



# The Knox Newsletter



June 2016

## From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Friends,

A couple of weeks ago, now, saw the school celebrating its inaugural Sport Awards Evening. We were very lucky to have two excellent speakers – Sarah Clark – international Judo player and Michael Cavanagh from Sport Scotland. Michael, as some of you will know, is a former parent of Knox Academy and was, in his time, an international wrestler. They both made inspirational speeches that I know touched a number of people in the audience. At the heart of what they had to say was the message of “try your hardest” and “things that are worthwhile don’t always come easily”. The evening was a resounding success, seeing the Knox Academy community recognising the hard work and achievements of coaches and players alike.

We couldn’t run our extra-curricular sports without the input from a great many volunteers, and we have really been trying to raise the profile of volunteering in the school this session. We ran our first Volunteering Fair at the start of the session to try and enthuse pupils and engage them in volunteering in their community. As a result, I was delighted to accept the East Lothian Inter-School Shield for participation in volunteering. It was entirely down to our young people logging the hours that they are putting in. We also have over thirty volunteers coming to work in the school on our Paired Reading Scheme. Thanks to the interest expressed by the University of the Third Age we can now offer unprecedented amounts of support to our young people who find reading a barrier to their learning.

Last weekend I attended the Leavers’ Dance of this year’s S6. What a year group! They came to the year with the conviction that they were going to give as much of themselves to the school as they could. They organised the Panto (oh, yes they did!), raised money for numerous charities, held community events, all while throwing themselves into their studies. They have set the bar high for incoming S6. It was also lovely to welcome the P7s into school last week. They are a marvellous bunch of young people who look ready to move on into the next phase of their education. They bonded really well with their senior buddies and, I think, they will fit in very well to the school. Their enthusiasm and good-naturedness was infectious.

As ever, with looking forward, comes the looking back. There are several members of staff who are leaving us on Friday and I would like to say a big “thank you” to them for all that they have done for the school over their time with us. Mrs Maxwell (English); Mr Homer (Science and Physics); Mr McGinley (Pupil Support); Mr Elms (PE); Dr Wilson (Biology); Mr McFarlane (Business Education); Mr McCrae (RMPS); Ms Simpson (Art & Design); Mr Blair (PE); and Mr Swanson (Music Instruction). Between them they have added value to the school and to the experiences that the pupils have had. I would like to wish them all well in the next stages of their careers.

So, it just remains for me to thank the parents, pupils, staff and community around Knox Academy for making it another amazing year. I look forward to seeing all the pupils for the start of session at 8.44am on the 17<sup>th</sup> August.

