



The Knox Newsletter



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From the Head Teacher

Dear Friends

We started the session with the news that 63% of our S4 attained 5 or more qualifications at National 5, 62% of our S5s got three or more Highers, and 41% of our S6 got at least one Advanced Higher. These results are very gratifying and placed us at number 43 in the top 50 secondary schools in Scotland. Looking at the tracking and monitoring that we have been doing for our present S4 to S6 cohort, I am hoping for similar, if not better results this session. The pupils have worked hard, some applying themselves later, rather than sooner, with most taking advantage of after school or lunchtime revision sessions offered by staff.

Our musical events remain one of the jewels in our crown with about a fifth of the school involved in groups, orchestras and bands. For the first time, this session, the Jazz Band and the Pipe Band collaborated to compete in the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships in March, really impressing the judges with their freestyle offering.

In terms of sport, we have former pupils excelling in the trail biking and motor biking arenas. We have Charlie Gates, Lucy Lemmon, Molly McHugh, Alexander Riddell, Dean Riva and Connor Wilson-Rumney representing us at international level in their chosen sports. It takes a lot of time, dedication and support for these pupils to manage the balance between academic and sporting success and they have done that marvellously. Thanks to local clubs, teams, and organisations who continue to support the 90% of our youngsters who take part in some form of extra-curricular activity.

Last session 95% of our leavers went into a positive destination. We still have over 60% of pupils going to university and Further Education from Knox Academy and hope to continue this proud tradition. I have high hopes given that we have the largest cohort of pupils attending the Kickstart into university course this summer, of all schools across East and Mid Lothian.

We have offered our youngsters some life-changing experiences this year. Pupils have had opportunities to meet pop stars (KT Tunstall) to learn to ride a trials bike (Motorbike Project), to working with the Fire Service (Cool Down Crew), and to participate in a brilliant Activities Week. Health and wellbeing is at the top of our agenda, with pupils participating in Bikeability, the dance showcase, trampolining, and netball to name a few.

Pupils continue to engage in wider issues – two pupils put themselves forward for the Scottish Youth Parliament this session, and whilst Adam Fairgrieve was not successful, Angus Langlands was. The Green Team continues to raid our recycling bins and make sure that we are being environmentally responsible.

Last week we had great P7 Transition days, and I think that our new pupils are going to be a massive asset to the school.

Parents and partners have also supported us uncomplainingly and unequivocally this session. We are nothing without these two groups of people. We could not add the value that we do without them.

So have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in August.

S Ingham, Headteacher

<p align="center">S1 MERIT CERTIFICATES</p> <p align="center"> <i>Hamish Allan Jen Bagley Kirsty Booth Anna Grosse Kamile Kurklietyte Bruce McCall Katie Moore Reuben Phoenix-Hill Tom Riddell Kaci Smith</i> </p>		<p align="center">S2 MERIT CERTIFICATES</p> <p align="center"> <i>Louise Allan Marilyn Briggs Rachel Broadley Eliza Curran Julia Dale Carrie Evans Jamie Gentil Eilidh Graham Louisa Milligan Campbell Montgomery Iris Ramage Tristan Swan</i> </p>	
<p>S3 SUBJECT CERTIFICATES</p> <p><i>Dillon Ball Murrion Bland Isla Booth Sophie Charbonnier Aimee Clark Nikolaus Hogg Zara Johnston Lucy Keegan Jocelyn McKnight</i></p> <p><i>Oscar Orchard Finn Samuel Kuba Stepniewski Andrew Syme Jessica Thomson</i></p> <p><i>Jenny Vischer Orla Walker</i></p> <p><i>Clara Wilberforce Adam Wilson Tom Wilson</i></p>	<p><i>Music Physics Geography, Mathematics Music Music Chemistry, French, Music Biology History RMPS, Design Technology, English, Art & Design Music Music Drama Business Management Administration, Environmental Science Computing Science Music Modern Studies, Physical Education Music Music Music</i></p>	<p>S4 SUBJECT PRIZES</p> <p><i>Rachel Armstrong Ailish Barry Isabelle Bowen Lucas Crabb</i></p> <p><i>Leah Crawford Harry Cunningham Hana Elder Georgia Greenan Alexander Hogg Ewan Hunter Callum Pate Oliver Smith Sam Thomson</i></p> <p><i>Lauren Thompson Sam Thomson Nekole Watson</i></p>	<p><i>Art & Design Music RMPS Administration, Design & Manufacture Drama Environmental Science Geography History Physics Biology Physical Education Computing Science Modern Studies, Business Management, Chemistry, English French Mathematics Practical Woodwork</i></p>
<p>S5 SUBJECT PRIZES</p> <p><i>Daniel Cole Callum Denholm Ewan Laing Adam Malek</i></p> <p><i>Conal McGregor Andrew McKnight Stuart McQuade Saoirse Murphy-Collot Karolina Redanskyte Kara Singh Rebecka Thorburn Findlay Wallace Emily Wilson Rebecca Wray</i></p> <p><i>Ailsa Wrinn</i></p>	<p><i>Music Business Management Environmental Science Administration, Computing Science Chemistry, English Physical Education Graphic Communication Biology Art & Design Modern Studies, RMPS French Design & Manufacture Higher Human Biology Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics History</i></p>	<p>S6 SUBJECT PRIZES</p> <p><i>Kirsty Barr Katrina Hummel Morgan Mackie Isaac Smith Isaac Smith</i></p>	<p><i>Geography Photography Drama Psychology Economics</i></p>

