

Hawick High School

Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



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Headteacher's Update

Welcome to Hawick High School's Monthly Newsletter!



Work on the new school is progressing well and we are now fully separated from the old site, the site that the old building was on will be cleared by the February break.

Thank you to everyone who completed Miss Williams' feedback form. Your input is invaluable, and we shared the summary last week with you all. We hope to continue to do more of this work and keep you informed of what we are doing.

A reminder that school uniform is compulsory at Hawick High School. Wearing school uniform is important as it ensures all our young people are equal and that no one is left out. We have a simple dress code at Hawick High School, which includes:

- Black jumper
- White shirt
- School year group tie
- Black bottoms
- Black shoes



We also have a supply of new school uniform items available for any young person or parent/carer to access at any time through our Inclusion Hub.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Scott

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Key Dates

Monday 2nd February

Deadline for declarations of interest and deposit for current S3-S5 students studying History for the 2027 Battlefields Trip. Please see Mr MacLeod.

Monday 2nd February

DYW Industry Insight Afternoon: AMB Beauty

Tuesday 3rd February - 6pm to 7pm

S3 into S4 Parent's Information Evening

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February

S3 into S4 Course Choice Interviews

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February

S4 into S5 Course Choice Interviews

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February

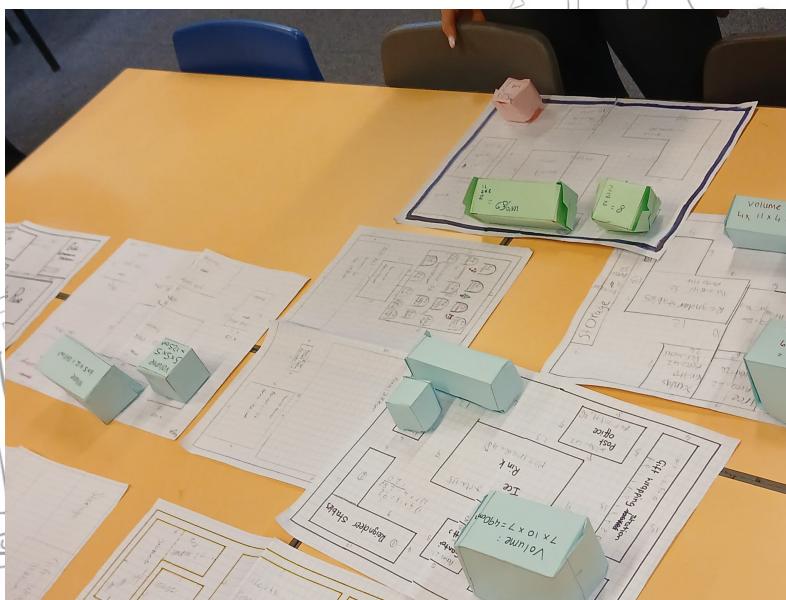
S5 into S6 Course Choice Interviews

Thursday 26th February

Stobs Camp VR Workshop - Social Subjects, S3



Hawick High School Classroom Spotlight

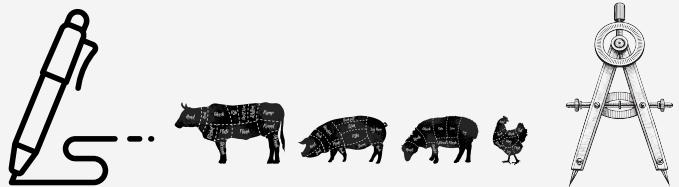


PBL at

Hawick High School

Project-Based Learning continues to play a key role throughout our BGE years, offering our young people meaningful, hands-on opportunities to develop skills for learning, life, and work.

Our learners have been busy exploring real-world challenges, collaborating with peers, and bringing their ideas to life through a range of exciting projects.



- Landscape Design
- QMS Butchery
- Marsh, Riddell, and Gibson Winter Landscape

Hawick High School Classroom Spotlight

Blossom the cow

Blossom the Cow visits Hawick High School

The Royal Highland Educational Trust (RHET) brought Blossom the fibreglass cow into school!