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Head Teacher

<p align="center"><b>S1 MERIT CERTIFICATES</b></p> <p align="center"> <i>Louise Allan  Hollie Austin  Marilyn Briggs  Rachel Broadley  Charlie Gates  Eilidh Graham  Adam Jeffries  Cara Lavender  Lucy Lemmon  Duncan Riley  Kyle Sutherland  Tristan Swan  Kirk Washington-Mackay</i> </p>		<p align="center"><b>S2 MERIT CERTIFICATES</b></p> <p align="center"> <i>Murron Bland  Donald Bathgate  Isla Booth  Asher Borthwick  Jamie Gilkson  Marta Guzkowski  Niall Holman  Charlie Smith  Kuba Stepniewski  Jenny Vischer  Orla Walker</i> </p>			
<p><b>S3 SUBJECT CERTIFICATES</b></p> <p><i>Rachel Armstrong</i>      <i>Modern Studies</i>  <i>Ailish Barry</i>            <i>Dram, History</i>  <i>Emma Brown</i>            <i>RMPS</i>  <i>David Graham</i>           <i>Classics</i>  <i>Kate Heggie</i>             <i>Administration</i>  <i>Alexander Hogg</i>         <i>Chemistry</i>  <i>Bethany Hunter</i>         <i>F&amp;H</i>  <i>Callum Pate</i>              <i>PE</i>  <i>Alexander Riddell</i>       <i>Business Management</i>  <i>Iona Riley</i>                <i>Geography, D&amp;T</i>  <i>Aaron Smith</i>             <i>Practical Craft Skills</i>  <i>Sam Thomson</i>            <i>Maths, Physics, Biology,</i>     <i>French</i>    <i>Lauren Thomson</i>        <i>English</i>  <i>Esha Wells</i>                <i>Computing</i>  <i>Kira Wightman</i>          <i>Art &amp; Design</i>  <i>Cameron Coe</i>             <i>Music Highly Commended</i>  <i>Ewan Hunter</i>             <i>Music Highly Commended</i>  <i>Molly McHugh</i>          <i>Music Highly Commended</i>  <i>Niamh McInnes</i>         <i>Music Highly Commended</i>  <i>Alexander Riddell</i>       <i>Music Highly Commended</i></p>		<p><b>S4 SUBJECT PRIZES</b></p> <p><i>Megan Brown</i>            <i>Drama</i>  <i>Daniel Cole</i>              <i>French, Music</i>  <i>Fergus Dickson</i>         <i>History</i>  <i>Mollie Gidney</i>           <i>PE</i>  <i>Ewan Laing</i>               <i>Environmental Science</i>  <i>Conal McGregor</i>         <i>Physics</i>  <i>Andrew McKnight</i>       <i>Design &amp; Manufacture</i>  <i>Kirsty McNaught</i>       <i>Art &amp; Design</i>  <i>Saoirse Murphy-Collott</i> <i>Geography</i>  <i>Kara Singh</i>               <i>Latin, RMPS</i>  <i>Rebecka Thorburn</i>      <i>F&amp;H, Administration</i>  <i>Kate Wilson</i>             <i>Business Management</i>  <i>Rebecca Wray</i>           <i>Computing, Maths,</i>     <i>Chemistry, Biology</i>    <i>Fraser Wright</i>            <i>Modern Studies, English</i></p>			
<p><b>S5 SUBJECT PRIZES</b></p> <p><i>Hamish Hastie</i>           <i>French</i>  <i>Katrina Hummel</i>         <i>RMPS</i>  <i>Rebecca Keegan</i>         <i>PE, Geography, Modern</i>     <i>Studies</i>    <i>Ellana Kelly</i>              <i>Drama</i>  <i>Alasdair MacFarlane</i>     <i>Maths, Music, Physics</i>  <i>Isaac Smith</i>              <i>Computing</i>  <i>Ruby Smith</i>               <i>Art &amp; Design, English</i>  <i>Claire Thompson</i>         <i>Biology</i></p>		<p><b>S6 SUBJECT PRIZES</b></p> <p><i>George Davies</i>           <i>Drama</i>  <i>Leon Doig</i>               <i>Graphic Communication</i>  <i>Natalie Forrest</i>         <i>Chemistry</i>  <i>Harriet Lomholt-Welch</i> <i>Human Biology</i>  <i>Douglas Meikle</i>         <i>Design &amp; Manufacture</i>  <i>Mark Sandford</i>         <i>Art &amp; Design</i>  <i>Ben Scott</i>                <i>Psychology</i>  <i>Gregor Syme</i>             <i>Music</i>  <i>William Syme</i>            <i>Economics</i>  <i>Leona Thorburn</i>         <i>RMPS</i></p>			
<p><b>SPOWAGE PRIZES FOR O/STANDING WORK IN AD HIGHER</b></p> <p><i>Chloe Craig</i>             <i>Biology</i>  <i>Harry Dawson</i>          <i>History</i>  <i>Fiona Dickson</i>          <i>Physics, Chemistry</i>  <i>Iona Freckleton</i>         <i>Modern Studies</i>  <i>Hannah Green</i>         <i>Business Management,</i>     <i>Administration</i>    <i>Sophie Hay</i>                <i>Computing</i>  <i>Katy Irving</i>               <i>Geography</i>  <i>Peter Macaldowie</i>       <i>English</i>  <i>Ewen McSporry</i>         <i>Business Management</i></p>		<p><b>BBC REPORTING TEAM</b></p> <p><i>Donald Bathgate</i>  <i>Sophie Charbonnier</i>  <i>Catriona Dee</i>  <i>Rosie Greenshields</i>  <i>Angus Langlands</i>  <i>Cameron Marnoch</i>  <i>Rory McVean</i>  <i>Finn Samuel</i>  <i>Ava Slimon</i>  <i>Jessica Thomson</i>  <i>Harry Thursz</i>  <i>Sarah Turner</i></p>		<p><b>DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD</b></p> <p><i>Lauren Aitchison</i>  <i>Lucy Ballantyne</i>  <i>Isabelle Bowen</i>  <i>Daniel Cole</i>  <i>Hana Elder</i>  <i>Bethany Hunter</i>  <i>Conal McGregor</i>  <i>Molly McHugh</i>  <i>Alexander Riddell</i>  <i>Kara Singh</i>  <i>Sam Thomson</i></p>	

