



The Knox Newsletter



July 2015

From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Friends of Knox Academy,

The session 2014 to 2015 has been another filled with more highs than lows, and leaves me thinking, as ever, how lucky I am to be head teacher of this school.

We have seen pupils gaining the highest awards in music exams and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, performing on stage and as part of groups, orchestras and ensembles, all the while enjoying themselves and trying their hardest.

Sporting teams have experienced the inevitable triumph and disaster that goes along with competing, but have, as the poet said treated "those two imposters just the same" and carried on with equanimity and hope. Individuals have excelled in their chosen sports and still others have garnered awards for creativity and their writing.

We have had another hugely successful Activities' Week with pupils spending time cycling in the Lothians; enjoying French food and culture in Glasgow and Edinburgh; travelling to Italy; playing football in Spain; and lapping up West End shows in London. The New York Trip was cold but brilliant and the staff/S6 trip to Dalguise was suitably muddy. All in all pupils and staff got to know each other better, and enjoy each other's company. Long may it continue.

We have said some "good byes" this session: to Ms Moffatt (Pupil Support Worker), Ms Mackinnon (Drama), Ms MacPhee (PE), Mr Greenaway (PE), Ms Ferrier (English), Ms Ward (Biology & Science), Mr Doig (Physics & Science). We will also say farewell to our NQTs: Ms Dill, Ms Hunter, Mr MacDonald and Mr McGinley. We wish them all well as they embark on the next stages of their careers.

I now need to do some "thank yous" as we never get through the session on our own – we get huge amounts of help and support from a lot of people.

Thanks to Haddington Community Council and Haddington Business Association for their support of the school in general, and of individual pupils through offering work experience and volunteering opportunities. Thanks to everyone who comes in to interview as part of our award-winning Employability Skills programme – especially Canon UK. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Haddington for supporting pupils in gaining leadership and cookery skills, and for helping youngsters organise their Gap Years. Thanks to Haddington Rugby Club for supporting the School of Rugby initiative and for taking our pupils under their wing. Thanks to everyone who helps to sponsor a sports team and to those members of the community who come in every week to do paired reading with our younger pupils. The PSP and KASG do a fine job (and often unsung) of raising money and making sure that we are doing everything we can for our pupils. Finally, thanks to all the parents and families of our young people – your support and help means everything to us and we are hugely grateful.

I wish you all a great summer and look forward to working with you next session to take the school from strength to strength.

