open to all before school, break and lunchtime. Seniors (S5/S6) only during classes.

HAWICK NOTICES

BREAK/LUNCH REMINDER

Pupils are reminded that no pupil is allowed off the school premises at break. Pupils are also reminded that there are healthy deals available in the canteen at both break and lunch.

Thank You, Mrs Scott

WET WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

YEAR GROUP	DRY WEATHER	WET WEATHER
S1	Back playground	Canteen
S2	Back playground	Dance Studio/Gym
S3	Back playground	Games Hall
S4	Front area school	Assembly hall
S5	Front area school	Lecture Hall
S6	Front area school	Library

TEVIOTDALE HARRIERS

Teviotdale Harriers are the third oldest running club in Scotland and were formed with the underlying objective of expanding the sporting life of Hawick, with the emphasis on cross-country running. We provide a family orientated, happy, healthy, enthusiastic atmosphere to run, socialise and build friendships.

Our intentions are to:

- Encourage and support improvement in the athletic capabilities of all members.
- Provide coaching in a safe and secure environment.
- Provide competitive opportunities for all members on an individual and team basis, in both club events and at District/National levels.

Our junior section trains every Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm under the guidance of our fully qualified coaches and coaching assistants. All abilities are welcomed and encouraged, from those looking to compete or those just running for fitness, health and fun!

For more information on Teviotdale Harriers please visit:

www.teviotdaleharriers.org.uk. Those looking to attend please contact Morag Michie on teviotdalesecretary@gmail.com prior to coming along. You must complete a form and bring this to your first training session.

Polska Szkoła Sobotnia Hawick

zaprasza na zajęcia dzieci od 3 roku życia. Zajęcia odbywają się w soboty w budynku Hawick High School od 9.30 do 12.30.

Nasze usługi:

- 3 lekcje języka polskiego dla dzieci i młodzieży: nauka poprawnego czytania, pisania i mówienia przeplatana tematami z historii oraz geografii Polski
- egzamin GCSE z języka polskiego
- spotkania informacyjne dla rodziców, którzy pragną zapoznać się z systemem edukacji w Szkocji
- wycieczki, zabawy, konkursy, imprezy międzynarodowe

Jest wiele czynników, które mogą spowalniać postępy dziecka w szkole.

Dzieci, które opanowały na dobrym poziomie czytanie i pisanie w swoim ojczystym języku, osiągają lepsze wyniki również w innych dziedzinach.

Polska Szkoła Sobotnia powstała, aby wspomagać polskie dzieci w nauce ich ojczystego języka. Naszym celem jest również pomoc uczniom i rodzinom w integracji ze społeczeństwem bez utraty ich pierwotnej tożsamości



Saturday Polish School Hawick

welcomes children from the age of 3. Lessons are on Saturdays in Hawick High School building from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Our offer:

- 3 hours of polish language include: reading, writing, speaking with basic history and geography topics
- GCSE Polish
- support and practical information on education in Scotland
- trips, fun events, competitions, international parties

There are many factors which can slow down a child's progress at school.

Children who have a good level of literacy in their native language show higher attainment in other subjects.

Saturday Polish School was set up to support Polish children with heritage language classes. It is our aim to help our pupils and families to integrate into the society without losing their original identity.



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