The BGE class and Enhanced Provision pupils had the opportunity to learn about making butter and 'milk' the cow. Pupils have been learning about types of farming in Scotland and were delighted to meet Blossom.



Hawick High School Employability

Rotary Young Chef



Fourteen students took part in this year's Rotary Young Chef competition on Tuesday 9th December, supported by funding from Muirhall Energy. Competitors prepared a main course and dessert within two hours.

Aiden Stewart was awarded first place for his sticky chicken stir-fry and homemade mince pies, going forward to the district final, in Kilmarnock.

Five students received highly commended recognition: Warren Jackson, Beth Thomson, Eliot Deans, Shaniqua Matema, and Leo Lawrie.

Thank you to the Home Economics department for their continued support in making the event a great success.



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Racial Literacies

Building Racial Literacy at Hawick High School

Our Racial Literacies Professional Learning Community have surveyed the pupils and staff to get their views around how prevalent racist behaviour is in the school and how confident both are in reporting it.

To support this, we are in the process of designing a reporting process that allows this to be user friendly and includes feedback to the individual as well as parents/carers, which will hopefully improve confidence in reporting any racial incidents.

Staff are about to receive their second whole staff training session since August which will equip them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to understand, discuss, and challenge racism, moving beyond simple awareness to actionable anti-racism, focusing on systemic issues, identity, and creating inclusive environments for all, often through addressing bias, cultural awareness, and practical strategies for fostering belonging and addressing inequality.

BUILDING RACIAL LITERACY



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

CREATING SAFER, BRAVER LEARNING SPACES

IN THE BUILDING RACIAL LITERACY PROGRAMME, WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WITH IDEAS AND KNOWLEDGE, KNOWLEDGE AND PERSPECTIVE. TO ENSURE THAT OUR LEARNED SPACES IN THE PROGRAMME ARE INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE OF ALL PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS, THERE ARE SOME PRINCIPLES WE ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING AND COMMITTING TO AS WE PRACTISE RACIAL LITERACY TOGETHER.



