



# Dalkeith HS Bulletin

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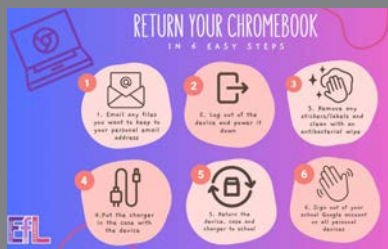
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Mrs E. Ormerod  
Head Teacher

# Head Teacher's Update

## ***Clothing Grants/FSM***

Midlothian Council has asked us to pass onto parents that they are not accepting applications for Free School Meals or Clothing Grants yet for August 2023.

The application for this will not be available until at least the beginning of July.

Anyone applying now on the old application will have to apply again when the new form is available.

Free school meals can still be applied for this term, however this is only for new applications.

The qualifying criteria for FSM and Clothing Grants has been updated on the Council website:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school\\_meals/117/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_clothing\\_grants](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants)

**Sainsbury's**  
*live well for less*



Our breakfast club and essentials hub continue to be very popular amongst our pupils. A huge thank you goes out to Sainsbury's Local and Aldi who sponsor our breakfast club by donating lots of tasty, healthy treats for our young people. We couldn't do it without your continued support. A reminder to families that donations to the essential hub are very welcome. We have some fantastic prom dress available at the minute. S6's are welcome to come for a browse.

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first week of exams have gone very smoothly. I have been very impressed by the revision notes, peer support and attendance at revision sessions. A little reminder that we now have access to the online revision tool – ACHIEVE. Pupils have been given access for their exam leave. Please encourage them to access the materials to support them at home with their revision. Further details about how to access the website can be found below. Good luck to everyone for the upcoming exams!

In previous bulletins, I have mentioned a consultation which is taking place around the establishment of a new primary school and its associated catchment area within the land at Easthouses. If agreed the catchment areas of Dalkeith High School, Newbattle High School and Lasswade High School would be realigned. This could have an impact on some of our families and ultimately reduce our school roll. To find out more information on how our catchment would change please follow this link:

<https://midlothiancouncil.citizenspace.com/education/easthouses-education-consultation/>

Pupil focus groups are continuing to take place. Next week Education Scotland would like to invite parents to an online consultation focus group on Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm – 6:30pm. A separate email will be sent to all parents with a link to the google meet. This session will be led by HM Inspector Ann Kivlin. We hope you can join us on the call. We have had some changes to staffing since the Easter break which I would like to share with you all. We are delighted to welcome back Andrea Melian, English teacher, who has returned after her maternity leave and we hope she has settled back in to school life. We said goodbye to Jason Moncrieff, Physics teacher, last week who has relocated to Ireland. We wish him luck in his new adventure.

I am pleased to announce that we appointed a new Physics teacher, Adam Dale, who comes from East Renfrewshire and hopes to join us for the start of the new timetable. We are also delighted to have appointed Megan Macpherson. Biology teacher to a permanent post within the Science faculty. Please join me in congratulating her on her achievement. Last but not least, Bethany Inglis has joined our office staff and we are delighted to have her join our team.

Thank you to all the parents who took time to respond to our survey about the school dress code. I will be reviewing responses next week and will report back on the results. Pupils have been taking part in focus groups on the same topic. Their views are being listened to and we hope to share details about this once all focus groups have been completed next week. Week beginning the 8th May I will be holding parental focus groups about school dress code. Details of which are below:

Tuesday 9th May 11am – 11:45am (Online)

Tuesday 9th May 5:30pm – 6:15pm (In person)

Wednesday 10th May 9:30am – 10am (Online)

Wednesday 10th May 5:30pm – 6:15pm (In person)

A parental email will be sent out next week with links to the online sessions. I look forward to hearing your views.

Finally, last week we said a huge farewell to our lovely S6 cohort. A great day was had at Vogrie Country Park with inflatables, rounders and cake! There were lots of brilliant memories made on the day which I know will be remembered fondly in years to come. The pupils were a credit to themselves and to the school on the day. However, this we hope is not the last we will see of our S6 pupils. As per our key dates calendar, we look forward to inviting our S6 pupils along with their parents to a graduation evening on Thursday 1st June. A formal invite will be sent out early next week so please keep a look out and RSVP to save your seat.

Take care

Emma Ormerod



ACHIEVE is an online revision resource that includes revision notes, tests and past paper questions for most N5 and H subjects. An email has been sent to all senior phase carers with information on how to create an account. Staff have also shared instructions on Google Classrooms. Please contact Mr Knight for more details.

## Golf

Well done to the DHS Golf team, Tristan Tiley, Adam Bowen, Ben Inglis, Lewis Brown and Josh Hutton with another victory which keeps DHS at the top of the Midlothian Golf League.

On Friday 21st April Dalkeith gained 6 league points, Newbattle 5, Beeslack 4, Lasswade 3 and Penicuik 2.

### League Standings after round 3:

Dalkeith	18 points
Beeslack	13
Penicuik	11
Newbattle	10
Lasswade	6
St David's	0



## Swimming

Ava Marko, Anna Lawson and Ritchie Saunders attended the Scottish National Age Group Swimming Championships (SNAGS) from the 12th-16th April 2023. The competition was held at Aberdeen Aquatics Centre and was hosted by Scottish Swimming. Over an action packed 5 days the DHS pupils achieved many personal bests and individual targets racing in afternoon heats and evening finals.