Yours,

Sarah Ingham

<p>S1 MERIT CERTIFICATES</p> <p><i>Murron Bland</i> <i>Isla Booth</i> <i>Sophie Charbonnier</i> <i>Eve McBain</i> <i>Charlie Smith</i> <i>Kuba Stepniewski</i> <i>Andrew Syme</i> <i>Jessica Thomson</i> <i>Jenny Vischer</i> <i>Orla Walker</i> <i>Amy Winter</i></p>		<p>S2 MERIT CERTIFICATES</p> <p><i>Rachel Armstrong</i> <i>Ailish Barry</i> <i>Isabelle Bowen</i> <i>Dylan Brotherston</i> <i>Elliot Cochrane</i> <i>Lucas Crabb</i> <i>Molly McHugh</i> <i>Ben McKinnel</i> <i>Alexander Riddell</i> <i>Iona Riley</i> <i>Jayde Smith</i> <i>Sam Thomson</i> <i>Megan Watt</i></p>	
<p>S3 SUBJECT CERTIFICATES</p> <p><i>Daniel Cole</i> <i>Ellie Fairgrieve</i> <i>Melissa Halliday</i> <i>Phoebe Hayman</i></p> <p><i>Adam Malek</i> <i>Arran Marsh</i> <i>Conal McGregor</i> <i>Andrew McKnight</i> <i>Saoirse Murphy-Collot</i> <i>Karolina Redanskyte</i> <i>Kara Singh</i> <i>Rebecka Thorburn</i> <i>Rebecca Wray</i></p> <p><i>Fraser Wright</i></p>	<p><i>Music</i> <i>Business Management</i> <i>Modern Studies</i> <i>Business Management, Latin</i> <i>Administration</i> <i>HE</i> <i>English, Maths, History</i> <i>Design & Technology, PE</i> <i>Geography</i> <i>Art & Design</i> <i>RMPS, Classics, Drama</i> <i>Modern Languages</i> <i>Physics, Biology, Chemistry</i> <i>Computing</i></p>	<p>S4 SUBJECT PRIZES</p> <p><i>Kirsty Adair</i> <i>Lucy Hargreaves</i> <i>Catriona Heawood</i> <i>Jack Kissack</i> <i>Finlay Logie</i> <i>Alasdair MacFarlane</i> <i>Christopher Mack</i> <i>Thomas McCall</i> <i>Iola More</i> <i>Hannah Paxton</i> <i>Abbi Robertson</i> <i>Lewis Rollo</i> <i>Victoria Smith</i> <i>Ruby Smith</i> <i>Isaac Smith</i> <i>Robbie Taylor</i> <i>Hannah Trotter</i> <i>Eilidh Watt</i></p>	<p><i>Computing</i> <i>Administration</i> <i>Modern Languages, Latin</i> <i>Biology</i> <i>History</i> <i>Music, Maths, Physics</i> <i>Chemistry</i> <i>Business Management</i> <i>English</i> <i>Design & Manufacture</i> <i>PE</i> <i>Graphic Communication</i> <i>HE</i> <i>RMPS, Art & Design</i> <i>Geography</i> <i>History</i> <i>Drama</i> <i>Modern Studies</i></p>
<p>S5 SUBJECT PRIZES</p> <p><i>Scott Anderson</i> <i>Olivia Christie</i> <i>Iona Croally</i> <i>Fiona Dickson</i> <i>Iona Freckleton</i> <i>Katy Irving</i> <i>Bartek Jedras</i> <i>Peter Macaldowie</i> <i>Mark Sandford</i> <i>Ben Scott</i> <i>Charlotte Smith</i> <i>Rebecca Swinton</i> <i>William Syme</i></p> <p><i>Carla Taylor</i> <i>Leona Thorburn</i></p>	<p><i>PE</i> <i>Latin</i> <i>Home Economics</i> <i>Chemistry</i> <i>Modern Studies, Biology</i> <i>Geography</i> <i>Drama</i> <i>Computing</i> <i>Music</i> <i>RMPS</i> <i>Human Biology</i> <i>Modern Languages</i> <i>Maths, Physics, Business Management, English, History</i> <i>Graphic Communication</i> <i>Art & Design</i></p>	<p>SPOWAGE PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN AD HIGHER</p> <p><i>Aaron Crow</i> <i>Katie Green</i> <i>Katie Holton</i> <i>Lachlan King</i> <i>Aimee Lindsay</i> <i>Joshua Marsh</i> <i>Bethan McGregor</i> <i>Robert Mitchell</i> <i>Claire Neillans</i> <i>Angus Riddell</i> <i>Katie Scott</i> <i>Perry Stewart</i> <i>Ellie Thomson</i> <i>Natasha Wright</i> <i>Caitlin Wright</i></p>	<p><i>Business Management</i> <i>Drama</i> <i>RMPS</i> <i>Physics</i> <i>Graphic Communication</i> <i>Music</i> <i>Biology</i> <i>Computing</i> <i>Maths, Chemistry</i> <i>Art & Design, History</i> <i>Psychology</i> <i>English, Geography</i> <i>Economics, Art & Design</i> <i>Administration</i> <i>Modern Languages</i></p>
<p>GROW & LEARN</p> <p><i>Josh Nisbet</i></p>	<p>SPORTS PERSONALITY</p> <p><i>Nils Bleakley</i></p>	<p>OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</p> <p><i>Scott Thomson</i></p>	<p>SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD</p> <p><i>Eilidh Munro</i></p>
<p>KERRY JAWORSKI TROPHY FOR HOCKEY</p> <p><i>Carla Jack</i></p>	<p>YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR</p> <p><i>Eilidh McClure</i></p>	<p>ALICE BURNETT TWINNING SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p><i>Rebecca Swinton</i></p>	<p>MICHAEL GODEK PRIZE FOR GUITAR</p> <p><i>Daniel Cole</i></p>
<p>GILLIS PRIZE FOR PAINTING</p> <p><i>Perry Stewart</i></p>	<p>DEPUTES' AWARD</p> <p><i>Sarah Greenwell</i></p>	<p>VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR</p> <p><i>Carla Taylor</i></p>	<p>PSP AWARD</p> <p><i>Calum Baillie</i></p>

