

Campus Connections



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Introduction

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Campus Connections. This has been another very busy term for pupils at Kinross High School especially for those who are preparing for SQA examinations. A number of our courses have visiting examiners who assess pupil performance. All have been very complimentary about the preparation of our pupils and the standard to which they have performed.

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Updates

SQA Exam Timetables

Exam timetables will be issued before the Easter holidays. Pupils are asked to check these closely, as the times of some exams may have been adjusted when compared with the main SQA timetable.

School Concert

Our school concert took place on Tuesday 28th March. This year we were entertained by our traditional, string and ukulele orchestras; percussion and guitar ensembles; our show band; choir and solo and duet performances. There were more than 100 young people involved in the concert.

School Fund

The school undertakes a number of fundraising activities in order to support our pupils. Funds are used to provide transport, support the Prize giving and support extra-curricular clubs and educational experiences. To ensure that pupils are able to access competitions, the school will pay affiliation fees, unfortunately it is not possible to pay for individual entrance fees.

Cashless Catering

In order to speed up the food service for pupils cash will no longer be accepted at the pay points at break and lunch time. This has been advertised to pupils. Within the Campus there are revaluer machines which will deposit cash onto pupil cards. In addition, Parent Pay is a secure way of paying for school lunches.

Staff Retiring

A number of staff have indicated their intention to retire in June. Between them, they have more than 100 years of service to Kinross High School! We wish the following staff a very long and happy retirement:

- Mr Cairnie (DHT)
- Mr Ferguson (PT Pupil Support)
- Mr Forbes (PT Biology)
- Mr Peddie (Chemistry Teacher)
- Mrs Murray (Art Teacher)

S4, S5 & S6

KHS is launching a new Twitter account advertising Jobs, Apprenticeships and Career Events. Up to date information will be posted regarding Developing Scotland's Young Workforce which is of benefit to you.



DSYW KHS (@DSYW_Khs)



Library

The library is now open on Mondays 10.00am-1.00pm. It is being run by volunteers (Friends of Loch Leven Community Library). Teacher supervised classes are able to come down to browse, borrow books and use the laptops. The library is not open to the pupils without teacher supervision. Thank you.

You Said We Did

During our recent Parents' Evening we have used iPads to survey parents on a range of issues. These have included reporting practice, careers advice, course choice and our website. We have had feedback from more than 350 parents across a number of year groups.

You said	We did
The majority of parents would like tracking reports in place of the current full report	We are investigating extending the tracking report into S3 for next session
The majority of S2 parents were aware of support being provided by the Careers Advisor.	Ensure that the availability of the Careers Service is communicated to other year groups.
The majority of parents find our website useful. A small number of parents find it difficult to navigate.	A working group has been established to review the website to make it more accessible to parents and easier to update for staff.

How Parents/Carers Can Support the School

At Kinross High School we have high expectations of our pupils. We want them to be "Happy, Successful and Achieving Excellence" in every aspect of their school life. We are currently focusing on ensuring that young people are ready for the work place or further learning with a focus on respect.

If you are contacted because your child is not respectful in the use of his/her language or if your child disrupts the learning and teaching in the classroom, you can support the school by reinforcing our high expectations.

Campus Events

Kinross High School Charity Fundraiser Concert Wednesday 3rd March

Details available at www.khscharity.com

Kinross Hub The Carers Café Monday 6th March and 3rd April 2017 Activity Meeting Space from 10am to 12 noon

An informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.

Guest speakers start at 10.15am prompt.

March – Ian Robertson (Well-Being Support Team) who will be providing a talk and relaxation

April – Community Alarm Team

Astrophysics Presentation (Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust) - Thursday 16th March 2017

please see Campus Noticeboards for more information.....

Kinross High School Spring Concert - Wednesday 29th March 2017
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French Story Telling in the Library - Saturday 4th March 2017

This is a French themed story-time for 4-8 year olds from **11.30am - 12pm** on the first Saturday of each month. This project aims to support the 1+2 approach to modern languages, where every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language from P1 onwards. To book a **FREE** place or to find out more please contact Loch Leven Community Library at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk or 01577 867205 - We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair Saturday 18th March 2017 9.30am – 3.30pm

More information on Campus events can be found within the Campus on the Notice Board or plasma screens. Please also see the Campus page of the Kinross Newsletter or go to the Campus Facebook page - Loch Leven Community Campus Events.

School News

Visit from Laura Muir

The PE department at Kinross High School had a very exciting morning on Monday 20th March as Laura Muir returned to pay us a visit! Laura worked with a group of pupils, including our most promising up and coming athletes. She took them through one of her warm up routines and organised some relay races. Pupils had the opportunity to ask Laura questions and get their photograph taken with her at the end. Laura brought in her two gold medals from the recent European Indoor Championships, and pupils were given the opportunity to see the medals up close and even to hold them! It was really exciting to have Laura back in Kinross High School as we are all so very proud of her achievements. She spoke brilliantly to the pupils about how hard she has worked at both her athletics and her veterinary studies and was a true inspiration to all pupils and staff who were there. We wish her all the very best for the athletics season ahead and particularly the World Championships, which are in London in August. We shall all be cheering her on!



Celebrating Success



Perform in Perth

Well done to Lewis Carlisle (S3) who took part in Perform in Perth on the 6th March, performing in the class violin solo playing Intermezzo by Zoltan Kodaly. Lewis took 3rd place in the competition and gained merit Certificate with 84 points.

Future Legal Mind Award

A former Kinross High School student is a finalist in the nationwide Future Legal Mind Award. George Dick is in line for a potential £5,000 prize and a work placement at a prestigious law firm after being whittled down from entries all over the country.



Perth Youth Orchestra

For the second year in a row a Kinross High School pupil has been selected to perform a concert with Perth Youth Orchestra. Well done to Erin Bathgate (S6).

Athletics

Congratulations to Sarah Coutts (S2) who won a Silver Medal in the U15 Scottish Athletics indoor championships.

Fencing

Well done to Rhys Barbour (S3) who has been rewarded for his successful year in Fencing by being selected to represent Scotland as part of the U-15's boys Foil Fencing team. Rhys will be travelling to Poland with the Scottish Fencing squad to compete in the Challenge Wroclaw International Fencing Tournament in Wroclaw, Poland in March 2017.

Perth Phoenix Basketball Club

Perth Phoenix Basketball Club which includes a number of Kinross High School pupils including Hannah Eadie, won the U16 Championship for the Scottish Division 2. In addition to winning a trophy and medals the team will now be playing U16 Division 1 next year. The club has a Scottish coach and this is the first Championship they have won.