

October 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know that interviews were held this week, and I can confirm that a new Head Teacher, John Wilson, has been appointed to take over the leadership of the school.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the school in the interim following Lesley Johnston's retirement. Our school aspires to provide an excellent education for all our young people. We are ambitious for each and every individual, supporting them to fulfil their potential and to be fully prepared for life after school. We know that it takes a community to educate a young person and so we are determined to be at the heart of our community working closely with all our partners, including most importantly, our parents and carers. There are high expectations about uniform, behaviour, thinking about others and good manners and we are grateful for your support in helping us to achieve this.

I hope you have had the chance to visit the school website where you will see an array of events and successes that have taken place since the start of term. This is, of course, another indicator of our ambition to improve opportunities for our young people.

As you are aware HM Inspectorate for Education visited the school in June 2011 and reported on the many strengths of the school. We will continue to build on these, and share our journey of progress and improvement with the Parent Council. You will find more details on their website but if, at any time, you wish more information please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Sharee MacKerron, Acting Head Teacher

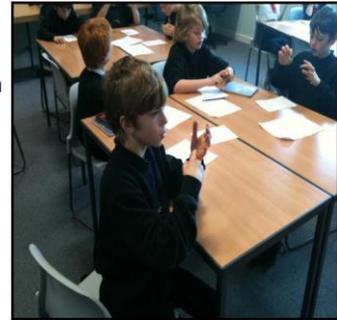
Celebration of Languages

Students at Broughton speak many languages other than English and for the past two years we have celebrated the linguistic diversity of our students during the school's Celebration of Languages Week in September. The posters to advertise this year's programme were designed by Star Leslie and Joanna Clark. Our events kicked off on Monday with a visit by a former student, Kate McDermott who has just finished her degree in French and Maths at Glasgow University. She took part in a question and answer session with Higher and Advanced Higher French classes where she talked about her unusual combination of subjects and the remarkable experiences she has had in France during her studies.



In the afternoon Broughton welcomed two very special guests. Adrian Mrowiec of Hearts FC talked to S4 students about his experiences of moving to Scotland and learning English. Students were able to ask him questions which they had pre-prepared in class time. Alan Morrison of IBM then talked to students about the importance of languages in his business and described personal experiences of learning a language when he lived in Libya. We are extremely grateful to all our speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and meet us.

On Tuesday staff were treated to a French breakfast in the staffroom at break time. Miam, miam! On Wednesday staff participated in a salsa workshop organised by Noemi Gonzalez, a Support for Learning teacher at Broughton. On Friday, Carole Johnston from Donaldson's School for the Deaf, provided a signing workshop for S1 students where they learned the signing alphabet and how to sign some words and phrases.



Throughout the week S2 pupils had been making crepes and tasting French cheeses in HFT. Their food was delicious. S1 pupils have been busy learning about languages around the world and designing posters to advertise next year's event. Bilingual students have presented mini-language lessons to classes in the Modern Languages department. Georgia Forsyth Sypestyn delivered the week's assemblies and described her experience of learning Chinese at Broughton and the opportunities this has given her, including a 3 week visit to China last summer.

The week was hugely successful and we would like to thank all the pupils and staff for their hard work.

Interdisciplinary Learning - Enterprising Edinburgh



On Wednesday 5 October, S2 students took part in a visit to several businesses in Edinburgh with links to Spain or the Spanish speaking world. Students have been learning Spanish and were able to use their linguistic skills when they interviewed employees of the various businesses, including the tourist office and the Spanish Consulate, about Edinburgh's attractions. All interviews were recorded and will be showcased later in the term on a brand new website called Radiowaves. More information to follow.

Language Assistants

We would like to welcome our new language assistants:

Clara Brassard Gourdeau - French

Christopher Eduardo Badillo - Spanish

Clara and Chris assist students with their spoken French and Spanish. We hope they have an enjoyable year in Edinburgh. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ruby Zajac on securing a place to study French and Spanish at Cambridge University. Well done Ruby!

BITS & BOBS

Macmillan Cancer Support Big Coffee Morning

As part of the S5/6 Employability and Enterprise course, the students organised a Coffee Morning for all staff as part of the Macmillan Cancer Big Coffee Morning event on Friday 30 September.

First they had to organise the cake baking – Ms Milliken's S3 Standard Grade class agreed to help them out and baked some delicious carrot cake which the group later iced and prepared for sale.



