



# BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL

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**Balerno Parent council**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 18.30 – 20.30**

## **Staffing Update**

### **Staff Departing**

Nil

### **New Staff**

Nil

## **Events and News update**

### **Prize Giving**

The Annual prize giving took place on 12<sup>th</sup> September and was well attended. The Junior Dux was Rebecca Cameron with Joanna McArthur winning the senior dux.

### **CEC Academic Service**

We had four pupils representing the school at the annual service in St. Giles Cathedral on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Joanna McArthur, Alex Braggins, Rebecca Cameron, Fraser Caldwell

### **S1 Residential**

Pupils in S1 attended Lochgoilhead and Ardentenny Outdoor center's in the week of 8<sup>th</sup> October. Despite the constant rain on the Monday and Tuesday and Storm Callum on Thursday and Friday, they all had an excellent experience.

### **S4 Work Experience**

Pupils in S4 attended their week of work experience on the week of 8<sup>th</sup> October. Feedback received has been very positive and the pupils engaged in a worthwhile week.

### **S1, 2, 3 Outdoor games and Inter-house competitions**

These took place last week and it was great to see all pupils involved in representing their house.

### **Cool, Calm and Connected**

S6 pupils undertook training in the cool, calm and connected programme, to become peer mentors for S1 pupils.

## **London Trip**

The modern studies trip to London was a huge success and pupils enjoyed their experience of the sight in the capital city, visiting the houses of parliament as part of the trip.

## **S4 Consultation Evening**

A new format was trialed in the games hall. The majority of feedback was positive, a short survey will be sent to all S4 parents.

## **Reporting Survey**

Ms Ranger will be issuing a survey to all parents, concerning the current processes and procedures for reports that are sent home.

## **Temporary Units**

The temporary units (HUTS) will now be decommissioned. We are currently working with colleagues at CEC to put solutions in place for these two teaching areas.

## **Successes / News**

### **Scottish swimming awards**

Lucas Thomson named as junior athlete of the year.

### **Math's Competition**

Congratulations to our team of S4 pupils who came second in the regional competition and have qualified for the national finals in Glasgow on 6 November.

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

The staff and pupils raised £350 for the charity at the end of September.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Staff raised £200 for the cancer charity at the end of September.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **November**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service	
13 <sup>th</sup>	S1 Consultation Evening	16.30 – 19.00
14 <sup>th</sup>	Catchment review meeting	19.00 – 21.00
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council meeting	