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## PHS HT Community Update 20/3/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

### **Student Parliament**

- Meeting next Tuesday 24th periods 6 and 7 in room 110.
- Any students not in the Student Parliament but interested should see Mrs Ferguson in Pastoral.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and I'd like to wish everyone a nice weekend,

Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher

## **SFRS / ANTHONY NOLAN EVENT FRIDAY 20th MARCH**

A huge thank you to our S5 and S6 pupils (and a youthful member of staff!) as 111 young people signed up to the stem cell register. A phenomenal effort and a new record for the school. Special thanks to our pupil champions Anna R, Ava L, Bodhan S, Euan T, Hazel O, Jeigha, Matthew D and Thomas B for running the event so well, assisted by Brian, Bruce, Craig and Aran from [SFRS Midlothian Eastlothian Borders](#). The absolute embodiment of our school value CONTRIBUTE.







## N5 Skills for Work Energy

Great work from our N5 Skills for Work Energy pupils at Borders College, who successfully completed the plumbing element of their solar hot water system project! A big thank you to Borders College for their support, to Mark Eason for his help with organising and to John Rafferty and Alan Reid for supporting the pupils throughout and helping them develop valuable hands-on skills. Well done to everyone involved!





## It's Down's Syndrome Week 2026!

Our amazing young people in The Glen have challenged staff and Buddies to step up their style by wearing the funkiest, oddest socks they can find! Now it's over to YOU...

Take a look at the socks.

Vote for your favourite (you can choose more than one!) (like the image on Facebook)

The socks with the most likes will win a special treat!

And here's the twist...If Mr Ryalls socks win, his prize will be a messy play session in The Glen!

Get voting and let's celebrate in style!















## Music success

Huge congratulations to Lara Davidson who is the Scottish Young Musicians Solo Performer of the Year 2026 for Scottish Borders. An absolutely fantastic achievement!

Work hard.

Contribute.





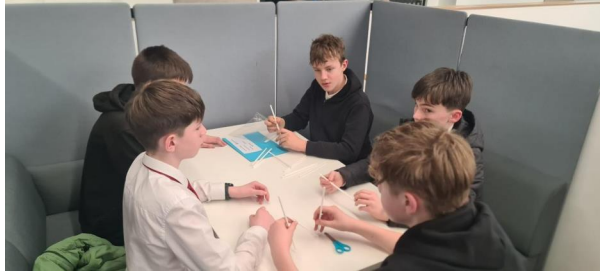
## S2 STEM/DYW Event

On Wednesday, our S2s took part in a DYW activity organised by the Processing and Packaging Machinery Association (PPMA). The challenge was to build a "marble-run" to simulate the engineering needed to safely transport packages safely. This was the first time the school has been able to put its new facilities to their full use, using three collaborative learning spaces around the school to house the entire year group, while presenters delivered instructions via live weblink. Well done to our S2s, our winning teams, and all of the staff involved in a great afternoon!

Contribute.







## CONTRIBUTE

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A snapshot of the wide range of activities our fantastic young people contribute to our school and community. Thank you to all staff and community members involved!!!



## Computer Aided Manufacture in S1 CDT

Fantastic work from Mr Winton's S1 class. They are making torches and used Inventor software then the laser cutter. Computer Aided Manufacture in action.

Work hard.





## S2 Hockey

The S2 hockey team travelled to Kelso for their tournament on Saturday, they had a fantastic morning showing some great hockey skills. The girls came top of their group, beating Kelso and drawing with Selkirk. Unfortunately the girls were defeated in the semi final by Earlston, who beat them narrowly on penalties following a no score match. All of the girls showed such grit and determination and worked so hard in all of the games. Special mention goes to the coaches players of the matches, Cara Murray for her super role as sweeper, Lucy Crombie for some fantastic runs down the wing in game 2 and Annabel McKaig for her stick work to defeat the defenders in the 3rd game and her close shots on goal. The girls came away without conceding a single goal, which is a fantastic result!