<p>SPOWAGE PRIZES FOR O/STANDING WORK IN AD HIGHER <i>James Crow</i> <i>Catriona Heawood</i> <i>Finlay Logie</i> <i>Alasdair MacFarlane</i> <i>Max McKinnel</i> <i>Eve Melville</i> <i>Emily Russell</i> <i>Ruby Smith</i> <i>Claire Thomson</i> <i>Ninian Wilberforce</i></p>	<p><i>Business Management</i> <i>French</i> <i>English</i> <i>Music</i> <i>Mathematics</i> <i>Art & Design</i> <i>RMPS</i> <i>History</i> <i>Geography</i> <i>Physics</i></p>	<p>S6 LEADERSHIP <i>Emma De Costa</i> <i>Rhys Dickson</i> <i>Nicole Fairbairn</i> <i>GeorgiaHerriott</i> <i>Rebecca Keegan</i> <i>Calum Learmonth</i> <i>Morgan Mackie</i> <i>Sophie Scott</i> <i>Ninian Wilberforce</i></p>	<p>DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD <i>Lucy Ballantyne</i> <i>Isabelle Bowen</i> <i>Daniel Cole</i> <i>Hana Elder</i> <i>Bethany Hunter</i> <i>Conal McGregor</i> <i>Alexander Riddell</i> <i>Kara Singh</i> <i>Sam Thomson</i> <i>Megan Vischer</i> <i>Ailsa Wrinn</i></p>
<p>ALICE BURNETT TWINNING SCHOLARSHIP <i>Abbi Robertson</i></p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS <i>Charlie Gates, Lauren Jeffrey, Lucy Lemmon, Molly McHugh, Alexander Riddell, Dean Riva, Connor Wilson-Rumney</i></p>		<p>YPI WINNERS <i>Gregor Booth</i> <i>Taylor Clark</i> <i>Chloe Johnston</i> <i>Andrew McKnight</i> <i>Evie Trouton</i></p>
<p>PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD <i>Taylor Aldred</i> <i>Donald Bathgate</i> <i>Daniel Cole</i> <i>Hamish Hastie</i> <i>Angus Langlands</i> <i>MorganMackie</i> <i>Amy MacKinnon</i> <i>Jocelyn McKnight</i> <i>Olivia Hope Pryde</i> <i>Elli Robertson</i> <i>Hannah Trotter</i> <i>Rebecca Wray</i></p>	<p>SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL <i>Lucy Hargreaves</i> <i>Ewan Jack</i> <i>Ellana Kelly</i> <i>Finlay Logie</i> <i>Emily McKinnon</i> <i>Hannah Trotter</i> <i>Anya Wyllie</i> <i>Molly Young</i></p>		<p>ENTERPRISE AWARD Lead a Bright Future <i>Grant Campbell</i> <i>Alice Craven</i> <i>Simon Duke</i> <i>Jack Elliot</i> <i>Ewan Laing</i> <i>Rebecka Thorburn</i></p>
<p>SPORTS PERSONALITY <i>Andrew Syme</i></p>	<p>OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD <i>Lucy Lemmon</i></p>	<p>SCHOOL OF RUGBY AWARD <i>Ben Ritchie</i></p>	
<p>KERRY JAWORSKI TROPHY FOR HOCKEY <i>Anna Wilson</i></p>	<p>YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR <i>Rebecca Keegan</i></p>	<p>MICHAEL GODEK PRIZE FOR GUITAR <i>Daniel Cole</i></p>	
<p>COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARD <i>Calum Learmonth</i></p>	<p>AWARD FOR CREATIVITY <i>Reuben Phoenix-Hill</i></p>	<p>RUSSELL REDPATH AWARD <i>Daisy Whiteside</i></p>	
<p>GILLIS PRIZE FOR PAINTING <i>Nina McMullan</i></p>	<p>DEPUTES' AWARD <i>Louise Allan</i></p>	<p>VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR <i>Arran Marsh</i></p>	
<p>ELAINE BRUCE TRADITIONAL MUSIC AWARD <i>Claire Thomson</i></p>	<p>GEORGE ANTELL AWARD <i>Claire Thomson</i></p>		<p>PSP AWARD <i>Louise Allan</i></p>
<p>ANGELA WOODWARD PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION <i>Alice Craven</i></p>	<p>MARTIN DUDDIN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN GEOGRAPHY <i>Callum Denholm</i></p>	<p>JANIS CRAIG AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN HISTORY <i>Amy MacKinnon</i></p>	<p>COUNCILLORS QUAICH FOR ENGAGEMENT <i>Adam Fairgrieve</i> <i>Angus Langlands</i></p>
<p>ALASTAIR BARDEN MEMORIAL Will be announced at the Awards Ceremony</p>		<p>KERR MACFARLANE MEMORIAL PRIZE Will be announced at the Awards Ceremony</p>	
<p>S3 DUX OF SCHOOL <i>Jocelyn McKnight</i></p>	<p>DUX OF SCHOOL <i>Rebecca Wray</i></p>		

