



December 2014

# The Knox Newsletter



## From the Head Teacher

Dear Friends,

As 2014 draws to its close I thought that I would take the opportunity to reflect on all the fabulous things that have happened so far since August.

We have had news of former pupils successfully graduating from universities and Higher Education establishments around the UK in subjects as diverse as Communication Information; Architecture, and Medicine. Their success is a testament to their hard work and the support of their families and friends.

We have had sporting success in the shape of some great performances in hockey, rugby, football, judo, and swimming. Pupils and staff, alike, have been recognized for their talents in the area of coaching; and our pupils are regularly playing for county and national teams. The School of Rugby goes from strength to strength and our other extra-curricular sports e.g. tennis, table tennis, and basketball are popular and well attended.

We have raised a considerable amount of money for charity this session already. We have supported Children In Need, East Lothian Food Bank, Save the Children, Amnesty International, and Poppy Scotland. Pupils have given generously of their time, talents and money, and I am extremely proud of their innate desire to help those who are less fortunate than themselves, and see that as a real indicator of pupils living out our values of "Wisdom, Engagement and Respect".

The pupils continue to get involved in the local community. We have four of our S4 pupils representing young people's views on the Area Partnership—giving amazing presentations to members of the community about what it means to be young in Haddington. The S5 engaged with the Youth Philanthropy Initiative in an inspiring fashion, and the S6 have taken over the distribution of poppies in Haddington (surely a first for a school?).

Parents have continued to support the school through participation in the Parent School Partnership and the Knox Academy Support Group. Their help at events such as the Christmas Dance and the Burns' Supper means that we can come together as a community to support our young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who have assisted with extra-curricular activities. Your involvement makes a huge difference and we don't take it for granted. We have been seeking the views of S1 and P7 pupils about transition, and what we need to do to make the process slicker and how we reduce the anxiety felt by parents and pupils as they move into their Knox-phase of schooling.

So all-in-all we are working hard, are never complacent and looking forward to what 2015 has to offer.

Yours,

S Ingham

Head Teacher

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th January 2015	All resume	Monday 16th February	Holiday begins
Wednesday 7th January	Parent School Partnership (6.15pm)	Monday 23rd February	All resume
Monday 12th January	Tree of Knowledge parents' presentation (6.30pm)	Tuesday 3rd March	S4/5 Information Evening (6.30pm)
Thursday 22nd January	S1 Parents' Evening	Monday 9th March	S4 Coursing appointments begin
Monday 26th January	S3 Photographs	Wednesday 11th March	S2 Information Evening (6.30pm)
Wednesday 28th January	S3 Information Evening (6.30pm)	Thursday 19th March	S3 Immunisations
Thursday 29th January	HPV Immunisations (S1/2 girls) Burns' Supper (7pm)	Monday 23rd March	S5 Coursing begins
Tuesday 3rd February	S3 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 24th March	S2 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4th February	PSP Meeting (6.15pm)	Wednesday 25th March	PSP (6.15pm)
Monday 9th February	S3 Coursing appointments begin	Tuesday 31st March	Spring Concert
		Wednesday 1st April	Pupils Break

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