



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the third of our newly introduced Parent Newsletters. We hope that they are improving communication from the school and making you feel more aware of the life of the school. We know from your feedback during the review of our school that this is something we must aim to improve. I remind you that, after Christmas, I will write to you again to see if you feel that the regular Newsletter is making a difference and ask you how frequently you would wish to receive them. The rhythm of school life is certainly returning to normal and we are able to enjoy many of the activities that we missed out on during the pandemic. We look forward to sharing reports from the festive activities that dominate our calendar in the final weeks of term.

Prelims:

Having listened to feedback on the timing of prelims, we have pushed them back so that they start on Monday 16th January giving our young people a full week back with their teachers after Christmas. The last prelim is on 2nd February. I will write to you next week with details of study leave and the timetable.

Upcoming events on the Calendar:

Please remember you can view the school calendar at any time via our new website:

[Calendar](#)

In the next couple of weeks the following events take place:

- 12th December - S5/6 School Dance (Peebles Hydro)
- 13th December - S1/2 School Dance (PHS Assembly Hall)
- 14th December - Senior Parents Evening (Online)
- 15th December - Christmas Concert (Assembly Hall, tickets £5 available from the school office or Whitie's)
- 20th December - S3/4 School Dance (PHS Assembly Hall)

I trust that you will contact the school via email (peebleshs@scotborders.gov.uk) should you have any feedback on our Newsletter or issues you would like to raise with the school.

Best Regards

Campbell Wilson

Headteacher

Peebles High School

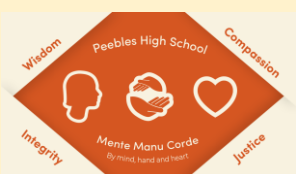
New Members of Staff



Hello, I am Miss McCann and I am pleased to be working with pupils to help reduce the poverty related attainment gap in Peebles High School.



Hi, I am Miss Grieve and I am delighted to have joined Peebles High School's Modern Studies Department. I have spent the last few years working at a secondary school in West Lothian and have recently moved to the Scottish Borders. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting involved in the wider school life.



What's Happening in PHS

We will include a small selection of articles in each newsletter which share the experiences and celebrate the successes of our young people to give you a flavour of school life.

Careers Event Winners

Congratulations to the following young people, who collected their "stamps" after speaking with our exhibitors and won prizes at the recent Careers Event:

Amy Chapman, Leon Dickson, Louis Whyte S5, Ella Scott-Bruce

Aimee-Beth Morton in S1 won the Career Doll Box. With #IDK as her message capturing her uncertainty about what she would like to be, it's great that there's still plenty more Careers Events that she can attend for inspiration.

Many thanks to the organisations who donated the prizes:

DYW Borders, Go Ape, So Stobo, Rugbystore, Peebles Hydro, Holland and Sherry.



Mrs Boyd

Talent Show Fundraising Success

We are pleased to report that our recent talent show in aid of UNICEF's work in Ukraine raised over £900. Our audience enjoyed an evening of magic, instrumental performances, musical duets, unicycling tricks, drama and an incredible opera. Well done to all involved.



House Captains

Visiting Artist

On Friday 25 November, during Creative Careers Week, Higher and Advanced Higher Art students enjoyed a visit from Glen McBeth, former pupil and award winning illustrator, to hear about his work and pathway after leaving Peebles High School at the end of S5. As well as being a freelance illustrator, Glen also lectures and teaches illustration at Edinburgh College and he was able to share information on the range of opportunities in the creative industries that are available at the College.

Glen's work can be viewed at <http://www.glenmcbeth.co.uk/>



Art Department



SBC Play Day

PHS students joined musicians aged 11 - 18 from across the region as part of the annual Play Day at Earlston High School on Saturday 19th November. They combined forces to form a guitar ensemble, a string ensemble and a wind band. Friends and family enjoyed a concert at the end of the day which culminated in a moving rendition of Highland Cathedral featuring all musicians. We hope that these region-wide music-making opportunities continue to thrive and grow.

Mrs Campbell