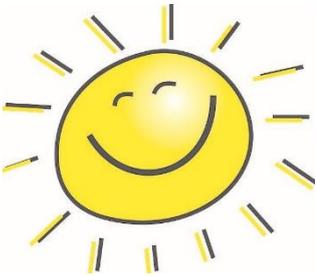


## Weekly Update 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



### It's great to be back!

The sunshine has matched the mood in school this week as we return to full time in person schooling for the first time since last year. With lots of smiling faces behind the face coverings, it has been just lovely to see our young people this week and we've been astonished by how much some of them have grown since we last saw them!

### SQA Alternative Certification Model

Young people in S4 – 6 who are doing qualifications at National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher were issued with their individual assessment schedules this morning in Key Adult Time. Parents and carers of young people in S4-6 were sent an email with the link to access the Parent Information Evening on Monday when Mrs McKay and Ms Fotheringham will outline this year's arrangements and answer questions.



### Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Edinburgh – Community Testing

Free rapid COVID-19 testing for people with **no COVID-19 symptoms** is available in Craigmillar Library. There're open from 9am to 6pm from Wednesday 21 April to Sunday 2 May.



Testing is for people who live in the wider Craigmillar area which includes Niddrie, Craigmillar, The Jewel, Brunstane, Bingham, Magdalene, The Chistians, Newcraighall and North Cairntow

Testing is free, fast and safe. There's no need to book and it will only take around 15 minutes to take the test and 45 minutes for people to be sent their results.

Almost 1 in 3 people infected with Covid-19 don't have any of the usual symptoms but are potentially passing on the virus unknowingly to family, friends and others in the community. By getting tested people can find out if they are positive and self-isolate at home to stop spreading the virus to others.

You can find out more about community testing on our web pages at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitytesting](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitytesting)

Thank you for your help.

### Staff Update

We bid farewell today to Mr Ben Pilfold of our Maths department who leaves us to take up the post of Curriculum Leader of Mathematics at Tynecastle High School. We wish him every success in his new role and thank him for all he has done for Team Porty.

## PE Kit

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we can now start using the changing rooms again for PE lessons. We are therefore asking students to bring their PE kits to school on the days they have PE so that they can get changed into their PE kit at the start of lessons and change back into school uniform afterwards.

## Climate Emergency Jewellery Project

During lockdown, young people in S1 and S2 took part in a jewellery design project hosted by City of Glasgow College. Students were given online resources to help them come up with designs based on the 'Climate Emergency' and the department were pleased to have lots of well-considered designs to submit. The team organising the competition said that they were blown away by the number of entries (over 300!) and we received extremely positive feedback to pass on to our students.

Archie Titterington, in S2, was placed third amongst a very strong field of entries. The judges commented on the 'poignancy' of Archie's design. They said, 'The simplicity the contemporary design while still getting a message across is very difficult to do and we were impressed by the execution of this drawing'. In addition, we had four pupils who finished in the top forty. They are:

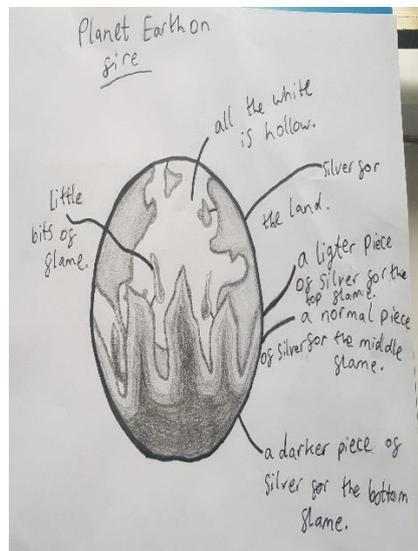
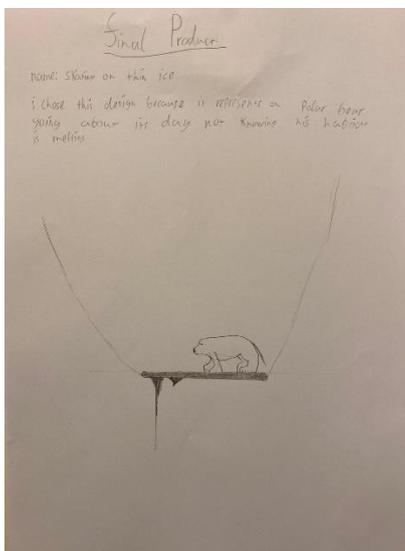
Ellie Browning - 'strong contemporary design - would look nice as a brooch'.