Ava qualified for 5 individual swims and a team relay, achieving 3 personal bests, two of which saw her reaching her personal targets of a sub 30seconds for the 50m Freestyle and sub 70 seconds for the 100m Butterfly. Ava also qualified for the 100m Butterfly final finishing 4th in Scotland in her age group.

Ritchie qualified for 6 individual swims and 2 team relays, achieving 5 personal bests and qualified for the 200m Butterfly final in which he finished 8th in Scotland in his age group. Ritchie and his team mates competed in a very exciting 4x100m Medley relay claiming gold and the title of Scottish National Age Group Champions!

Anna qualified for 7 individual swims and 3 team relays, achieving 6 personal bests and qualified for 2 finals. Anna's team came 3rd in the 4x100m Freestyle relay claiming a bronze medal. In the individual finals Anna raced in the 100m Freestyle finishing 8th in Scotland within her age group and in the 50m final achieved 1st place, claiming gold and the title of Scottish National Age Group Champion! To add to this achievement Anna broke an East District Swimming Record (standing since 2015) for the 50m freestyle in the heats and bettered this in the final, breaking her own record, finishing in a time of 27.74 Seconds.

All 3 improved their National Rankings and did themselves, their clubs and DHS proud.

## Gold DofE Award Practice Expedition

The Gold DofE group have had their practice expedition on Loch Lomond. 11 pupils set out from Luss on the shores of Loch Lomond and made their way to one of the islands on the loch in order to set up their camp. The group spent three days on the Loch working on their paddling and water navigation skills. The group encountered some fairly high winds making for some extremely challenging canoeing conditions which really tested their paddling skills. On the 2nd day the group were able to stop off and explore Inchconnachan Island which is famous for its small population of wild wallabies, they were even lucky enough to spot a couple hopping about! The Golds will now begin preparing for their assessment expedition which will be taking place at the beginning of June.



# Youth Club Drop-ins...

## COMMUNITIES AND LIFELONG LEARNING



### Lego Club

@ ONE YOUTH, 21 Eskdail Street

Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm  
Starting 19<sup>th</sup> April

Do you enjoy being creative with Lego then come along on a Wednesday afternoon to build and create

For further information on any of the above please contact:  
Catherine.hendry@midlothian.gov.uk



## COMMUNITIES AND LIFELONG LEARNING



### Board Game Club

@ ONE YOUTH, 21 Eskdail Street

Fridays 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Starting 21<sup>st</sup> April

Do you enjoy playing board games then come along on a Friday afternoon to test your skills

For further information on any of the above please contact:  
07368 415125 or email  
[Katie.Brash@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Katie.Brash@midlothian.gov.uk)



## COMMUNITIES AND LIFELONG LEARNING



### Employability/ College Drop In

@ ONE YOUTH, 21 Eskdail Street

Mondays 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
starting 17<sup>th</sup> April

Do you need any support with:  
Getting to college  
CV's  
Bursary  
Getting a job  
Knowing your Work Rights  
Bank accounts

For further information on any of the above please contact:  
07368 415125 or email  
[Katie.Brash@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Katie.Brash@midlothian.gov.uk)



## COMMUNITIES AND LIFELONG LEARNING



### DROP IN

@ ONE YOUTH, 21 Eskdail Street

Tuesdays 4-6pm







Starting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

An open safe space to come and meet new people in your community Activities on offer Or you can just come and be around new people if you want - it's up to you.

For further information on any of the above please contact:  
07585667497 or email  
[Zoe.Thomson@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Zoe.Thomson@midlothian.gov.uk)

# LEAVERS - RETURN YOUR CHROMEBOOK

## IN 6 EASY STEPS

-  1. Email any files you want to keep to your personal email address
-  2. Log out of the device and power it down
-  3. Remove any stickers/labels and clean with an antibacterial wipe
-  4. Put the charger in the case with the device
-  5. Return the device, case and charger to school
-  6. Sign out of your school Google account on all personal devices

**EQUIPPED FOR LEARNING**

All S4-S6 leavers should return their Chromebook, case and charger to the school office as soon as possible. Chromebooks can be kept for exam leave if required however they should be returned before the last exam has taken place. Please note that all stickers have to be removed before the Chromebook is returned.

## Sewing Club

### S1-S2



**THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES**  
**STARTING 20/04/23**  
**12 PLACES AVAILABLE**

**HOME ECONOMICS RM F208**  
**MRS JARVIS**



Dalkeith High School has qualified for the Gold SportScotland Award 2023. This award is excellent recognition for Dalkeith High School and the high level of continued commitment from pupils to participate in sport, both in and outside of school. The next stage is for us to achieve the award for gold status and we hope to have enough evidence to secure it.

The SportScotland Award is funded by the National Lottery and is a national initiative designed to encourage schools to put young people at the heart of decision making, planning and implementation of extra-curricular school sport. It encourages schools to self-reflect and continuously improve, recognise and celebrate successful school sport models. The award also encourages sporting links between schools and the communities around them, providing opportunities for young people to progress.



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