**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE (SFRS) / ANTHONY NOLAN  
RECRUITMENT EVENT FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2026 10:30am to  
1:00pm**

On Friday 13th March, we were delighted to welcome SFRS personnel to give a presentation to our S5 and S6 pupils about the work of the SFRS / Anthony Nolan partnership. Our recruitment drive is this coming Friday (20th March) where young people aged 16-18 (and any youthful staff under the age of 30!) will be invited to undertake a simple cheek swab to sign up to the stem cell register and become a potential lifesaver. All young people have been advised to chat this through with parents/carers before agreeing to sign up. This is the third time the school has participated in the partnership, with previous events ending with

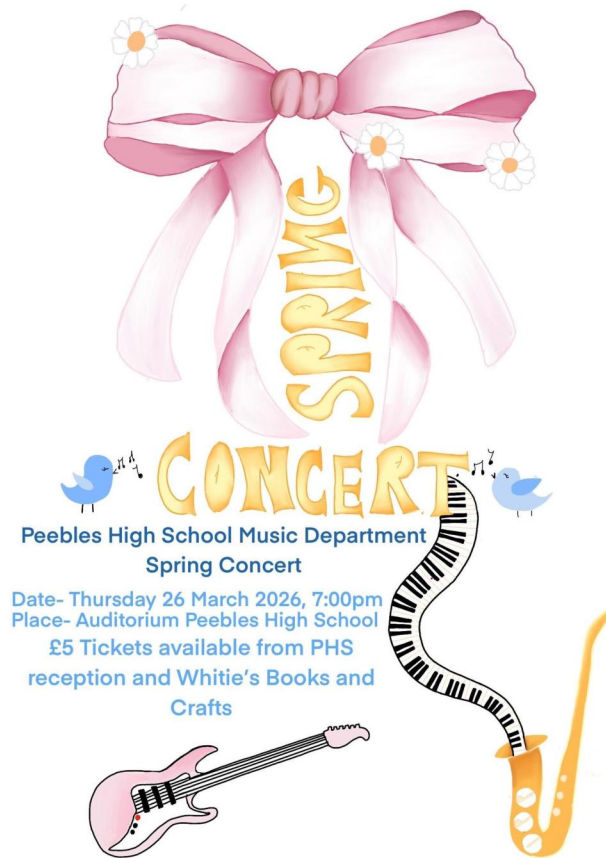
89 and 107 young people signing up respectively. Obviously we are all keen to see if we can smash those numbers this time around! The event is being run by 8 pupil champions who have volunteered to act as ambassadors for the event. They have done a wonderful job already, proudly wearing their T-shirts around school to promote the event, putting up posters and answering any questions. Looking forward to what should be a very worthwhile event this Friday! [#contribute](#)