ELAINE BRUCE PRIZE <i>Josh Marsh</i>	GEORGE ANTELL AWARD <i>Angus Riddell</i>	AWARD FOR CREATIVITY <i>Frazer Pennycuick</i>	RUSSELL REDPATH AWARD <i>Andrew McKnight</i>
HADDINGTON COMMUNITY AWARD <i>Saimah Uddin</i>	COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARD <i>Annabel Jackson</i> <i>Calum Paul</i>	SCHOOL OF RUGBY AWARD <i>Callum Gibson</i> <i>Alex Watson</i>	
DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD <i>Emily Bowen</i> <i>Ruairidh Bruce</i> <i>Rachel Elliott</i> <i>Iona Freckleton</i> <i>Dolly Glass-Slyth</i> <i>Catriona Heawood</i> <i>Abigail Kissack</i> <i>Anna Pate</i> <i>Rebecca Smith</i> <i>William Syme</i> <i>Hannah Trotter</i>	DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD <i>Daniel Lomholt-Welch</i> <i>Ewan Cunningham</i>	DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD <i>Lachlan King</i> <i>Bethan McGregor</i> <i>Angus Riddell</i> <i>Naomi Rogers</i> <i>Perry Stewart</i> <i>Ellie Thomson</i> <i>Jacob Walker</i>	
ANGELA WOODWARD PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION <i>William Syme</i>	MARTIN DUDDIN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN GEOGRAPHY <i>Perry Stewart</i>	JANIS CRAIG AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN HISTORY <i>Angus Riddell</i>	COUNCILLORS QUAICh FOR ENGAGEMENT <i>Emma de Costa</i> <i>Lois Finnie</i> <i>Hamish Hastie</i> <i>Abbi Robertson</i>
ENTERPRISE AWARD <i>Hamish Moodley</i> <i>Innes Ogilvie</i> <i>Jack Rogan</i>	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT <i>Callum Baillie</i> <i>Harry Donaldson</i> <i>Rosie Greenshields</i> <i>Bartek Jedras</i> <i>Kathryn Neillans</i> <i>Scott Thomson</i>	FORMULA 1 <i>Archie Goddard</i> <i>Connor Moore</i> <i>Andrew Syme</i> <i>Findlay Wallace</i>	LEARNING FOR LIFE <i>Amy Winter</i> <i>Murron Bland</i>
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL <i>Janina Calder-Petrie</i> <i>Natalie Forrest</i> <i>Chloe Forrest</i> <i>Iona Freckleton</i> <i>Hannah Green</i> <i>Jason Hogg</i> <i>Katie Holton</i> <i>Katy Irving</i> <i>Angus Riddell</i> <i>Jack Rogan</i> <i>Saimah Uddin</i>		JOHN MUIR/PRINCE'S TRUST <i>Beth Aitchison</i> <i>Mark Armstrong</i> <i>Megan Brown</i> <i>Courtney Buchanan</i> <i>Jake Cantley</i> <i>Alice Craven</i> <i>Holly Day-Campbell</i> <i>Courtney Ewart</i> <i>Rebecca Huxtable</i> <i>Lewis Logan</i> <i>James Martin</i> <i>Ryan Pollock</i> <i>Kerriann Smith</i> <i>Calleum Spiden-Hood</i> <i>Megan Vischer</i> <i>Andrew Williams</i> <i>Aimee Wilson</i> <i>Stevie Wood</i>	
ALASTAIR BARDEN MEMORIAL Will be announced at the Awards Ceremony		KERR MACFARLANE MEMORIAL PRIZE Will be announced at the Awards Ceremony	
S3 DUX OF SCHOOL <i>Conal McGregor</i>		DUX OF SCHOOL <i>William Syme</i>	

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17 th August	Staff Resume (In Service Day)	Tuesday 22 nd September	All Resume
Wednesday 19 th August	Pupils Resume	Wednesday 23 rd September & Thursday 24 th September	Scottish Learning Festival
Monday 24 th August	S6 Photographs	Thursday 24 th September	Higher Drama Skills Assessment
Tuesday 25 th August	S1 Photographs	Monday 28 th September	Higher Geography Field Trip
Monday 31 st August	S6 Higher Education Convention	Tuesday 29 th September	S2 Land Yacht Challenge
Tuesday 1 st September	Tomorrow's Driver (S6)	Thursday 1 st October	S1 Settling In Evening S2 Land Yacht Challenge
Wednesday 2 nd September	PSP (6.15pm)	Wednesday 7 th October	PSP (6.15pm)
Thursday 10 th September	AH Drama Skills Assessment	Thursday 8 th October	S2 Tracking Reports Issued
Thursday 10 th September	UCAS Evening (7.00pm)	Thursday 8 th October	KASG Blingo Night
Wednesday 16 th September	P7 Open Evening (7.30pm)	Friday 9 th October	All Break
Friday 18 th September	Holiday – School Closed	Monday 19 th October	Staff Resume (In-Service Day)
Monday 21 st September	Holiday – School Closed	Tuesday 20 th October	Pupils Resume

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