Liam Garson was in charge of the Raffle and did a fantastic job of asking Waitrose and several members of staff to donate prizes. Ashish Pun stepped out of his comfort zone and acted as MC to announce the raffle in front of the teachers – a scary prospect for any pupil!

The group worked well together and successfully raised £200. In November the group will visit the local Macmillan Cancer Support offices and donate the money in person.

The group consisted of:

Ashish Pun
Panuwat Gerdphol
Liam Garson
Amina Jesi
Liyang Wen
Rachel Wishart
Annmarie Jackson

GIRLS' FOOTBALL (S1 - S3)



Broughton girls' football team competed in their first tournament on Friday 23 September. Their attitude throughout the competition was admirable. First draw was against Boroughmuir and they managed to secure a victory on the final whistle. Next up was a more challenging game against Holyrood. Unfortunately Cara Targett-Ness' goal was disallowed and the game finished 2-0 to the host team Holyrood. Our final game was against James Gillespies, and what a great display of football it was. James Gillespies took an early lead and went 2-0 up. Broughton pulled together as a team and went into the lead with a score line of 3-2 with 2 minutes of play left. In the last minute of the game James Gillespies scored to end the game with a 3-3 draw.

Well done girls! Let's look forward to our next fixtures! Girls' football training is on Monday evenings straight after school. All welcome!

BACK TO BRADFORD

On Friday 7 October a group of S5 students attended the Young Co-operative Film Makers festival in Bradford to see a screening of their short film *One In A Million*. The students were then presented with a certificate and a commemorative t-shirt. This is a huge festival which attracts films from all over the UK and, we're proud to say, this was the tenth year that Broughton High School has had successful entries to this event. The students involved were Harry Leithhead-Docherty, Cailean Osborne, Calum Martin, Dionne Hogg, Eva Clark and Alessandra Harper and the film was made as part of their Media Studies course in S4. Well done to all involved and here's to another ten.



Len Fyfe and Martin Cairns

HEALTH & FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Many thanks to parents who sent in vouchers – a variety of equipment was delivered recently which is already in daily use in the department for practical work. Sainsbury's, in conjunction with the Woodland Trust, are also donating some small trees for planting in the school garden.

Cook With the Kids

A number of our S1 pupils have been enjoying a weekly cookery club after school along with their mums, dads and grandparents. They've all been learning new practical skills and having fun working together. Our thanks go to 'State Street Bank' who kindly funded this community project.

Health Matters Challenge

Broughton High School has been invited to take part in the Sodexo/Outward Bound 'Health Matters Challenge' for another year! Sixty S3 pupils will experience an afternoon with Sodexo investigating healthy foods and ingredients. Twenty four pupils will then be selected to spend a day mountain biking with Outward Bound. And finally 8 lucky pupils will be invited to attend a three day residential outdoor course. What fun!



DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Drama Department Courses

1. S1 students have been working on Team Building and Creativity skills using a range of Drama techniques including improvisation, mimed action, configuration, freeze frame and narration. After October break, they will begin the Storytelling Unit, exploring The Changeling Child and Grandfather's Tale through Drama.
2. S2 students have just completed the Parliamo Broughton unit and have been creating a Broughton News Show in comedy-style using Scots language translation. Their next unit is Fantasy and Reality, exploring absurd theatre and using new techniques including flashback and monologue.

S3 Standard Grade students have been working simultaneously on Improvisation Skills and Character Study, developing skills in characterisation with awareness of directing and performing. Their next units will be Structuring Drama and Theatre Arts.

S4 Standard Grade have started working on their prelim Drama project and are working collaboratively in small groups to devise a play for presentation, based on a chosen stimulus. Preparation for the Knowledge and Understanding exam paper in November will also begin soon with targets set for improvements since the general exam last month.

S5/6 Higher and Advanced Higher Drama students presented their Vignettes to an invited audience on Thursday 13 October as a culmination of their first unit of the course. Each student devised their own short play as writer/director.

Creative Industries students have just completed Unit One of their course An Introduction to Creative Industries, where they investigated what the Creative Industries are and what skills and abilities are required to work in the sector of their choice. This unit has been supported and enhanced by workshops and careers advice from a variety of industry professionals such as Major Lamb, Paula Woodley and Scottie Anderson. Their next unit, Skills Development, will enhance students' current skills in their chosen sector and will be supported by workshops with industry professionals from City of Edinburgh Council, Telford College and Queen Margaret University.

Pondlife McGurk

Catherine Wheels Theatre Company visited Broughton on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 October with their superb play, *The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk*.