Elsa McGregor - 'beautiful intricate design, wearable'.

Kizhi Bickley - 'made an impact and good to see they have thought of the different finishes for the silver'.

Elena Munoz - 'lovely and thoughtful design, tricky to integrate the glass technically but a sensitivity to materials'.

The images below show some of our entries. Well done everyone!



## Steps to Resilience: Parent/Carer Mental Health Webinars

Link Living have developed for parents and carers some webinars to support their teenager's emotional health and wellbeing. These webinars are available to all parents and carers in North East Edinburgh as part of their Steps to Resilience Pilot which is running with North East secondary schools, see below:

[Steps to Resilience: Parent/Carer Support](#)

Steps to Resilience is an award-winning personal development programme. It supports young people who have experienced emotional difficulties, trauma or significant challenges. They have created two new webinars which focus on advice and support for parents on how best to help young people who are struggling with their mental health.

The **Mental Health** webinar covers anxiety, panic attacks, conflict resolution skills, how to handle difficult behaviour and ends with boosting connections and building self-esteem.

The **Body Image and Self Harm** webinar covers body image, self-harm, active listening, how to have difficult conversations and looking after yourself.

Both webinars will include links to additional support and signposting and an Additional Resources pack issued by email. Please find details of the webinar timetable below, please note webinars will be delivered on Microsoft Teams and next week they are running each webinar twice, giving you a choice of times and dates.

Session	Date	Time
Mental Health Webinar	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	4pm-5pm
Body Image and Self Harm Webinar	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	4pm-5pm
Mental Health Webinar	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm-2pm
Body Image and Self Harm Webinar	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm-2pm

To book a place on a webinar or for more information, please email [catherine.sim@linkliving.org.uk](mailto:catherine.sim@linkliving.org.uk) or call Link Academy on 01324 466 860.

### HPV Vaccinations

The vaccinations for HPV will be taking place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Pupils will be issued a slip with notification of the time of their vaccination via their Key Adult on the day they are due the vaccination. All vaccinations will take place in the library.

The HPV Vaccination consists of two jabs, usually given a year apart.

The following pupils will be vaccinated:

All pupils in S1 and S2 whose parent/carers have given consent (**this session**) will be issued with their first jab.

Girls in S3 – S6 who are due their first jab and whose parent/carers have given consent (**this session**) will be issued with their first jab.

Girls in S3 – S6 who have had their first jab and are due their second jab and whose parent/carers have given consent (**in a previous session**) will be issued with their second jab.

Pupils in S4/5/6 will have their vaccination on the Wednesday to avoid clashing with any assessments.



## Media

The Higher Media class wanted to support pupils in their school community through the return to school and their designs have been on screens throughout the building over the course of this week.

**ANXIOUS ABOUT THE RETURN TO SCHOOL?**

**NERVOUS**  
about post  
lockdown chat?

**ANXIOUS**  
leaving home?

**WORRIED**  
about the future?

Let us support you >

**SCAN THE QR CODE**

## You're not alone

We are all in the same boat. It's okay not to feel like your normal self.



If you want to talk to someone  
scan this code.



## S2 enrichment class

In the S2 enrichment class 'survive a zombie apocalypse' we made fake wounds - next steps basic first aid!  
Sadie Slifer (work below) did a bloody good job!



While Teigan Lamont created this horrific wound  
Brilliant work by all!



## Food, Glorious Food!

Our National 5 Hospitality classes have been busy this week. Feast your eyes on cheese and bacon quiche, garnished with melba toasts!



Bakery NPA and Cake Craft are working this week on small sugar dough models which will become cupcake toppers