ACKNOWLEDGE
EMOTIONS



EMBRACE PRODUCTIVE
DISCOMFORT



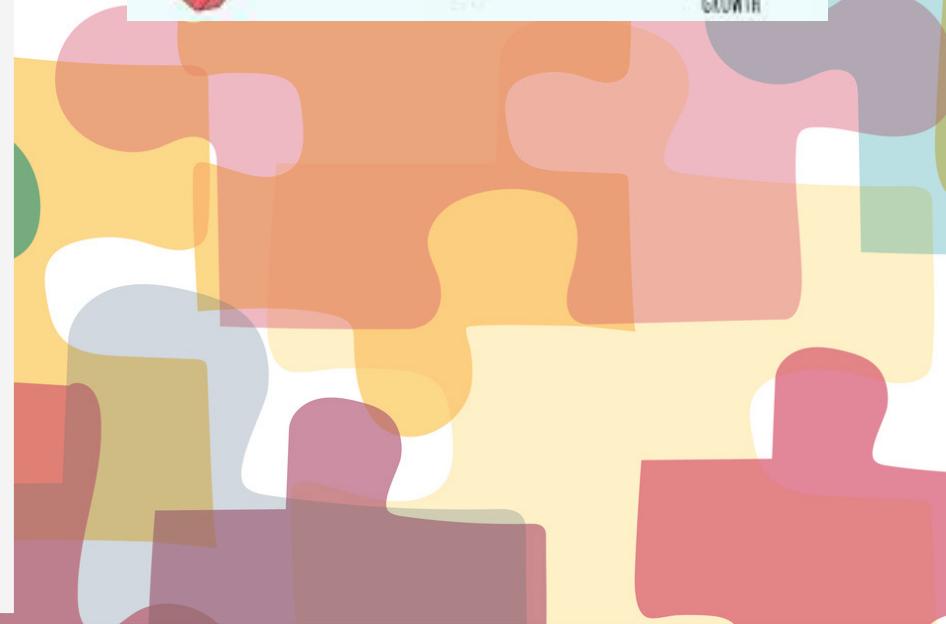
COMMIT TO
SELF-CARE



BUILD
RELATIONSHIPS



CAPACITY FOR
GROWTH



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Rights Respecting School

1 DEFINITION OF A CHILD	2 NO DISCRIMINATION	3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD	4 MAKING RIGHTS REAL	5 FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP	6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT	7 NAME AND NATIONALITY
8 IDENTITY	9 KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER	10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES	11 PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPING	12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY	14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION
15 SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS	16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY	17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION	18 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS	19 PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE	20 CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES	21 CHILDREN WHO ARE ADOPTED
22 REFUGEE CHILDREN	23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT	25 REVIEW OF A CHILD'S PLACEMENT	26 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP	27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME	28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
29 AIMS OF EDUCATION	30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION	31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS	32 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK	33 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL DRUGS	34 PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL ABUSE	35 PREVENTION OF SALE AND TRAFFICKING
36 PROTECTION FROM EXPLOITATION	37 CHILDREN IN DETENTION	38 PROTECTION IN WAR	39 RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION	40 CHILDREN WHO BREAK THE LAW	41 BEST LAW FOR CHILDREN APPLIES	42 EVERYONE MUST KNOW CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
43-54 HOW THE CONVENTION WORKS						

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting School Progress, our journey to the Bronze Award:

We are about to launch our United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Article of the week. Where students learn about a different UNCRC article each week. Teachers then link the article to the students' learning in order to illustrate how the UNCRC can provide a powerful framework to help articulate our school's vision, aims, ethos and everyday practice, alongside providing a common language that can be used by all stakeholders within the school community. These will be shared on our school website so parents/carers can support the learning at home.

Our student forum have identified what they see as the key articles and we will begin with them.

Hawick High School Transition Roadshows

Presentation by
Senior Leadership
and Pastoral staff.
All presentations
start at 6pm.

Denholm
26.01.26
Trinity
02.02.26
Stirches
03.02.26
Drumlanrig
05.02.26
Burnfoot
09.02.26
Wilton
10.02.26

Find out more about
the transition to high
school and have the
opportunity to ask
questions.

*If you have any questions about the P7-S1
transition, please contact
monica.walker@scotborders.gov.uk*

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Skills Development Scotland

Parents & Carers — Have Your Say

Your feedback helps shape learning, skills, and career support for young people across Scotland.

Scan the QR code below to complete the short survey

It takes just a few minutes and your views really matter.



Skills
Development
Scotland

SDS are currently meeting with our S3 students, with every young person offered a 1:1 careers interview, times are shared via Groupcall and on registration class Showbies.

SDS support is also available to any senior student looking for advice on future pathways.

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Outstanding Achievement's

We know that our pupils do incredible things both in and out of school, and we want to recognise and celebrate every success big or small!

Please use the QR code attached to share any special achievements your child has accomplished outside of school, from sporting events and music performances to acts of kindness or personal milestones.

You can fill it in yourself or encourage your child to do it. This will help us celebrate their achievements together in school and make sure every pupil's success shines!

Thank you for helping us recognise and celebrate our amazing pupils!

Outstanding Achievements to
Celebrate



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Careers Fair 2026

You're Invited



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CAREERS FAIR

With a focus on localised employment, apprenticeships, and further education this is your chance to come along and get advice and guidance for your future career.

SAVE THE DATE
Thurs 5th March 2026
6pm - 8pm

Young Person's
Guarantee

DYW | BORDERS
Developing the
Young Workforce

Explore the best pathway to move you into the career you want!





HAWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Employer Partnership Board

Dates: 13th February, 27th March

Times: 11.30am - 1pm

Venue: Hawick High School

Join the 2025/2026 Hawick High School Employer Partnership Board

Help shape and support career education while guiding the development of future skills at Hawick High School. By working in partnership with the school, local employers, and key stakeholders, you'll play a vital role in providing opportunities such as skills activities, work placements, and career guidance - making a real difference in the lives of our young people.

We meet once per term, with a celebration event in May to close.

We're looking for people from all backgrounds and industries.

**Interested? Please get in touch:
Stacey.grieve@scotborders.gov.uk**

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HOUSE POINT UPDATE

● Scott

● Turnbull

● Douglas