<i>Charlotte Smith</i> <i>Rebecca Swinton</i> <i>William Syme</i>	<i>English</i> <i>French</i> <i>Maths, History</i>	<i>Jenny Vischer</i> <i>Clara Wilberforce</i>	<i>Megan Vischer</i> <i>Ailsa Wrinn</i>
<b>FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL</b> <i>Harry Bowles</i> <i>Roisin Kelly</i> <i>Natalie Forrest</i> <i>Ben Scott</i>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARD</b> <i>Iona Croally</i> <i>Chloe Duffy</i> <i>Kelsie Hill</i> <i>Gavin Sandford</i> <i>Mark Sandford</i>	<b>AWARD FOR CREATIVITY</b> <i>Cameron Coe</i> <i>Archie Goddard</i> <i>Connor Moore</i> <i>Iona Riley</i> <i>Andrew Syme</i> <i>Findlay Wallace</i>	<b>ACCELERATED READER MILLIONAIRE</b> <i>Louise Allan</i> <i>Isla Booth</i> <i>Marilyn Briggs</i> <i>Eilidh Graham</i> <i>Charlotte Gray</i>
<b>KERRY JAWORSKI TROPHY FOR HOCKEY</b> <i>Anna Pate</i>	<b>YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR</b> <i>Rebecca Ainslie</i> <i>Chloe Duffy</i>	<b>ALICE BURNETT TWINNING SCHOLARSHIP</b> <i>Hamish Hastie</i>	<b>MICHAEL GODEK PRIZE FOR GUITAR</b> <i>Harry Anning</i>
<b>GILLIS PRIZE FOR PAINTING</b> <i>Leona Thorburn</i>	<b>DEPUTES' AWARD</b> <i>Eilidh Graham</i>	<b>VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR</b> <i>Louise Allan</i> <i>Carrie Evans</i>	<b>PSP AWARD</b> <i>Sarah Greenwell</i>
<b>ELAINE BRUCE TRADITIONAL MUSIC AWARD</b> <i>Hannah Green</i>	<b>GEORGE ANTELL AWARD</b> <i>William Syme</i>	<b>HADDINGTON COMMUNITY AWARD</b> <i>Sarah Greenwell</i>	<b>RUSSELL REDPATH AWARD</b> <i>Cameron Coe</i>
<b>PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD MATHS</b> <i>Jason Collings</i>	<b>QUIZ CHAMPION</b> <i>Harry Lockhart-Moore</i>		<b>ENTERPRISE AWARD</b> <i>Roisin Kelly</i>
<b>SPORTS PERSONALITY</b> <i>Paul Cunningham</i>	<b>OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</b> <i>Scott Thomson</i>		<b>SCHOOL OF RUGBY AWARD</b> <i>Paul Cunningham</i>
<b>FORMULA 1</b> <i>Cammy Coe</i> <i>Archie Goddard</i> <i>Connor Moore</i> <i>Iona Riley</i> <i>Andrew Syme</i> <i>Findlay Wallace</i>	<b>PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT</b> <i>Paul Cunningham</i> <i>Lucy Lemmon</i> <i>Conal McGregor</i> <i>Rory McVean</i> <i>Hannah Metcalfe</i> <i>Gavin Sandford</i> <i>Mark Sandford</i> <i>Cameron Scott</i> <i>Gordon Scott</i> <i>Carla Taylor</i>	<b>SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL</b> <i>Louise Kirkpatrick</i> <i>Harriet Lomholt-Welch</i> <i>Charlotte Smith</i> <i>Carla Taylor</i>	<b>INSPIRE ASPIRE</b> <i>Kyle Sutherland</i>
<b>ANGELA WOODWARD PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION</b> <i>Ewen McSporran</i>	<b>MARTIN DUDDIN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN GEOGRAPHY</b> <i>Rebecca Ainslie</i>	<b>JANIS CRAIG AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN HISTORY</b> <i>Adam Linton-Main</i>	<b>COUNCILLORS QUAICH FOR ENGAGEMENT</b> <i>Panto Team</i> <i>Chloe Craig</i>
<b>FARADAY CHALLENGE DAY WINNER 2016</b> <i>Eilidh Graham</i> <i>Louise Allan</i> <i>Tala Davidson</i> <i>Charlie Henderson</i> <i>James Cameron</i> <i>Tristan Swan</i>		<b>Duke of Edinburgh Bronze</b> <i>Lauren Aitchison</i> <i>Lucy Ballantyne</i> <i>Isabelle Bowen</i> <i>Daniel Cole</i> <i>Hana Elder</i> <i>Bethany Hunter</i> <i>Conal McGregor</i> <i>Molly McHugh</i> <i>Alexander Riddell</i> <i>Kara Singh</i> <i>Sam Thomson</i> <i>Megan Vischer</i> <i>Ailsa Wrinn</i>	
<b>ALASTAIR BARDEN MEMORIAL</b> Will be announced at the Awards Ceremony		<b>KERR MACFARLANE MEMORIAL PRIZE</b> Will be announced at the Awards Ceremony	
<b>S3 DUX OF SCHOOL</b> <i>Sam Thomson</i>		<b>DUX OF SCHOOL</b> <i>Rebecca Keegan</i> <i>Alasdair MacFarlane</i>	

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Staff Resume (In Service Day)	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff and Pupils Resume
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Pupils Resume	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Scottish Learning Festival
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	S1 Photographs	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	S1 Guidance Interviews Week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	S6 LEAPS/UCAS Presentation	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Higher Geography Fieldtrip
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	S6 Photographs	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	S4 Tracking Reports Issued
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Tomorrows Driver (S6)	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Enterprising Maths Event
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	PSP Meeting (6.15pm)	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	UCAS Deadline (1 <sup>st</sup> Draft)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Senior Phase Information Evening (7-8pm)	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	S1 Guidance Interviews Week
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Volunteering Fair	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	S2 Land Yacht Challenge
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	UCAS Higher Education Convention (S6)	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	PSP Meeting (6.15pm)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Advanced Higher History Trip	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	S2 Land Yacht Challenge
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	UCAS Evening (7-8.30pm)	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	S1 Guidance Interviews Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	S5/6 Tracking Reports Issued	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	S2 Tracking Reports Issued
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	P7 Open Evening (7pm)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	All Break – October Holiday
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Holiday – School Closed	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Resume
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Holiday – School Closed	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils Resume

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