



BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL

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Balerno Parent council

Monday 4th December 2017 18.30 – 20.30

Staffing Update

Leaving

Mr Terry Gilliland, FHT Teacher. Has left us to take up a Curriculum Leader position at Craigmount High School.

New Staff

Mrs Helen Kujawa (Curriculum Leader for Support for learning)

Mrs Kirsty Williamson – new support for learning teacher – starting December 18th.

Edinburgh Leisure

No further update at this point.

Events and News update

S4 Prelims – In process and results from the exams will be released from Monday 11th December.

S5/6 Prelims – The start date has been altered to a start date of 15th January and the school calendar has been updated. A Letter was issued to all S5 and S6 parents on Friday.

Parent Pay – A date has to be confirmed for the implementation of the Biometrics system. Letters will be distributed to parents of all year groups in due course.

Successes

Raising Teens with Confidence – V Wright and S Ferguson have run another successful six week course with over 20 parents attending.

Cool, Calm and connected – Where we have S6 mentors working with S1 pupils during their PSP time.

Tree of Knowledge – Worked with all of S4 on their “Laugh in the face of exams” course. This was to help prepare pupils to deal with the upcoming prelims and exam diet in May.

Leslee Udwin Visit – Today we had a visit from the BAFTA award winning producer and director. She met with S6 pupils’ delivering the MVP award and pupils from Currie HS. She gave a presentation and then did a Q&A session.

Excursions

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

AH Biology trip – S6 pupils had a day of workshops at Edinburgh university to support their research skills.

Auschwitz visit – 2 senior pupils – Duncan Cameron and Rhona Craig visited Auschwitz concentration camp as part of a Scottish representation.

MUN Trip – 10 S6 pupils with two members of staff attended a four-day conference in Copenhagen.

February Study weekend – We have 24 pupils who have taken advantage of the study weekend at Ardentiny Outdoor Centre.

Sleep in the park - Six 5th Year Gold DofE participants - Jordan Mitchell, Esther Molleson, Thomas Lawson, Jack Lamb, Ciara McCulloch and Jennifer Mole (previously Balerno High School) are joining 8,994 others for Social Bite's Sleep in The Park- <https://www.sleepinthepark.co.uk/> - this coming Saturday night, 9 December

Upcoming Events

December

18th – Christmas Concert

22nd – End of Term (12.00)

January

8th – Staff Return

9th – Pupils return

15th – S5/6 prelims start

25th – S3 Parents Evening

25th – S3/4/5/ Coursing Evening