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Community Update 23/01/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

Prelims

Well done to all our seniors who sat prelims over the last couple of weeks, and thank you to all PHS staff and our Invigilators for supporting our students. We are sure all the hard work and dedication, and the feedback to follow, will help everyone to achieve their potential.

Course choice

The run up to Easter is a very busy time for the school. This includes the course choice processes for S3 to S5. It is important for all young people in these year groups to use the support in school and speak to their Pastoral teachers and class teachers about their options.

Old PHS

The old building where Modern Languages (and English before that) used to be has gone now, and the team will move onto the Atrium and Millennium building next. To bring down the Maths tower, they will put up scaffolding around it in order to dismantle it safely. I don't imagine we will see anything too dramatic like a wrecking ball in terms of the demolition - but the Peebles skyline is certainly changing!

Thank you to everyone in our community and I'd like to wish everyone a nice weekend,

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

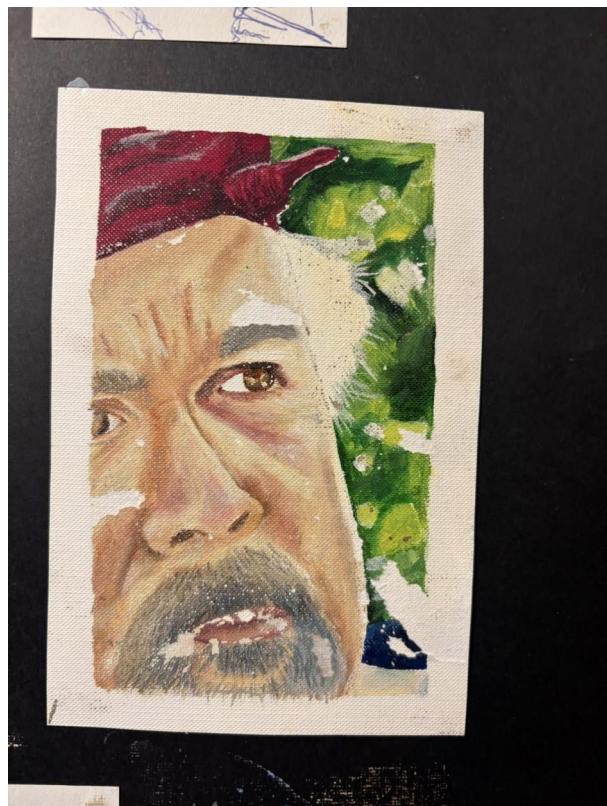
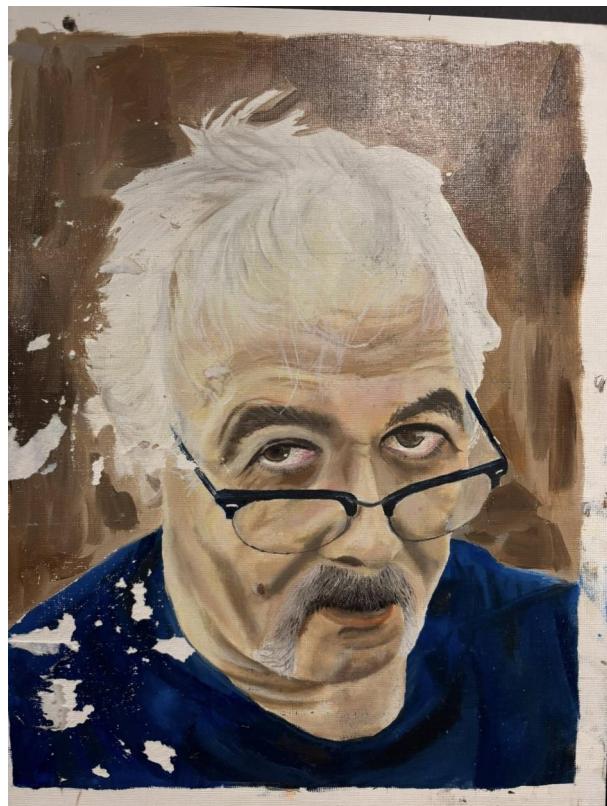
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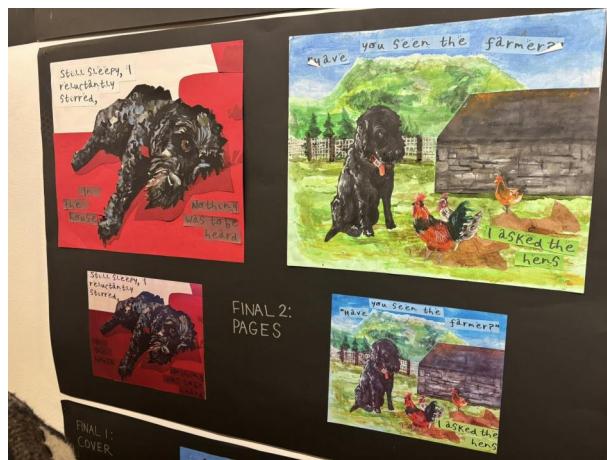
- 28/01/26 - S1 Family Learning Event
- 30/01/26 - S3 Options Deadline
- 30/01/26 - S6 Burns Supper at Peebles Hydro
- 02/02/26 to 07/02/26 - Ski Trip
- 02/02/26 - Parent Council
- 05/02/26 - SCQF Levels 1-5 Parents Evening
- 06/02/26 - Assemblies
- 11/02/26 - S4/5 into S5/6 Course Choice Information Evening - online
- 12/02/26- SCQF Level 5 Parents' Evening - in person

