

Weekly Heads Up!

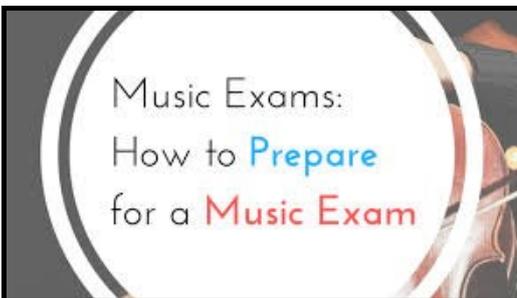
Friday 11 January 2019

Message from the Headteacher

I do hope that all of you had a very peaceful and restful break during the Christmas Holidays. We now look forward to the term ahead, refreshed, and our first main activity will be to work through our prelim examinations at the end of January. These provide important feedback to our young people on their progress to date. However, the best feedback will only come to those who have studied and prepared well for these exams as it gives a true reflection on what still needs to be done rather than being a comment about a lack of preparation. I urge all parents and carers to emphasise this to our seniors and encourage them to study well as a result.

This week has unfortunately seen the school have three fire evacuations. All of these have been by deliberate misdemeanour. We are dealing with the incidents in the appropriate way but I wish to take this opportunity to ask for your support. Please support us in ensuring that our young people have a clear understanding of the hugely detrimental impact that a false callout can have for those in danger elsewhere who then have no access to the fire service as they are attending the school. Equally, we lose significant learning time as a result of this. The school will be following up on a number of issues related to this but I appreciate your support here in talking to your son or daughter about it.

Music Students



A valuable resource for pupils sitting an SQA Music exam can be found at www.bannockburnhsmusic.weebly.com

This website contains almost all the SQA Past Papers. Pupils sitting Higher would benefit from trying some of the "Intermediate 2" and "Higher" papers; National 5 pupils should try some of the "Intermediate 1" and "N5" papers. The Past Papers are password-protected. The password is **boyce**.

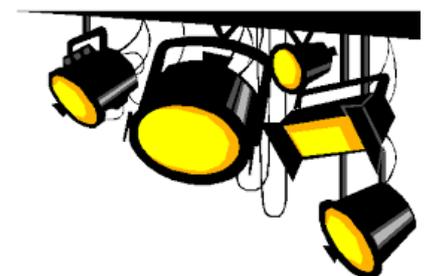
Pupils should also use the BHS Dictionary of Concepts, which is available on the school network or via GLOW or the Music Department Facebook page. This dictionary can be used in conjunction with Youtube to help pupils become familiar with the range of concepts they need to recognise in the 'listening' paper.

School Show - June 2019

Our school show this year will take place at the very end of June.

A recent poll on the Music Department Facebook site saw "Les Miserables" emerge as the slight favourite amongst pupils, with "We Will Rock You" a very close second. Both shows would be fantastic but we would need a big cast of senior pupils (including many boys) for 'Les Mis'.

Anyone interested in being in the show should come along to a meeting in Mr Mabon's room on Monday lunchtime at 1.30pm, when we will see how easy it would be to draw together a cast, and make a final decision! The show is open to anyone from S1 to S6.



Hotchocfriday

We celebrated another Hotchocfriday this week with pupils from S1-S3. Each pupil was nominated by different faculties to celebrate their successes this week.



This week we had Millie McManus 1D2, Ewan Hope 1H1, Demi Cooper 1S1, Eden Robertson 1S2, Sarah Turnbull 2S1 (who had two nominations!), Max Matthewson 2S2, Daniel Ritchie 3D1, Ashton Ritchie 3D2, and Eva McKinven 3S1.

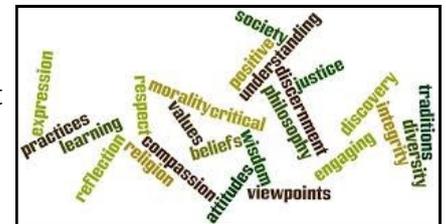


Italy Trip

Pupils who are going on the Italy Trip 2019 please ensure a copy of all passports and European Health Cards are handed in by the beginning of February to Mrs Patterson. These can be copied at school if you are unable to do so at home. Thanks Mrs Patterson.

RMPS AVUs

The National 5 RMPS AVU assignment will be written on Wednesday 16th January. This is out of 20 marks and is therefore worth 20% of the overall marks for the course assessment. The students will have a resource sheet but will need to revise their draft essay in preparation.



The Higher RMPS AVU assignment will be written on Friday 18th January. This is out of 30 marks and is worth 27% of the overall marks for the course assessment. The students will have a resource sheet but will need to revise their draft essay in preparation.

Sports Committee Clubs		
Day/Time	Year Group	Activity
Tuesday lunchtime	S1 & S2	Students' choice of games
Wednesday lunchtime	S4 to S6	Table Tennis
Thursday lunchtime	S1 to S6	Table Tennis
Friday at 1.25pm	S1 to S3 S4 to S6	Basketball