## Spring Concert

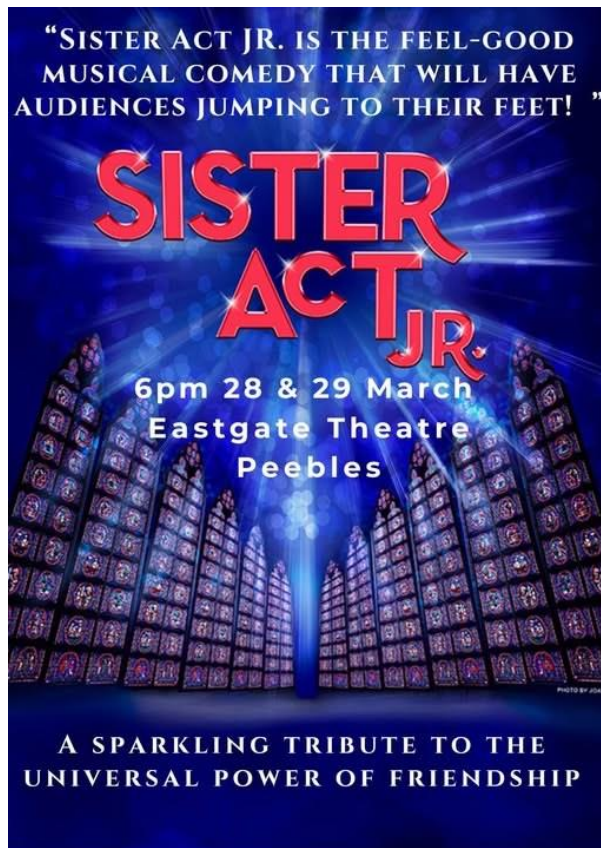
Spring Concert

Tickets are selling fast for the Spring Concert on Thursday 26th March. Buy them now from Whitie's Books and Crafts or PHS reception desk to avoid disappointment. Poster by Sienna Russell.



## Sister Act

Peebles High School students are involved in The Stardust Musical Theatre Show - Sister Act Jr playing at the Eastgate Theatre on Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th March 2026. Another important example of our PHS school value of Contribute where our young people enhance the Arts in our community. Well done all!!



## What's on

Some events taking place in PHS this March

WHO WILL WIN?



**VS**

**TEACHERS**  
**VS**  
**S6**

**SENIOR FOOTBALL MATCH!**



**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**ON THE 4G PITCH!**  
**13:15 - 14:05**  
**DON'T MISS THE BIG GAME!**

**JUNIOR NETBALL!**

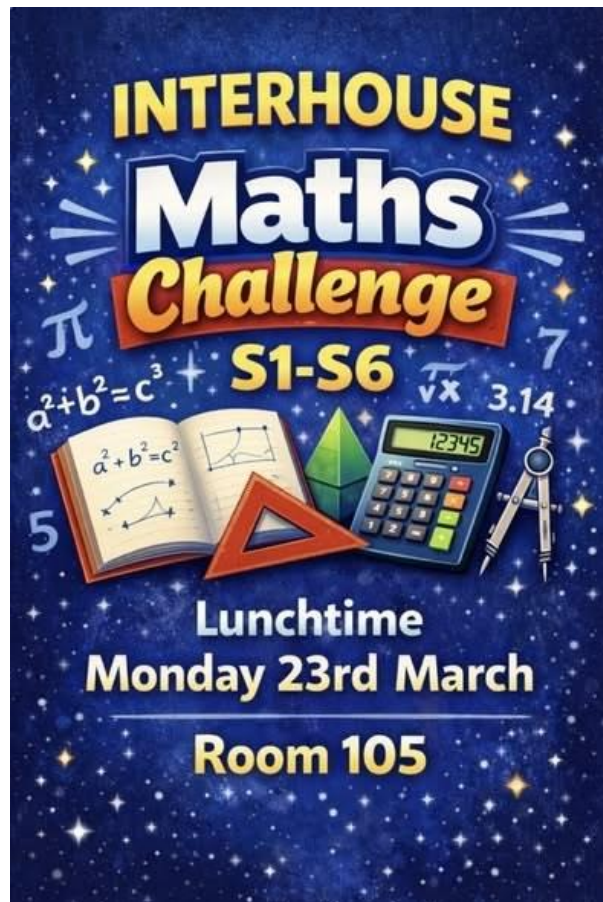
**IN THE BIG GAMES HALL**

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



**WIN POINTS FOR YOUR HOUSE!**

**BRING PE KIT!**



## Month of the Military Child – Poetry & Art Competition

We're inviting children and young people from Armed Forces families in the Scottish Borders to share their experiences through art or poetry.

Create a piece inspired by military life – from moving to new places to friendship, resilience and belonging.

Submit your entry by Friday 3 April 2026.

Find out more and enter here: <https://tinyurl.com/SBCMMC>

Selected entries will be celebrated at a special event at Inspire: Tweedbank later in April.

