



BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL

5 Bridge Road, Balerno, EH14 7AQ

Headteacher: Neil McCallum B.Ed (Hons), SQH

Balerno Parent council

Monday 8th May 2017 – 18.30

Staffing Update

Leaving

Mrs Jillian Binnie (Support for Learning Curriculum Leader) is taking up a Depute Head position at Ross High in East Lothian at the end of November.

New Staff

Mr Colin Hay (Curriculum Leader for science)

Mrs Helen Kujawa (Curriculum Leader for Support for learning) – starting 20th November

Mr Wa'ad Yousief (math's teacher) – starting 6th November

Mr Iain Nugent (Physics teacher)

Congratulations

Members of staff that got married during the October break;

Miss Hazley is now Mrs Forbes

Miss Todd is now Mrs McCorkell

Edinburgh Leisure

We are waiting on confirmation of a hand over date.

Upcoming Events

October

30th – Parent council meeting

November

2nd – S4 parents evening

27th – S4 prelims start

28th – S1 parents evening

December

4th – Parent Council meeting

18th – Christmas Concert

22nd – End of Term (12.00)

Events and News update

SQA – Post Results service – 39 Markers Reviews with 10 being upgraded. 2 Clerical checks with no change. All the upgrades were in English, Geography, History and Modern Studies.

Parent Pay – No further update at this point. We have over 450 pupils activated 66% of the school population.

School Charity – The pupils have decided upon Teenage Cancer Trust as the charity for this coming year.

Successes

Fundraising – Over £500 was raised by the Bavelaw House team on Friday with Balloween. A great effort by all the pupils and staff.

S4 Work experience – all of S4 engaged in a work placement on the week of 9th October. Pupils have feedback positively in regard to this.

Excursions

S1 Residential went very well with all three house being at different outdoor centers and having a fantastic experience

London Trip – We have S5/6 pupils in London for three days with visits to Parliament and other venues across the city.

Mini Trials – We have several pupils attend the High court in Edinburgh on Saturday 7th October for a full day of trials where they were involved in all the process of the court.

DofE School group – Spent the week at Lochgoilhead Centre training and developing their outdoor skills to achieve their bronze award.

French Cinema trip – A group of S3 pupils attended a screening as part of the film festival

Model united Nations – We have pupils from across several year groups attend this event recently and were given very high praise for their participation and involvement.

Street Ahead Road Safety – All of S6 attended this workshop at Ingilston conference Centre.

STASH Workshop – We had S4 pupils attending the 2-day workshop in West Lothian.