

Elgin High School
Northern Scot Notes
30th June 2017

Last Day of Term

School will finish today at 2.30pm for the summer holidays and will reopen to students at 8.40am on Tuesday 15th August. The Head Teacher would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and their parents/carers for the hard work and commitment they have shown, not only towards their own individual learning and development but also in supporting the whole school community throughout the year.

Achievements Assembly

Today, Fri 30th, we are celebrating our whole school Summer Achievement Assembly, celebrating where our students have received awards and commendations in a variety of different activities ranging from Maths Challenge, Anne Frank Award, and Rotary Leadership and all the sporting achievements including Netball, Cricket and Swimming. We will be awarding our Sports Day and House Trophies today. The assembly will be accompanied by four musical performances from our students.

Photographs

On the first day back of term, Tuesday 15th August, the S1 and S6 year groups will have their group photographs taken.

Uniform Collection

Uniform Orders received at the end of term will be delivered to the school during the Summer Holidays and will be available for collection on Monday 14th August, the day before all students are due to return (Tuesday 15th).

Thanks

We would like to extend a warm thanks to Rosemary Young, School Pastor Coordinator and all of the School Pastors for volunteering to assist the Elgin High School Community. The Pastors were commissioned in November 2016 and provide an extra layer of support to both the students and wider community as they interact with the students out in the school grounds and surrounding areas on Friday lunchtime breaks. We would also like to extend thanks to all of our partner agencies and organisations who continually provide support throughout the whole year. All of your support is very much appreciated.

SQA Exams Results Day

Results are due on Tuesday 8th August and senior members of staff will be available during the day if students require advice on next steps or support. You can ring the school office or pop in on Results Day. The Guidance staff will be available for appointments when the school reopens.

Staff

Two members of staff are retiring in the summer, Mrs Moira Watson, Principal Teacher (PT) of Maths and Miss Linda Duncan Teacher of Maths. Mrs Watson arrived as PT in 2006 and has since led the Maths Department through significant curricular changes increasing attainment and achievement along the way. Miss Duncan started her career in Elgin High School a remarkable 37 years ago. Her dedication and enthusiasm for her subject over the years has inspired many students to continue with Maths through their senior years at the school and beyond to college, university and the work place. On behalf of Elgin High School past and present, thank you for your tremendous contribution over the years. We wish you both a long and enjoyable retirement.

Congratulations to Mr Kevin Meehan who was successful in gaining a secondment post at Beechbrae as Teacher of pupils with Social Emotional & Behavioural Needs

Best wishes to Miss Alana McCulloch who will be departing for Canada as part of a year long career break. We wish you all the best on your travels!

SMHW

Please be aware that the Show My Homework (SMHW) website will not update with the new timetable information until after the summer holidays. Students will have to search within SMHW by teacher and/or class to find any homework until the new academic year starts.

Duke of Edinburgh

A successful Bronze expedition took place over the weekend. The group walked from Blacksboat to Boat o Brig and camped overnight at Craigellachie. They are now working on a video presentation of their expedition.

Zambia

On Thursday, ten Elgin High School students and three staff members left to spend the next two weeks in Zambia, visiting our partner school Mukonchi High. The group are taking part in an exchange visit as part of our Global Citizenship education and learning whilst developing our link with our partnership school. While in Zambia we will be taking part in a number of educational projects and activities alongside the students and staff of Mukonchi and also learning about the local culture and lifestyles. This experience will help students learn more about the world in which they live and help prepare them for the global environment in which they will work, not only for the group visiting Africa but also the wider community as they share their experiences with students across Elgin, giving presentations to EHS students and the local Primary Schools, along with local business and organisations, upon their return.

Enhanced Provision Concert

The end of term Summer themed 'Singalong' took place in Enhanced Provision last week incorporating a Disney medley along with some of the students own favourite songs. The students and staff were once again joined by parents, and friends from Cedarwood.

John Muir Award

We are delighted to share that six students in Enhanced Provision have achieved their John Muir Award. Congratulations.

Enhanced Provision Leavers

The Enhanced Provision Department are sad but very proud to see Lewis Whyte transition to adult services this summer. We know he is going on to do wonderful things and will be a fabulous addition to his new groups. Lewis has worked very hard during his time at Elgin High School, contributing through work experience in the library and gardening as well as litter picking and achieving his National Awards. He is well loved and will be missed. Don't forget to come back and visit us, Lewis!

Moray Maths Enterprise Competition

Congratulations to the Elgin High School Team, Eilidh Stuart, Cameron McCarthy, Kyle Milton and Hannah Grimson who came first in the competition. The team thoroughly enjoyed the day and will be going on to represent Moray in the National Competition in November alongside Elgin Academy. Well done!

S5 Induction

The new S5 year group took part in an activity day this week, with the Royal Navy and Royal Marines at Morriston Playing Fields, using the Moray Rugby Club facilities. These activities were based on developing key skills of communication, teamwork and organisation and aim to help the students identify their individual strengths and how to support each other within the team, and this understanding will help them as they venture further into their senior phase.

S6 Induction

Recently our new S6 year group camped out overnight at West Beach Caravan Park, Hopeman, arriving in the early evening to pitch their tents, shared a barbeque and all contributed towards group entertainment. The following morning they met with Skillforce to take part in teambuilding challenges. This provided an opportunity for the students to support and motivate each other and these skills will help them as they enter their final year at Elgin High School. Thanks to Alan Donnelly from all the students and staff for another successful S6 induction event.

Moray College Taster Day

All S3 pupils were involved in three sessions at Moray College last week. The experience was enjoyed by all and has encouraged the pupils to consider their future plans.

Sports Day

Elgin High School held their annual Sports Day this week. Students from all year groups represented their houses in a variety of events, which included football, basketball, dodgeball and rounder's as well as track and field events. In an even and closely fought competition, Falcons House once again edged the victory, with Osprey's coming second and Eagle's third. Thanks to Mr Phillips for organising and managing the event as well as the Elgin High School staff for their support and participation. Thank you to Greenward's Primary School for the use some of their facilities and too all our students who participated fairly and competitively with good sportsmanship and the supporters who made such an effort for each of their Houses, well done!