

**Elgin High School**  
**Northern Scot Notes**  
**30 March 2018**

**Spring Holiday** – School closed yesterday and will reopen on Monday 16 April. We have all worked extremely hard over the last term enjoying a large number of successes and achievements. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and effort and to wish you all a restful, safe and enjoyable break. For those students in the senior phase keep focussed and disciplined with your revision – a final push towards your exams will ensure you achieve the best you can!

**Sports Relief Charity** – Last Friday, to celebrate and support Sports Relief we held a variety of events in school including creating a ‘Sporting Hero’ display board in the library. To raise funds students and staff wore sportswear, bought cupcakes, participated or spectated in a staff v student football match and held year group space hopper relay races around our Assembly Hall, all for donations! We have raised over £430 which will be donated to the charity. Thank you to all the organisers and everyone who took part.

**Retirement** - Principal Teacher of Art, Mr John Brady, will be retiring at the end of this session. Mr Brady arrived at Elgin High School in 2001 and has since led the Art Department through significant curricular changes inspiring many students to continue with Art through their senior years at the school and beyond to college, university and into employment. On behalf of Elgin High School past and present, we would like to thank Mr Brady for his tremendous contribution over the years. We wish you a long and enjoyable retirement.

**Art Work** – The art department have artwork from ex-students dating from the early 2000’s onwards. There is a list of students on the art and design section of the school website. If you would like the artwork back please get in touch with the school.

**EHS Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Finalists** – We are delighted to report the semi-finals were held on Wednesday and the successful groups have been selected to go forward to the Finals to be held in April. All semi-finalists created persuasive presentations showing in depth research of the work that their local charity carries out. We would like to thank all the charities for taking part and allowing our students this valuable insight into how charitable organisations function and to learn of the individual services you all offer to our community.

**BBC Studios Visit** – Last week S2 English elective students had a tour of the BBC studios in Inverness upon the completion of their BBC School News Report. They learned more about what happens behind the scenes, received a tour of the studios and had an opportunity to further develop their investigative skills with a question and answer session. Many thanks to Craig Swan at the BBC studios.

**Elgin Rotary Leadership Initiative** – supported by 39 Engineer Regiment at Kinloss Barracks – Last week fourteen students sat interviews hoping to be selected for this ERLI residential experience which will help develop leadership potential and skills. Many thanks to Hugh Carter and Kate Asher for providing this valuable experience for our students and we look forward to hearing all about the successful applicants’ experiences in June.

**Staffing Update** - Congratulations go to Jess Standfast who was recently successful in gaining the post of Teacher of Art at Elgin Academy. Jess will take up her post in August 2018. Also to Liz Knight who was successful in gaining the post of Senior Technician at Perth Academy. Liz will take up her new post at the end of April. Congratulations also to Lance Clutson who was successful in gaining a post at Beechbrae working with ASN students. Lance has been working with us in our ASN Department and we are grateful for all his support during his time at Elgin High. Although it is some time in the future before they leave us, we wish Jess, Liz and Lance all the very best in their new roles.