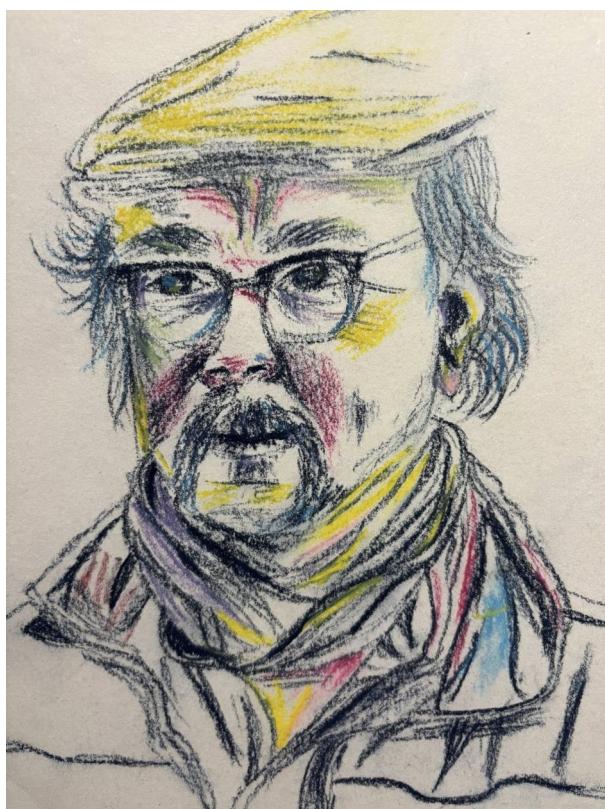
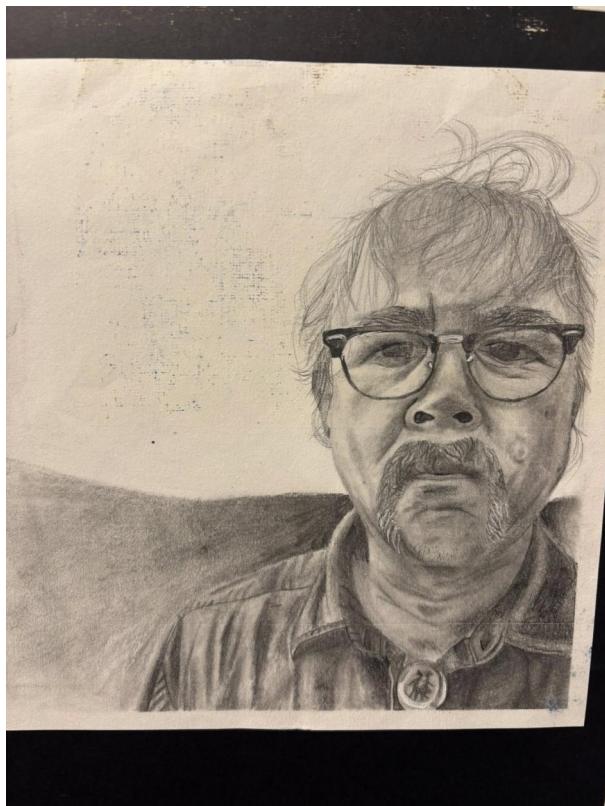
Art Exhibition

