

Wednesday 29th November 2017

Whole School information

10 Minutes Reading in Class.

Period 7 is this weeks' time for 10 minutes reading in class.

Changes to Prelim Timetable

There is a change to the prelim timetable. See school website for changes. Copies of the revised timetable are available at the school office.

Toilets

This is a reminder that under no circumstances should pupils be using teacher toilets. J Hannan

Pupil Voice Meeting : Thursday 30th November Period 4 HUB 5

All member to attend the meeting. All agenda items welcome and any staff who want to attend, either as a visitor or to raise any issues, are more than welcome. Agenda items to Peter Wright or Katherine Dempsie, or to tutors, Mrs Hemmings or Mr. Paley

Friday Detentions

With effect from Friday 1 December the detentions will take place in the Concourse where you will be seated in House groups.

Information for Seniors

No food or drink to the common room

Seniors cannot take food or drink from breakfast club up to the common room.

Leavers Hoodies

The senior leadership team have organised a slot for paying for and ordering our leaver's hoodies, the hoodies come in 60+ different colours (chart in common room) and will have an embroidered Drummond badge on the front and a name, 'leaver 18' and all our names in white lettering on the back. The hoodies will cost £18 and you bring the money with you on the ordering day (Wednesday 29th November between 1pm and 2pm). If you have any questions please ask Peter Wright.

Sutton Trust US Programme

Applications for the Sutton Trust Us Programme have now opened. Interested students should use access <https://us.suttontrust.com/apply/> to apply.



The Sutton Trust US Programme helps British state school students apply to American universities through support, advice and a one-week summer school in the USA.

It is free to take part in the programme.

The student application deadline is at 11:59 pm on 14 January 2018. Good luck! All interested students should see Ms Rawluk

To be read to all S5/S6 students

If you feel that you are now ready to leave school, the college has opened up, as of the 6th November, applications for courses starting in January 2018. This is the web link directly to the January courses:

<http://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Courses/January%20Courses>

Please make sure you see your Pupil Support Leader (Mr Paley, Miss Rankin or Ms Rawluk) so that an appointment can be made with Joyce McAree (SDS) who is in school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Clubs and Events

What Do Staff Read? Treasure Hunt

To celebrate Book Week Scotland 27 Nov – 1 Dec, there is a Tutor Form Competition matching staff names with book covers of their favourite books.

The winning forms from S1-3 and S4 – 6 will receive a yummy prize.

Lunchtime Quiz to celebrate Book Week Scotland

On Wednesday lunchtime 1.20 – 1.45 there will be a book quiz in the library – prizes for the winners!

Book n Biscuits Club

Every Monday lunchtime in the library.

Project Genie

All S1 and 2 (and S3 Drama) have been selected to take part in a project by the Lyceum Theatre. Project Genie takes place in 3 stages as detailed below.

Stage 1: Visit the Lyceum Theatre to see a performance of Arabian Nights on Tuesday the 28th of November at 10am. This is free.

Stage 2: Take part in workshops based on the performance they have seen at the Lyceum. This will take place over 3 days during school: Tuesday the 5th, Wednesday the 6th and Thursday the 7th of December.

Stage 3: Take part in a showcase on the evening of Thursday the 7th of December from 4.30pm until 5.30pm displaying and performing what they have created during the workshops in school. Parents, carers and family are invited to this.



There is no cost for taking part in this project. Please see Ms Henderson in Drama if you have any questions about this project.

THEATRE PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Strange Town would like to offer young people from the local community (aged 13-18, living in Leith) the opportunity to assist with the staging of the company's winter season of new plays.

Between Oct and Dec 2017 Strange Town will be producing 3 plays, written by the company's team of writers and performed by actors in its youth theatre, aged 8-14, for audiences of all ages. Joining the production team as production assistants, those on work experience would be an integral part of a team supervised and led by the Creative Directors of Strange Town, also incorporating the design and production manager, youth theatre directors, their assistants, and the young actors. The production assistants would be working in the Strange Town stage management workshop and rehearsal spaces on either Wednesdays 5pm-7pm or Fridays 2pm-5.30pm at Out of the Blue.

Main duties of the Strange Town Production Assistants would be:

- sourcing and making props, simple set and costumes
 - attending some rehearsals
 - liaising with stage manager, directors, cast members and volunteers
- During production dates in Dec 2017 (8th-10th Dec), the production assistants would also be expected to assist in the performance venue (Scottish Storytelling Centre) with setting of props, dressing the stage, assisting backstage and front of house. After productions, they would help with the get out of props from the venue back to Out of the Blue.

The project will commence with Wednesday and Friday sessions from early November (you will be allocated to either Wednesdays or Fridays) and will finish Sun 10th December 2017.

If you are interested in taking part, please see Ms Henderson in Drama.

S1-S4 pupils

Hub Club is starting back on Tuesday lunchtimes (1.15pm) in the dance studio. You can try out a different variety of sports! See Miss Bisset for more details.

Charity Committee

~~Calling enthusiastic pupils who would be interested in organising events to raise money for a variety of charities. Come to our meetings if you have suggestions about which charities you feel deserve support or if you have any imaginative fundraising ideas. We will meet Wednesday Lunchtimes at 1.15pm (this may change). Speak to Miss Ahmad in Maths for more info.~~



Christmas Cards Fundraising

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CHAS, The Children's Hospices Across Scotland offer support to families with babies, children and young people who have been diagnosed with life-shortening conditions. They care for many vulnerable children and work hard to provide joy and support to families by providing respite care, home care support and putting on activities and helping families through the loss of their ill child.

If you are interested in fundraising for CHAS and wish to be involved in bringing some joy to these vulnerable families please join Miss Ahmad in Maths Rm 3 Thursday lunchtime. We will make some funky Christmas Cards and then sell them and donate to CHAS.

Breakfast Club

The creation of the Breakfast Club is part of the schools Nurture approach and will be funded by some of the PEF money. **All students** are welcome to attend **free of charge** from **7.40am to 8.20am** as of Wednesday 25th October.

Staff are also warmly invited to come for breakfast but we would ask for a donation of 50p a visit- thank you.

