

# PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL

## Community Update 09/01/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

It has been a very full and rewarding first week back - thank you to all our students, staff and families for helping us achieve a brisk and productive start.

### Prelims

- Good luck to all our seniors in the prelims. It has been very positive to see so many seniors come in to study and thank you to S1-3 for supporting the smooth running of these assessments.

### Friday Community Updates

- I hope this new format is useful. The reason for the change was to try to incorporate some of the achievements from the school Facebook page.

### Friends of Peebles High School

- Friends of PHS is essentially our 'PTA'. This is a long established registered charity and is a highly valued source of funding for our school. Over the years, Friends of PHS have supported innovative work across the whole school.
- Their main source of income is the PHS Lottery - we would love everyone to get involved - you can sign up here [How you can help PHS | Peebles High School](#). It is a very easy way to support our school.
- Friends of PHS is made up of parents as well as the Headteacher. We would welcome very much more parents getting involved, there are roughly termly meetings - it genuinely makes a difference.
- The group recently ran the highly successful auction of memorabilia from the old PHS.

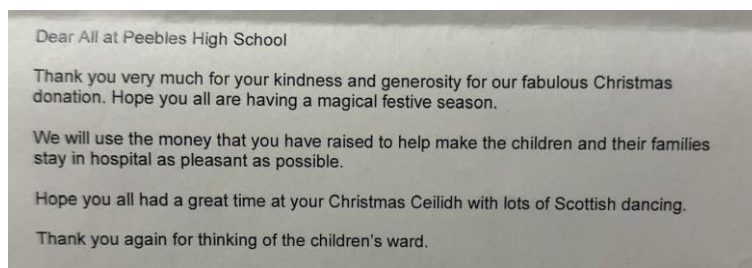
## **Peeblesshire Youth Trust Grand Ball 25 April 2026 Peebles Hydro Hotel**

- All Tweeddale schools work closely with Peeblesshire Youth Trust. Please see their website [Peeblesshire Youth Trust – Working In The Community To Empower Young People](#) for the really important work they do.
- Last year's Ball raised a fantastic total of just under £10k. This is an important fund raider that helps PYT continue with the fantastic work they do to support our young people.
- Tickets are £59 per person and include a glass of fizz on arrival, the three course dinner, live entertainment, a fantastic table magician, the Grand Raffle, fabulous auction prizes, disco and much more .
- A standard round table seats 10 guests. Please let PYT know how many people will be in your party, if you are interested in hosting your own table, let them know as soon as possible. To reserve tickets please email [pytball2026@gmail.com](mailto:pytball2026@gmail.com).

### **Coming up**

- 04/01/26 to 23/01/26 - Prelims
- 13/01/26- S3 into S4 Course Choice Evening online
- 16/01/26: S3 Progress and Achievement Reports issued
- 28/01/26 - S1 Family Learning Event
- 02/02/26 to 07/02/26 - Ski Trip
- 02/02/26 - Parent Council
- 05/02/26 - SCQF Levels 1-5 Parents Evening
- 06/02/26 – Assemblies

### **Thank you letter**



We were delighted to receive this letter after our annual last day of term Cross Country Dancing raised £400. Well done everyone! It is a really fun way to end term and raise money for such a great place.

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Congratulations to some of our S5 and S6 students who recently completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award - Felix Ferguson, Rowan Flynn, Ivy Russell, Sian Clements, Oenone Weild, Eve Hume and (not shown) Callum Fitzgerald and Archie Lamb. Seven other students are close to finishing the award. This is a tremendous achievement with students making a long term commitment to volunteering in the community plus physical and skills development. The students also took part in practice and qualifying expeditions to complete the award.

## Gliding Success

Connor Finnigan flew solo for the first time at the Scottish gliding centre. This is an amazing thing to do at only 15 years old. He was also the first person to go solo this year in the UK. Wow!



## Art Exhibition

A showcase of art and design work by Peebles High School students. An excellent opportunity to see vibrant works that inspire and celebrate the hard work of young artists in the community. The exhibition opens at the Eastgate on Wednesday 14th January and runs to Sunday 18th January in the Anne Younger Studio. Weekend times are 11am - 4 pm, viewing times may be restricted due to classes at other time - call ahead to avoid disappointment. The exhibition is free.





## Construction Skills Day for S2s - Sign up now!

### CONSTRUCTION SKILLS DAY

Construction Skills day – **S2 Pupils**  
An opportunity to explore different careers within the construction and built environment sector.

Pupils will have the chance to take part in tasters including:

- Plumbing
- Bricklaying
- Drones in Construction

These sessions are designed to help young people develop practical skills, learn about modern construction careers, and explore whether this could be a future pathway for them.

Spaces are limited and places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Time: 9am Start  
Location: PHS

Pupils should register interest by completing the Microsoft Form using the QR code or link.

<https://forms.office.com/E/E1DZENRHEHT>

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For further information, please contact:  
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I hope everyone has a nice weekend,

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