

Weekly Update – 22nd December 2017

Christmas Holidays

A reminder that the school closes for the end of term at 12.30 on Friday 22 December 2017. We re-open to pupils on Tuesday 9 January 2018 following our in-service day on Monday 8 January. Please note that the school office will be closed during the holiday period. We wish all of our young people and their families a Happy Christmas and a good New Year and look forward to working with you in 2018.



Porty Does Strictly

Last Friday night a packed hall enjoyed a fabulous evening's entertainment at our annual Porty Does Strictly show. This year's winning couple were Izzy McTernan and Calvin Donnelly (pictured with their trophies) with a spectacular Charleston. Particular thanks for our friends at Edinburgh College, whose students undertook the coaching of our pupil couples this year. Thanks also to everyone who makes this such a special event for the school!

Maths Prelim Revision

All pupils in S4, 5 and 6 sitting National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher have been given access to OneNote files containing revision materials. This includes practice prelim papers, past SQA papers, summary notes and various other study aids. Pupils should see Miss Livingston if there are any problems regarding accessing materials. The maths department would encourage all pupils to make use of these in preparation for the prelims. When we return to school in January revision classes will be available on a Wednesday lunchtime and after school.

Foodbank Collection

A big thank you to everyone who helped to donate to the foodbank collection. We managed to collect just over a quarter of a tonne of food. We know this is a very busy time of year for everyone so thank you for your support. The staff at the food bank were extremely grateful for all of the kind donations.

If anyone has misplaced a set of keys, there was a stowaway set found in one of the food bags. These can be collected from the School Office.

Have a lovely Christmas, The Charities Committee.



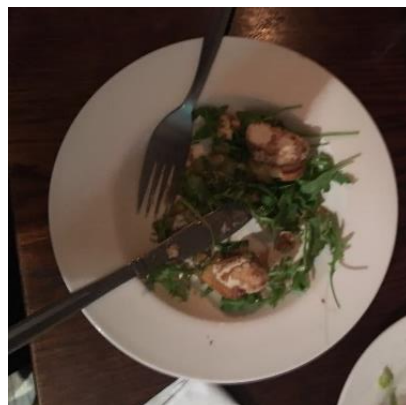
S4 Spanish tapas trip

On Wednesdays 13th and 20th December, our S4 Spanish classes, Miss Taylor and Miss Long enjoyed visits to Malvarosa in Portobello for some delicious tapas. Many of the classic tapas dishes were on offer, including *paella* and *patatas bravas*. Pupils ordered in Spanish - some more enthusiastically than others – and everyone really enjoyed themselves. A big *gracias* to everyone at Malvarosa for making us feel really welcome and we're sure we'll be back next year! Miss Long and Miss Taylor



Advanced Higher French – Chez Jules meal trip – 29th November

Our Advanced Higher French class, Mrs Jouve and our French language assistant Marie enjoyed a visit to Chez Jules at the end of November. Lots of French was enthusiastically spoken by our exceptionally talented young people and the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Plans are afoot for a possible return visit before the AH speaking exam in March and we are also hoping to take the Higher French classes to the same restaurant in February/March ahead of their own speaking exams. Mrs Jouve





Wishing Tree Project

We ran the Wishing Tree project this year with the support of our S4 pupils. Firstly, thanks to all the S4s who came to help out, they really were invaluable with regards to the monitoring of glitter glue and scissors. S1-S3 pupils have been making some very inspirational thoughts for the New Year. Attached are a couple of photos of the trees we have filled this year!

The project raised £102.37, which is particularly amazing as this was entirely donated from spare cash from the student body. They simply gave what they felt they could spare and we saw some incredible acts of generosity.



School Christmas Lunch

Last week the kitchen elves served our school Christmas lunch to pupils and staff!