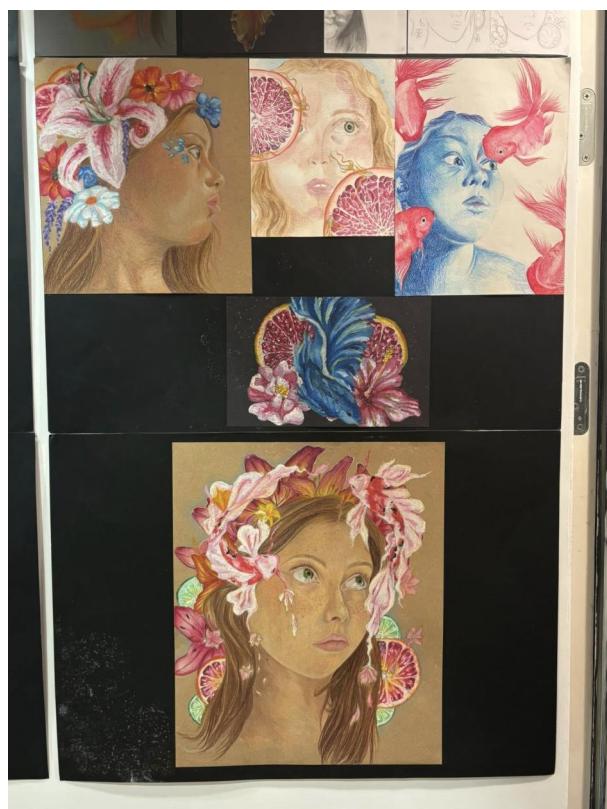
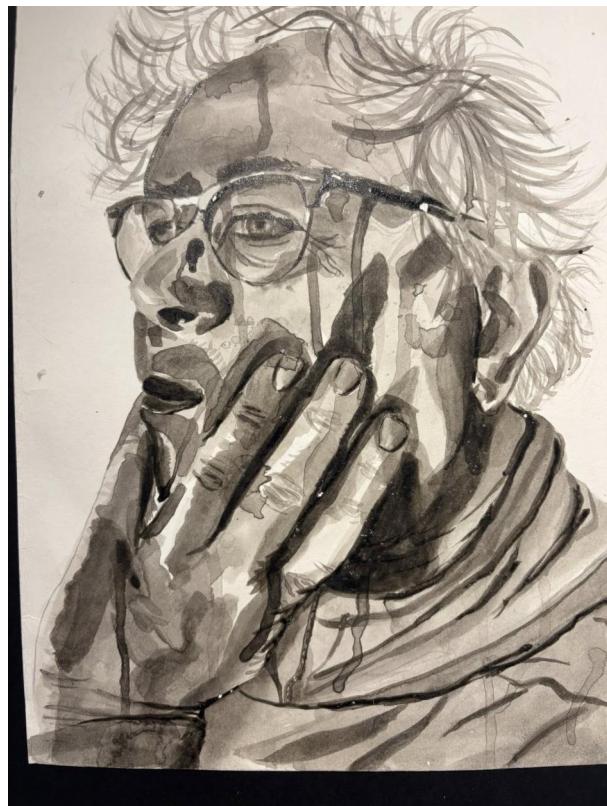
Wonderful to see some of our fantastic art work at the [Eastgate Theatre](#). Art plays such an important part of our One Peebles vision. It has a unique power in how young people can express their creativity and imagination to showcase their talent. Very proud of how the Arts at PHS enhances our culture and community. Well done all!!

