

Weekly Update - 6th December



December Charity Collection

This year's December charity activity is to collect food and important everyday items for our local food bank. We want to try and collect as much as we can to help people struggling in our local community during the cold holiday season. All donations greatly appreciated. Your child's Key Adult will show them the list of items we hope to collect - the final day for donations is Friday 13th December. If you can't bring in a food item you can make a cash donation and we will organise a big food shop with the money raised. Thank you for your support.

PRELIMS – January 2020

We will be issuing personal timetables for the prelim diet after the Christmas Holidays. However, we know many of you would find it helpful to have the prelim timetable before we break up for the Christmas holiday to support revision planning. For this reason, I am pleased to provide a summary of the prelim timetable below:

Date	Time	SQA Exam
15/01/2020	AM	Higher and Advanced Higher English
15/01/2020	AM	National 5 Hospitality Practical Cookery – Practical (Group 1)
15/01/2020	PM	National 5 and Higher Health and Food Technology
16/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Advanced Higher Mathematics
16/01/2020	AM/PM	Higher Mathematics Paper 1 AM Paper 2 PM
17/01/2020	AM	National 5 English
20/01/2020	AM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Modern Studies
20/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Higher Art and Design
20/01/2020	PM	National 5 and Higher Design and Manufacture
21/01/2020	AM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher French
21/01/2020	PM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Chemistry
22/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Higher Business Management

22/01/2020	PM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher RMPS
23/01/2020	AM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Spanish
23/01/2020	PM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Biology
23/01/2020	AM	National 5 Hospitality Practical Cookery – Practical (Group 2)
24/01/2020	AM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Graphic Communication
27/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Higher History
27/01/2020	PM	National 5 and Higher Media
27/01/2020	PM	Higher Physical Education
27/01/2020	PM	National 5 Physical Education Performance
28/01/2020	AM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Physics
28/01/2020	AM	National 5 Practical Wood Working
28/01/2020	PM	National 5 and Higher Admin and IT
28/01/2020	PM	Higher Photography
29/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Higher Geography
29/01/2020	PM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Computing Science
29/01/2020	PM	National 5 and Higher Fashion and Textile Technology
29/01/2020	PM	Higher and Advanced Higher Physical Education Performance
30/01/2020	AM	National 5 Hospitality: Practical Cookery
30/01/2020	AM	Higher Human Biology
30/01/2020	AM	National 5 Hospitality Cake Craft
30/01/2020	PM	National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Music
31/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Higher Engineering Science
31/01/2020	AM	National 5 and Higher Drama

The personal timetable issued in January will include precise details of individual start and finish times, seat numbers and exam venues as well as important information about exam boosters. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ms Fotheringham, DHT, if you have any questions. We wish you all the best with your revision!

Christmas Concert and Exhibition

The last few tickets are available on ParentPay for this year's Christmas Concert which will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 7pm in the Assembly Hall. Art work from young people in various year groups will also be on display.

Art Work on Display

Congratulations to Charlotte Spence – her design for a winter window is on display with the other winners outside the City Chambers off the High Street.



Royal Horticultural Society Competition Winners

Well done to Miya Turner, Ella McGrory, Molly MacLeod, Anna Steedman, Ishbel MacDonald and Elsie Wall: winners at the Royal Horticultural Society Green Plan It Garden Design Competition. The girls had to design a garden area and deliver a presentation on this and really impressed the judges, who commended them for the level of innovation in their design and their strong, clear sustainability message.



Squash

Last weekend 5 of our S3 pupils won the East Junior Blitz squash event at the Grange Club in Stockbridge. Representing Abercorn Sports Club, they fought their way to top.

Congratulations to all.

Pupils from left to right: Nathan Faulds, Jamie Robertson, Mhairi Klein, Fin Templeton and Sam Dignan with their patient coach, Senga Macfie.



Badminton – Tournaments for Edinburgh Schools players

Information has come into the PE Department regarding the following local tournaments for young people.

All the tournaments are designed to cater for first-time entrants, by offering a number of games in each event entered. They are suitable for anyone who knows the basic rules and can play a competitive game.

The tournaments are:

Lothian Xmas Junior Tournament at Lasswade, Sunday 29th December U11 (2009+), U15 (2005+) and U19 (2001+) - **entries must be confirmed by 15th December**

Lothian Xmas Junior Tournament at Lasswade Monday 30th December U13 (2007+) and U17 (2003+) - **entries must be confirmed by 15th December**

Edinburgh Schools Secondary Championships at St. George's School, Friday 24th January from 5.30pm (doubles), Sunday 26th January (singles) - 2006+, 2004+ and 2001+ for all events. - **entries must be confirmed by 11th January**

Any pupil interested in any of the above should see Mrs Inkster in the PE Department for further information.

Reminder

Pupil contributions towards FTT and CDT subjects which have not been paid are now overdue.

Please check parent pay for outstanding payments. Please remember that any family who are having difficulty in making payments are invited to contact in confidence – assistance is available through our Inclusion Fund.

Subjects affected are.

S1/2 FTT

S1/2 CDT

S3 -6

N4 Practical Woodworking

N5 Practical Woodworking

N4 Practical Cookery

N5 Practical Cookery

N5 Cake Craft

N5 HFT

N5 Design and Manufacture