Pondlife McGurk
Was a troublesome child
Some called him stupid
Some called him wild
But all called him Pondlife
For that was his name

The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk is about the danger of lies, and asks is it ever possible to repair the damage caused by a lie? The Drama and English departments joined together to provide the opportunity for all S1 students to see this intelligent piece of Scottish children's theatre before it embarks on a tour to Australia and America.



Theatre

S5/6 Creative Industries visited Queen Margaret University Theatre department on Thursday 29 September. The students benefited from a tour of the facilities and a Q & A session with the Head of Technical Courses, Scottie Anderson.

S5/6 Higher and Advanced Higher Drama students saw *Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off* by Liz Lochhead at the Royal Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday 4 October.

Their next theatre trip will be on Thursday 10 November to see *Men Should Weep* by Ena Lamont Stewart, produced by the National Theatre of Scotland. There will be a post-show talk. Before the trip, the students will participate in a theatre workshop about the play and the production when the NTS Education team visit Broughton.

S3 Standard Grade Drama Students will visit the Traverse Theatre on Wednesday 2 November to see *Kes*, adapted by Rob Evans for Catherine Wheels Theatre Company.

Engender Project - In the Eye of the Beholder

S4 Drama students successfully presented their piece of theatre, *In the Eye of the Beholder* to MSPs at the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 4 October. MSPs were very impressed by the students involved.

Congratulations to:

Katie Messer, Hannah McCleary, Duncan Player, Mason Stade, Daniel McIvor, Lauren Stevens, Sarah Ewen, Alicja Jankowska, Jamie Andrews, Nathan MacFarlane and Ryan Langmuir.

The play explored gender issues affecting young people in modern Scotland. The project will help to inform government policy on censorship and the media.

Inverleith Youth Theatre

Halloween Special - Monday 31 October 2011

Junior Youth Theatre are busy preparing for a truly terrifying Halloween Special. Tickets will go on sale soon. The junior group is now meeting on Fridays from 2.30–4.30pm in the Drama Studio. If you would like to join the junior group (S1-3), see Mrs Wyman.

Alice House Party - June 2012



Senior Youth Theatre are in the early stages of adapting and devising their own version of *Alice House Party* adapted from a version by Laura Neal. The senior group is now meeting on Mondays from 3.45pm – 5.45pm in the Drama Studio. If you would like to join the senior group (S3-6), see Miss Lundy.



MUSIC

Midday Concert Series

Mr Owne welcomed enthusiastic audiences to the first two concerts this term in the Music Department. Both concerts featured a variety of instrumental and vocal pieces by senior pupils. Full details of the next concert, in November, will be published on the website. All welcome to attend!

New Cello Teacher

Ms McLaughlin is delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Sievwright as our new cello teacher. Miss Sievwright will join the Music Department after the October break.

Six Storeys High

The local band Six Storeys High will continue with the tradition of local up-and-coming musicians giving a lunchtime concert in the school theatre on Thursday 27 October. Admission is £1.

House Music Competition

A great night was had by all at the annual House Music Competition on Wednesday 12 October. The judges for the evening were Grant Stott and Boogie from Forth One, who were amazed at the wealth of talent on show and were hard pressed to pick the winners. Congratulations to all who helped make the evening a resounding success – a fantastic team effort. Full coverage to follow.

SeptemberFest

Congratulations to all the pupils who provided musical entertainment at the highly successful *SeptemberFest*. The packed audience in the Hub were enthralled by the range of music performed by the Rock Choir, Samba Band, String Quartet, Chamber Choir, Soloists and the Rock Band.

Theatre Trip

Rock Choir Trip on 8 November to the Playhouse Theatre at 7.30pm to see Sister Act. 5 tickets still available - see Mrs Davies.

Usher Hall Trip

Senior school pupils will attend a concert given by the RSNO in the Usher Hall on 2 November. Music will be performed from the Maestro Music series of educational concerts.

ART

Extra Curricular Art Clubs

The S1/2 Art Club and the Senior Art Club for S3-6 Pupils continue to meet on Tuesdays after school for those wishing to develop their skills in Art & Design. The lower school club set up and organised by senior pupils is proving very popular and is a shining example of pupil leadership. Well done to all those involved in the clubs.

Photography Course Trip

A group of pupils from the Photography course went on a trip to the National Gallery of Modern Art to study the work of the artist Hiroshi Sugimoto organised by Miss McIntosh on Wednesday 21 September. It was enjoyed by all who attended and gave further insight into the techniques used by professional photographers.