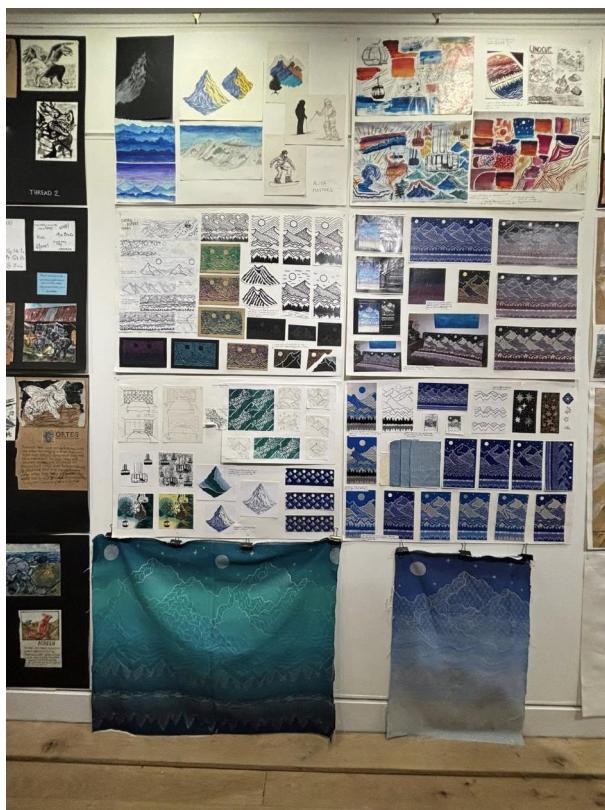


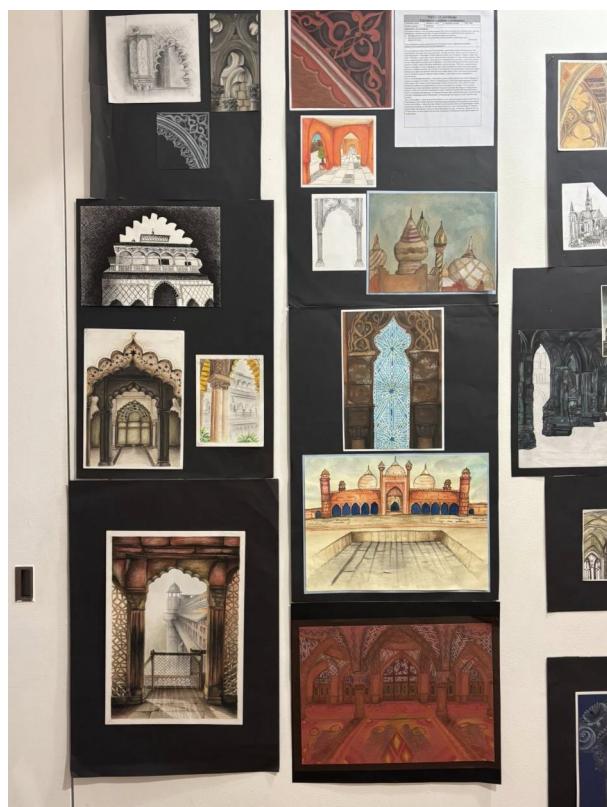
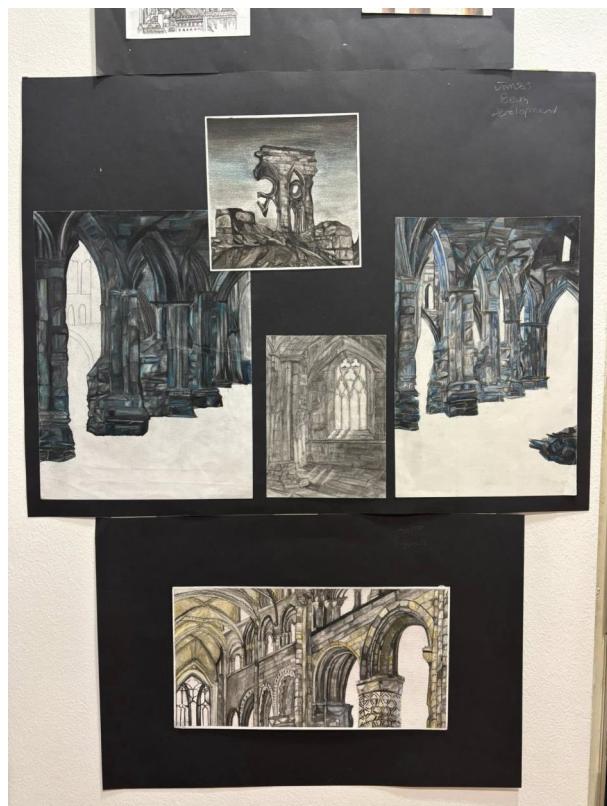


