

Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 23 March 2018

Message from the Headteacher

The whole community has been affected by the very worrying disappearance of Duncan Sim last week. We are all still hoping that he will be found soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this most difficult time and we would urge anyone that has information which might help the search effort to contact the Police immediately.

This week I wish to turn my attention to study leave for our senior pupils in May. We have taken the decision to put an extra condition in place before our learners can take study leave. With the many interruptions to learning since Christmas, due to the snow, we have a number of young people in our senior school who have not completed all the necessary parts of their courses. We have therefore decided that study leave will only be granted to a senior pupil once all of their teachers have signed off that their coursework tasks are complete. Where a learner has exams, they will be allowed to take one day of study before each exam. If, however, they have completed all course tasks and have been signed off as such by their teacher, then they will be able to take study leave in the normal way. There will be more information to follow around this. Our hope is that the vast majority of course tasks will be overtaken by as many students as possible BEFORE we reach the start of the diet but this way we will ensure that we are maximising the success of each individual learner. Thank you for your support with this.

Senior Options Forms

Any S3, S4 or S5 student who has not yet handed in their Senior Options Form **MUST** do so by **MONDAY 26th MARCH**.

S2 Personalisation Forms

Any S2 student who has not yet handed in their S2 Personalisation Form to their Guidance Teacher should do so as soon as possible.

Easter Concert

The concert is on Wednesday next week, starting at 7pm. There's some great music to enjoy, including hits from some of the biggest musicals - Les Miserables, ABBA, Grease, Sunset Boulevard, Frozen, The Greatest Showman and more! Tickets are only £4 and are available now from the school office or directly from Mr Mabon.

BHS Sporting Success

It has been a fabulous week for the School in terms of their Sport. In particular the Badminton players have excelled at a National level by winning two major trophies. Berwickshire High School can claim to be the best Badminton School in Scotland through being crowned champions of the Gibb Memorial Quaich at Under 19's. This competition draws together the best junior badminton players in Scotland to represent their Schools in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The Berwickshire team fought through the pool stages to reach the semi-final and then onto the final. George Watson College awaited the BHS team in the final and it turned out to be a very tight contest. With the scores tied at 2-2 going into the last match it was all to play for. The last match turned into an epic battle, the score was tied at 20-20 with the winning team needing to win by 2 clear points and in the end it was the BHS team that held its nerve to win the title with a 22-20 victory.



Under 19 Squad

Tabitha Bevan, Issac Weir, Callum Smith, Callum Stokes, Kiera Waddell, Leona Rhind, Euan Harvey, Eve Barker, Megan Hay and Kyle Mitchell.



Issac Weir and Callum Stokes

This fantastic win comes hot on the heels of another highly successful Scottish School Championship, with the highlight being BHS students Isaac Weir and Callum Stokes winning the Scottish Schools Badminton Union Under 16 Boys Doubles. This was a fantastic achievement and just reward for all their hard work. The recent championship success is a fine reward for the collective efforts of all the badminton players in School throughout the season. The School is very grateful for the continued support of its coaches: Mr Pete Hardie and Mrs Deborah Kenworthy, ably assisted by Mr David Burns who helped at the Competitions. Well done and congratulations once more to all involved.

It's fantastic to see the success continue for our Netballers at a National level. This time the S3 girls rounded off a very successful season by winning the S3 Bronze Scottish Schools Cup. Finals day took place on Wednesday 22nd March at Herriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. The girls were up against equally strong opponents from Dundee High School and came out on top with an enthralling 27-21 victory. The Netball Club has gone from strength to strength this year with S1, S2 & S3 students all competing at regional and national level. Thanks once again to their coaches Stacey Grainger, Katy Master and Ruth Devlin and their S5/6 helpers for their continued commitment to netball and the School.



S3 Netball Squad

Olivia Taylor, Joanna Gaspar, Martha Beattie, Abbie Wood, Erin Moran, Tammie-Louise Hunter, Rachel Hudson, Isla Taylor and Nel Moore.

The poor weather has put pay to many of the rugby and hockey fixtures in recent weeks. The S1&2 hockey tournaments take place this weekend and we wish the girls well in their tournaments. Wednesday 28th March sees the season finale taking place for the senior girls when BHS hosts its annual 7's tournament. We would like to take this opportunity to thank coach Mrs Julie Abbott and umpire Mrs Moira Anderson together with parent helpers for their continued support for hockey at BHS.

The end of the 15 a-side season for the rugby was heavily impacted due to the weather. However the rugby 7's season is now upon us and this tournament takes place on Friday 23rd March at Netherdale. Again we wish our rugby players every success in competing against all the other Border Schools in this annual event. A number of BHS girls and boys have been involved in the SRU BT Academy with some representing the Borders in a recent round of matches against East Lothian. Mr Bert Grigg and his team of coaches and parent helpers have been busy all year working hard with our rugby players, again we are grateful for their continued dedication to the School and rugby.