Message from the Headteacher
The first break of the year has arrived and I do hope that everyone connected to the school will have a restful time and regain the energies needed for the term ahead. A wee reminder that we will have our Careers Fayre the first Thursday back to which I would encourage as many as possible to come along to. I wish to thank you all for your support over this last term and look forward to updating you on progress with improvements in the school when we return.

House News
Well done to our 170+ tag rugby participants for their fantastic display of effort, enthusiasm and teamwork. The results were:

   Douglas 80 points  
   Home 70 points  
   Scott 65 points

Home House received an extra 5 points as all their House Captains managed to get their teams submitted on time. A big thank you to Bert Grigg, Mr Huffman, Niall Brown and Finlay Hamilton for refereeing.

The next House Event is our Halloween Challenges on Wednesday 30th October. Have a restful and enjoyable October break and we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 22nd October where students can continue to collect House Points in lessons - every point counts!
Berwickshire HS Careers Fair - Thursday 24 October (6-8pm)

In partnership with Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Borders, the School will hold its Careers Fair on Thursday 24 October (6-8pm) in the main School Hall. The principal aim of our Careers Fair will be to raise awareness of the range of careers and training on offer to our young people and the different routes to work in our local areas and beyond.

We have a vast wealth of very supportive local businesses in the Berwickshire Community and it is our aim, through DYW Borders to maximise and sustain those potential business links for our young people in helping them plan for their future training and employment. The event will be open to all pupils, parents & carers to look around, ask questions and interact with the employers and businesses on show.

We have had a fantastic response from the business community this year and I am pleased to say that many businesses will be supporting our young people on the evening. The potential benefit for our young people and the school to work closely together with the business sector is a national priority and building those relationships is something at Berwickshire High School that we value highly and want to develop in the near future with your help. Mr Gracey

Advanced Higher Mull Trip
Friday 7th – Monday 9th October

The Science Faculty organised a field trip to the Isle of Mull for the AH Biology students. This allowed hands on experience of the compulsory techniques required for Unit 2 of the course. This was a joint trip with Selkirk and Galashiels High Schools. We were accompanied by a wildlife guide, Ewan Miles, of Nature Scotland who helped with his invaluable local knowledge. Pupils had a very successful trip looking at sexual dimorphism in deer and a deer rut. Students gained valuable experiences in wildlife management such as setting up camera traps, scat identification and ecological sampling. We were also lucky to see some of Mull’s target species such as otters and sea eagle. Dr Barker and Miss Morison

See the school Facebook page for our video.
Mr Meadows’ National 5 Geography
Geography National AVU: Apologies, but due to a change in circumstances the AVU write up for Mr Meadows’ Nat 5 Geography classes has had to be pushed back. Mr Meadows’ classes will now write up their AVU’s on the following dates:

- GY1N5 - Wednesday 6th November P1+2
- GY2N5 - Tuesday 5th November P6+7

All pupils must hand in 2 copies of their processed information sheet by Friday 1st November at the latest. This is crucial as these will be used in the exam. Mr Meadows

Miss Ralston’s National and Higher Geography AVU Exam Dates
Miss Ralston’s AVU exam dates can be found below. This is a reminder that this exam is worth 27% for Higher pupils and 20% for National pupils of your final grade. These will be scheduled in a computer room (Business Studies 2) to allow you to type or hand write your essay. The National exam is one hour long and the Higher exam is an hour and a half. You will be expected to write an essay on a topic you have researched using your processed information sheets to help you with your data. If you have any questions please come and see me. Miss Ralston.

- Higher Class 1 Tuesday 5th of November Period 6 & 7
- National Class Wednesday the 6th of November Period 6 & 7
- Higher Class 2 Wednesday 13th of November Period 1 & 2

Miss Ralston’s S1 Geography Class
Miss Ralston would like to say well done to her S1 Geography class for their efforts studying tropical rain forests. The class has been studying a variety of aspects including weather, wildlife, tribes and the destruction to the rain forest. They have been producing fantastic and creative projects including this wonderful model by Charlotte Stewart and Neave Boland showing the impact of forest fires on wildlife. The sloth is made from sheep wool. Well done S1! Miss Ralston

The Parent Council is on the lookout for offers of raffle and tombola prizes, if you think you can help or know a company who would like to donate please contact Ann Lindsay on gw14lindsayann@glow.sch - Ann would be delighted to hear from you. You can also hand prizes in to the school office, send in with your son/daughter.

There are still a few tables for the Fayre, if you would like to book a table, please send enquiries to Jane Taylor on robjaneisla@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre on Monday 28th November...

Please note the date in your diaries. Thank you.