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14 th August	Staff Resume (In Service Day)	Wednesday 13 th September	P7 Open Evening 7pm
Wednesday 16 th August	Pupils Resume	Thursday 14 th September	AH History Stirling Day Trip
Monday 21 st August (pm)	S1 Individual Photographs	Friday 15 th September	Autumn Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 22 nd August	S2/3 Book Festival Trip	Monday 18 th September	Autumn Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 23 rd August	Nat 4/5 Physics Trip to Torness	Wednesday 20 th September	S4 Reports Issued
Thursday 24 th August (am)	S6 LEAPS/UCAS Presentation	Week Beginning Monday 25 th September	European Week of Languages
Thursday 24 th August	Meadow Park Parent Information Evening	Monday 25 th September	S5/6 Reports Issued
Monday 28 th August	S6 Individual Photographs and Group Photograph	Tuesday 26 th September	Higher Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 30 th August (am)	S6 2Moros Driver	Thursday 28 th September	S1/2 Outdoor Challenge
Wednesday 30 th August 6.30pm	PSP Meeting	Wednesday 4 th October 6.30pm	PSP Meeting
Thursday 31 st August 7-8pm	Senior Phase Information Evening	Thursday 5 th October	S3 Reports Issued
Week beginning Monday 4 th September	S1 Guidance Interviews	Friday 6 th October	UCAS Deadline (1 st Draft)
Tuesday 5 th September	NDCS Roadshow	Tuesday 10 th October & Wednesday 11 th October	S2 Design Challenge
Friday 8 th September	Volunteers Fayre	Wednesday 11 th October	AH Modern Studies Sherriff Court Trip
Monday 11 th September 7-8.30pm	UCAS Evening for Parents	Friday 13 th October	All Break – October Holiday
Tuesday 12 th September	S1/2 Extra Curricular Fayre	Monday 22 nd October	Staff Resume
		Tuesday 23 rd October	Pupils Resume

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