



Balerno High School

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Headteacher update - 5th September 2022

Staffing news

- Mrs Cara Prot has been appointed as acting DHT Curriculum and Cockburn House Head until Mr N McCallum returns
- Mrs Rebecca Boyd has been appointed as acting Curriculum Leader for Mathematics and Business.
- Mrs Denise Blair, is covering in Mathematics
- Mr Alex Kuryluk, is covering in Business Education

Building update

- All building work in teaching areas is now complete apart from some minor snagging.
- The original huts have been demolished and this area is being reinstated as a social area with picnic benches.
- The compound area will be reinstated as a carpark by the weekend of 16th September.

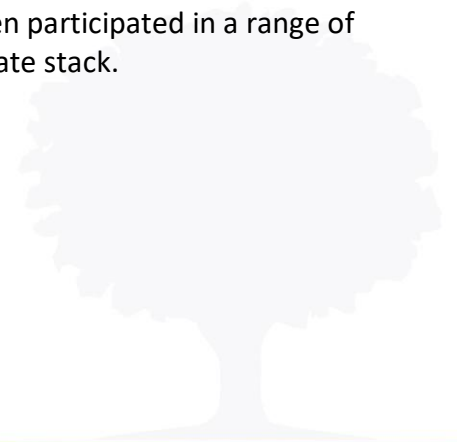
Social Media accounts

- Shaun Ferguson has shared the school Twitter accounts with parent/carers.
- The school now has a Instagram account as this is the preferred social media of our young people www.instagram.com/balernohighschool
- All social media accounts primarily share pupil news and successes. There will be no key information shared on social media which has not been previously shared by email.

S3 Epic Days

All S3 pupils had the opportunity to participate in an outdoor experience at Bonaly Outdoor Centre on the first full week back at school. This was organised following on from the positive feedback from our now S2 pupils in June.

Pupils walked from Balerno High School to Bonaly Outdoor Centre and then participated in a range of outdoor activities including high ropes, bushcraft, stream scramble and crate stack.





S1 and S2 Welcome Evenings, 24th August 2022

We were delighted to welcome S1 and S2 parent/carers to hear about

- Support on offer on the school website
- Empowered learning
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Right Respecting Schools - going for gold
- Our Parent Council and PTA

Though we received limited feedback, that which we did receive was extremely positive and the presentations are available on the school website.

Senior Phase Curriculum Evening, 1st September 2022

We were delighted to offer our in school senior phase evening to parent/carers to support home-school links.

The aim of this event is to give parents/carers a greater understanding of course content and assessment approaches across our curriculum offer. We also offered sessions on SCHOLAR, e-Sgoil and pathways beyond school.

Our DYW co-ordinator Roxy Nicol and new Careers Advisor Amy Campbell were also on hand to support and answer questions.

International excursions

Currently, we are unable to plan for international excursions as City of Edinburgh Council are reviewing the processes and protocols. Once updated guidance has been passed to schools, we will review what excursions we are able to offer under the new guidance.

Pupil successes

We have recently had several pupils who have participated at international level for Scotland

Caragh MacMaster attended the WU16 Football Talent Camp

Taylor Hogarth has been selected for the UEFA development Tournament in Malta

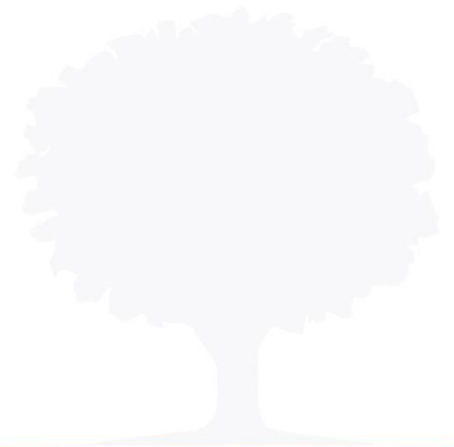
Matthew Gillies, Gus Stevenson and James Wilson have been selected for the U16 Football Squad

Alfie Hutchison selected for the Futsal Alliance Championships in Spain.



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