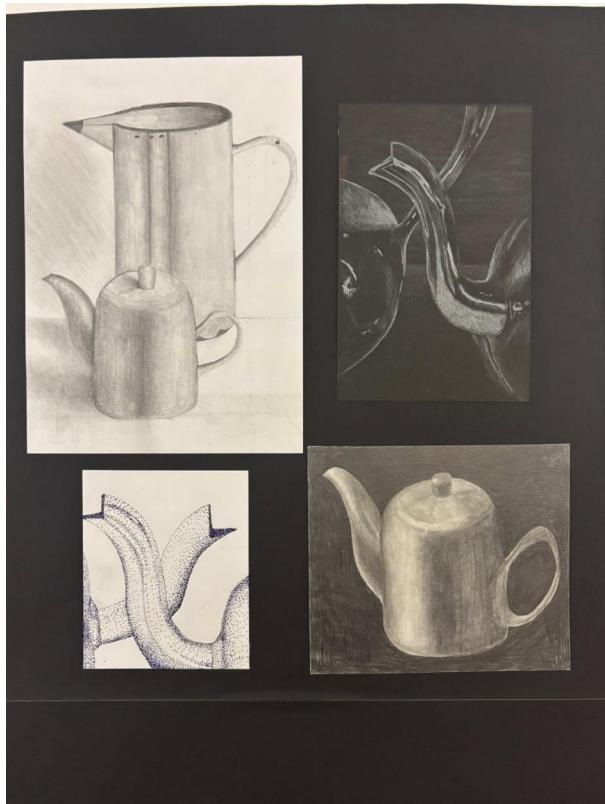
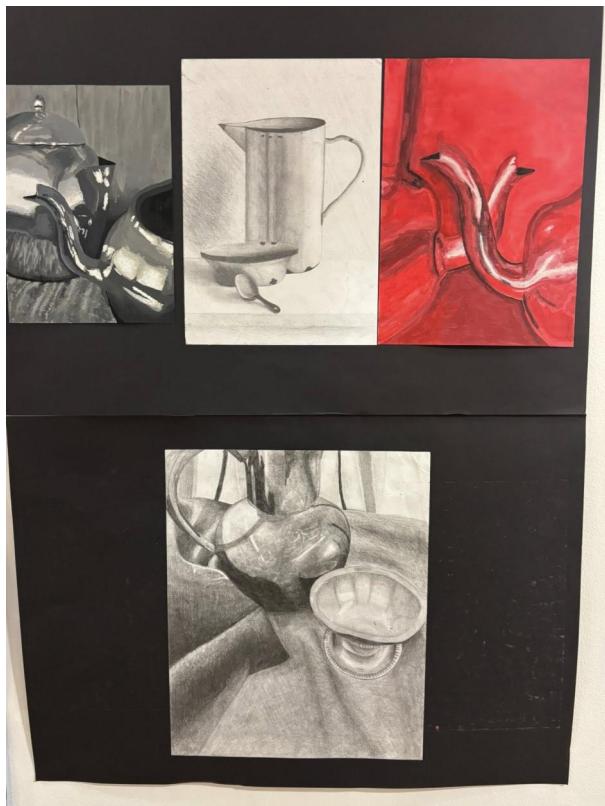


