

# PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL

## Community Update 30/01/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

### **Parent Council Monday 2 February 7pm-9pm**

- The meeting will be in person with online option at this link <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34030912175711?p=XN6Uqq9lcZrWcZtX7Q>
- Agenda includes input from Mrs Moretta DHT Pupil Support and Faye Scott, our Developing the Young Workforce Co-ordinator.

### **Assembly**

- There was an in class assembly this week - you can see the Powerpoint on the website [Assemblies | Peebles High School](#)

### **S2 Academies from session 2026-27**

- Members of the Student Parliament spoke at the S1 Family Learning Event about the new Academies programme for S2 next session.
- The Academies will be a double period a week and will provide choice for S2 now that we make subject choices in S3.
- Students will focus on Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) activities by tracking skills in their My World of Work tracker.
- The projects cover lots of different areas including STEM, sports, outdoor skills, citizenship, drama, art, cooking, fashion...the list goes on! Teaching staff have volunteered to plan and run these projects. Some link to their teaching area, but many are different.

- When appropriate, projects will link with the community such as working with local businesses and charities. This will help improve links between the school and local community as well as make pupils' learning more relevant and interesting.
- The Academies pupil parliament group have been involved in designing and planning. For example, we have given our opinions on the content of projects and will be working with staff to plan the projects.
- All S2 pupils will choose 3 projects, each of which will last a term. Pupils will do a "straw poll" in the next few weeks to help with timetabling and planning. Later in the term, they'll do their final choices. This will be used to put pupils into groups of 20 maximum – a different group for each term.
- This is a really exciting chance to broaden the S2 curriculum and give pupils a bit more agency in their learning. You'll hear more about between now and June – watch this space!

### **Old PHS**

- Block 36 has now gone, and the atrium is nearly gone. The next phase the millennium building then the kitchen and the hall. The final buildings to be demolished will be the Maths tower then Science.

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

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

### **Dates Reminder**

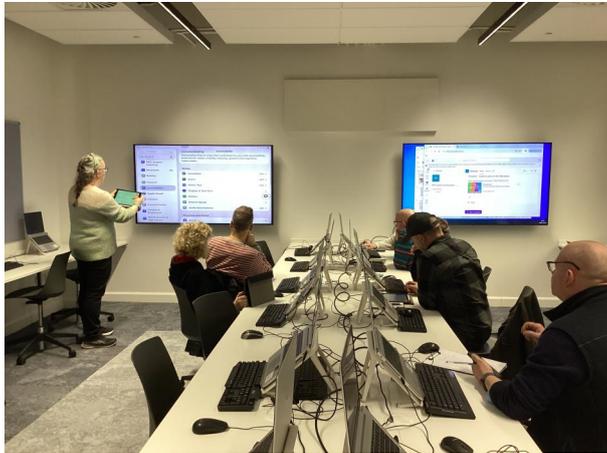
- 30/01/26 - S3 Options Deadline
- 30/01/26 - S6 Burns Supper at Peebles Hydro
- 02/02/26 to 07/02/26 - Ski Trip
- 02/02/26 - Parent Council
- 05/02/26 - SCQF Levels 1-5 Parents Evening
- 06/02/26 - Assemblies
- 11/02/26 - S4/5 into S5/6 Course Choice Information Evening - online
- 12/02/26- SCQF Level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

## Family Learning

On Wednesday evening, we hosted a Family Learning Event for S1 pupils and their parents. Staff and members of the wider community led a range of sessions, giving parents and pupils the opportunity to learn new skills together, including metalwork, coding, languages, Indian head massage, first aid, darts, fitness and dyslexia accessibility tools.

It was wonderful to see families having fun, relaxing and enjoying each other's company in what was a true community learning event. This was the first event of its kind at Peebles High School, and feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, with many keen to see more events like this in the future. We hope this marks the beginning of achieving our vision for PHS as a place where families feel welcome and where learning is at the heart of family life.













## Sports Leaders



Well done to our S5/6 Sports Leaders who helped to run the Primary School Sportshall Athletics competition at the Gytes. They were fair and encouraging when scoring and measuring, and were great role models to the Primary pupils.

## Hockey Success



Well done to the S3 team who played Aberdeen Grammar in the Semi Final of the Scottish Plate. The girls' played brilliantly and came away with a 4-0 win in Aberdeen. The group left at 7.30am and returned at 7.30pm! An excellent performance with high work rate, determination and teamwork throughout. On to Scottish finals in March, what an achievement!

## Thistle Class

Thistle Class have been exploring and celebrating Scottish culture. Today they made delicious oatcakes...The Glen staff approve (especially when the young people do ALL the clearing up!





## Rugby Success

Well done to Peebles U18s scrum half Ben Rainey who was selected to play for the South in the Inter District matches at the Oriam.

