



# The Knox Newsletter



October 2015

## From the Head Teacher

Dear Friends,

We have had an exceptionally busy start to the session. Sporting fixtures are in full swing, with the school fielding teams for football, hockey and rugby. The School of Rugby goes from strength to strength with pupils regularly turning up for early-morning training twice a week.

We have already had two theatre trips and the East Lothian Orchestra intensive rehearsal weekend went extraordinarily well. Pupils went up to Gifford to cheer on the Tour of Britain cyclists and the S6 went away for the Staff/S6 weekend and everyone got back in one piece!

The Scientists have taken pupils to visit Torness Power Station and to take part in the “Explorathon” at Edinburgh Zoo. We have also had two senior pupils visit Auschwitz as part of the Holocaust Education Trust programme and they are presenting on their visit to history classes. The geographers have been in Edinburgh doing fieldwork and the photographers have been visiting local churches to get some interesting architectural pictures for their portfolios. As I write, the first S3 Princes Trust group of the year are off to Mull for their four-day residential and I am looking forward to attending the Knox Academy Support Group’s Blingo event on Thursday night.

As you can see, we certainly don’t let the grass grow under our feet here at Knox.

We couldn’t do any of this without the support of staff, pupils and parents—it just wouldn’t work. So thank you to everyone who has already got involved in the life of the school. There are a number of ways to become involved: you could simply sign up to the website updates at [www.ka-net.org.uk](http://www.ka-net.org.uk); or you could join the Parent School Partnership meetings; or if fundraising is more your bag, you could join the Knox Academy Support Group. Whatever you do to help your youngster do better at school is a massive support for us—be it, helping with homework, making sure paperwork gets back to us, or keeping us informed of how things are going at home—it is all appreciated.

Another partnership that we are particularly proud of is that with Canon UK. We are having an event in school on the 19th October from 10.00am until 12 noon. Any parent or person involved with the school is most welcome to attend and there is no need to book a place. Pupils will be pitching ideas of how to improve the school to the CEO of Canon UK and the Chief Executive of the council; and there will be an opportunity to speak to Canon employees about how to make pupils more employable. As it’s Canon there will also be the chance to have a look at some technology: 3D printing; poster printing; cameras, voice-to-text software and more.

Yours,

Head Teacher

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th October	In-Service Day	Thursday 25th November	Higher Drama Production Skills assessment
Tuesday 20th October	Pupils Resume	Monday 30th November	Higher Music Practical Prelim
Wednesday 21st October	Quiz Night	Tuesday 1st December	S1 Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 22nd October	School Drama Show performance (7pm)	Wednesday 2nd December	PSP (6.15pm)
Thursday 29th October	S5/6 Parents' Consultation (5-7pm)	Thursday 3rd December	Higher Music Practical Prelim
Wednesday 4th November	PSP (6.15pm)	Thursday 10th December	Christmas Dance
Thursday 5th November	S3 Tracking Reports Issued	Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Concert (2pm & 7pm)
Thursday 12th November	S4 Reports Issued	Thursday 17th December	S5/6 Reports Issued
Tuesday 17th November	Nat 5 Music Practical Prelims	Friday 18th December	Term Ends
Wednesday 18th November	Nat 5 Music Practical Prelims  Nat 5 Drama Production Skills assessment	Tuesday 6th January 2016	All Resume

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