

Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 26 January 2018

Message from the Headteacher

This week I wish to update you on the process that we are engaged with to replace Mr Steele as Depute Headteacher in the coming weeks. Mr Steele will leave us to take up his new position as Headteacher of Lochaber High School on Friday 16th February. From that date, the remit that Mr Steele has will be shared between Mr R Harvey and Mr R Smith. Our other Principal Teachers will also be lending their support as needed to ensure the work of the school is maintained. An advert for the permanent replacement of Mr Steele is currently live with a closing date of Sunday 11th February. I anticipate that, all being well, we will be looking for the new Depute HT to start with us by mid-May. It is clearly in our interest to ensure that we have a strong leet for this post and I would urge and encourage you as parents/guardians to pass this news on to anyone who may be interested in the post.

Easter School

We wish to give early notice that we will be holding an Easter Study School again this year for those with SQA exams in May . The timetable for this is still being created but will be issued out to you in the very near future.

S3 Reports

Reports were handed out to our S3 students yesterday. If your child was absent please ask them to collect their report from the school office. Please return the comments slips by Friday 2nd February.

Border Schools Badminton Championships

A number of students are representing BHS on Sunday in the Border Schools Badminton Championships at Earlston High School. Players will be competing in both singles and doubles at U14, U16 and U18 level. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Rugby

BHS students will be welcoming Rugby teams from Dunbar Grammar School for their fixture on Saturday 27th February. Students will be playing at S1, S2 and U15 level. Parents are more than welcome to come along and support the teams in this fixture.

Senior Phase Options Consultations

The Senior Leadership Team has begun consultations around course choice for 2018/19 with our S3, S4 and S5 students. This means that students will have the opportunity to adjust timetabling column structures to ensure that, as far as possible, we are accommodating the wishes of our young people. Mr Ryrrie from Skills Development Scotland will spend the next few weeks interviewing all S3 students about subject choice and its relevance to career choice. Furthermore, careers and subject choices are being discussed in Social Education. It would be appreciated if parents could take the opportunity to discuss careers and subject choices with their child at home. There will be an Options Information evening for parents of all S3/4/5 on the 28th February which will be one week before final decisions have to be handed in. Further information on all of this will follow over the coming weeks.