SQA Exhibition

Further details have been released on the forthcoming exhibition of outstanding work submitted as examination pieces in Art & Design. The exhibition will take place on Saturday 29 October from 1pm and Sunday 30 October from 11am in Dollar Academy, and will feature work at Advanced Higher level by Lois Glen, a former S6 pupil. Congratulations to Lois on this achievement.

IDL and ART & DESIGN

A group of S1 IDL pupils have been attending exhibitions of work by the artist Tony Cragg over the last four weeks. Mrs Macdonald, who organised the trips out of school, is very pleased to report back the positive impact this has had on the Interdisciplinary Learning Project.

STUDY SUPPORT

MUSIC

S4 music listening revision for Int 2 Music students — Monday lunchtime.

S4-6 practical performance support (in particular keyboard) - Thursday lunchtime.

ART & DESIGN

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm for all S3-S6 art students.

S1-2 art club on Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm in Art Room 2.

ADMIN

Drop in sessions for Administration ICT (Int 2 and Higher) after school on a Wednesday.

MATHS

Mon	Lunchtime	Mr Ghaffar	Study support for Credit level mathematicians
Tues	Lunchtime	Mr Ghaffar	Study support for Credit level mathematicians
	Lunchtime	Ms Smith	Study support for Foundation level mathematicians
	After School	Mr Ghaffar	Study support for Credit level mathematicians
Wed	Before School 8 to 8.30 am	Mrs Gray	Drop in session for Credit level mathematicians
	Lunchtime	Mrs Perris	Drop in session for General level mathematicians
Thurs	Before School 8 to 8.30 am	Mrs Perris	Drop in session for General level mathematicians

PHYSICS

Monday lunchtime drop in. All levels can come along to ask for help.

BIOLOGY

All levels - Tuesdays after school 3.30-4.30pm. In Science 4.

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry lunchtime sessions Monday and Thursday with Ms Shearer. Monday is a revision session on previous topics and Thursday is to offer support on current work.

ENGLISH

"Close Reading Clinic" for seniors after the October holiday – in the run-up to the prelim. See Ms Jameson for further information.

GEOGRAPHY

'Drop in' with Mr Wilson on Fridays between 12.30 and 3pm.

HOMEWORK & FOOTBALL CLUB

When? Wednesday after school

Where? Library and Gym

What? Go to the Library to do homework from 3.30-4pm

THEN go to the Gym to play football from 4pm to 5pm

Why? There will be people on hand to help with your homework plus everything you need to get your homework done! AND, you'll get a game of football too!

Football not your thing? Something else you'd rather do as a reward after homework? Just tell Mr Alexander or Miss Paton your ideas!

GEOGRAPHY

Managing Environmental Resources

Students taking the Managing Environmental Resources Intermediate course went to Edinburgh City Council's Recycling Educational Cabin in Seafield. Once there students were treated to a short film about Edinburgh's colossal waste problem and the targets which the Government has set Scotland to reduce waste to zero over the next decade. Students were instructed on what they can recycle and how that can be done. They then put on hard hats and toured the recycling plant. The students enjoyed the day and found it very interesting to see what can be reused and what can be recycled.

We also visited the wonderful Botanical Gardens during the 'Endangered Species' exhibition. The students really enjoyed walking around the Botanics and spotting all the beautiful tigers, elephants, crocodiles and hornbills.

Travel & Tourism Talk - Noelle Campbell, Brand Manager, VisitScotland

Ms Noelle Campbell from VisitScotland gave a stimulating talk to Intermediate 2 Travel & Tourism on Scotland's tourism industry. The pupils gained knowledge on top attractions, advertising and marketing, as well as visitor numbers and the importance of tourism for the Scottish economy. She also talked about the organisation's role in the promotion of Scottish tourism to new markets such as Russia, China and India.

S2 IDL

S2 Interdisciplinary Learning Scotland's Energy Story

As part of the S2 Interdisciplinary Learning course on Scotland's Energy we took a group of forty S2 students to the National Mining Museum. Each group was accompanied by a former miner into the pit where the processes and dangers of mining were explained at length. Our miner Mr Tam Gibson had worked in the Midlothian mines since he was 15 years old. He explained about the working conditions and how his own

father had died down a mine. The students enjoyed the mining experience and also had time to explore the rest of the museum.

Mr Whitmore & Kyle Macartney from British Nuclear Power came to the school to speak to the same group of students about Nuclear Power and job opportunities that are available in the energy sector.