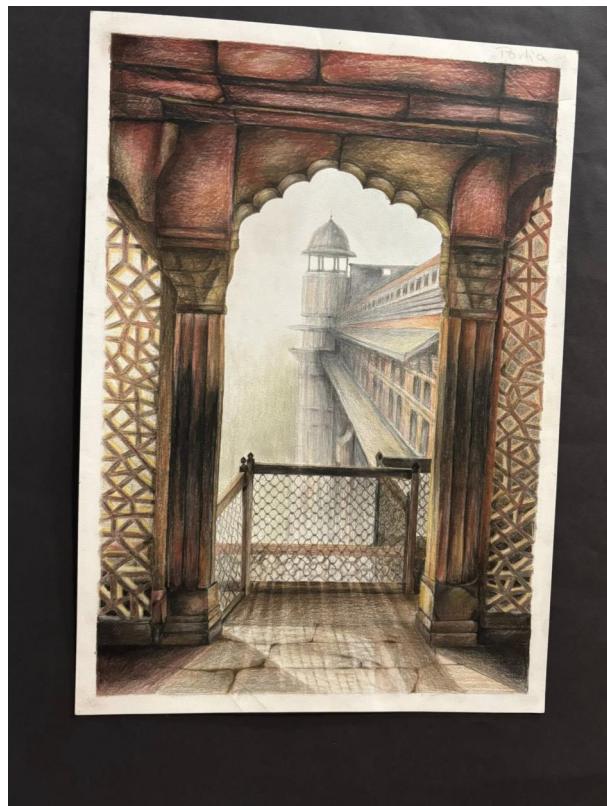












Bat Box Project

Seven dedicated pupils from our school's Enhanced Provision – The Glen – took on an important environmental mission after discovering that bats may be roosting in the old Peebles High School Maths Tower of their former school building, which is due to be demolished. Wanting to protect the wildlife that had shared their school grounds, the students designed and built four wooden bat boxes to offer a safe new roosting space for any bats that may be displaced — the Bat Box Hotels!

Now settled into their new school site nearby, the pupils worked together to measure, saw, drill, and construct the bat houses with great care and teamwork. Throughout the project, they learned about bat conservation, local biodiversity, and the importance of protecting natural habitats. Their completed bat boxes are both a practical and meaningful contribution to supporting local wildlife during the transition to their new school, and a symbol of how helping others cope with change can also help them cope themselves.

We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, determination, and environmental awareness, and we hope their efforts will be recognised with a Blue Peter Green Eco Badge.



How to make a bat box

Wildlife Watch

You will need

- an adult to help you
- unpeeled, rough-sawn timber
- tape measure and pencil
- saw
- hammer and nails

Do not use wood stain or preservative on your box

SIDE VIEW

16cm 12cm 48cm 36cm 24cm 20cm
2cm 16cm 12cm 48cm 36cm 24cm 20cm
back board middle board front board
back bars risers to create crevices

VIEW LOOKING UP FROM BASE

16cm 12cm 48cm 36cm 24cm 20cm
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FRONT VIEW

16cm 12cm 48cm 36cm 24cm 20cm
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Re-attach and free from sawdust
Attach brackets to bar bars

Clear line of flight

Put as high as possible in a sheltered, wind-free position, exposed to the sun for part of the day

It is illegal to disturb bats without a license - do not inspect boxes if you think bats are using them. Look for droppings below to check for occupancy.

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

This design has been developed by Kent Bat Group















1 - New Pickleball club

Monday lunchtimes in the Games Hall. Students trying out one of the fastest growing sports in the world; Pickleball. It combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. A great way to build fitness and skills whilst having fun. Thanks to [Live Borders](#) for the new equipment.

Tartan designs

Creative Arts class were painting their own tartan designs in preparation for Burns Night. Some chose to include an image of Robert Burns and others a Scottish Terrier. Their combination of colours and imagery have proved very successful, well done!





