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School Improvement Activities in PHS

- Our Quality Assurance work is ongoing throughout the year. Next week our Learning Visits begin in Science where a series of Lesson Observations take place supported by pupil led pupil focus groups.
- We have sent out a questionnaire to S2 parents and carers about the S2 Academies.
- The Student Parliament fed back to the school in an online assembly today.
- Next week we welcome Quality Improvement Manager colleagues to PHS for the first of our two annual SBC Attainment Reviews.

Parent Council

- We had a very positive and engaging Parent Council meeting last week with parents joining in person and online. It was fantastic to hear from our Head Team who talked about what the school values mean to them and contributing extremely well to the discussions.
- The minutes will be shared in my next Update and look out for the next meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 27th October.

PHS at the Scottish Schools Mountain Bike Championships

A huge well done to all of the Peebles HS students that took part in the Scottish schools mountain bike championships at Comrie Croft in Perthshire on Tuesday. Over 500 students from across Scotland took part in the cross country racing. PHS students all performed excellently with a mix of fortunes with mechanical issues throughout the day.

Top 10 results came from Guy R who achieved a superb 2nd place in the S3/4 race, with Ben S not far behind in 5th closely followed by Callum R in 8th. Peebles HS boys team excellent results meant they achieved the overall win to claim championship trophy.

Everyone in the team contributed so well to the trip and all pushed themselves to their limits in the racing. Very well done to all and thanks to Morrisons Academy and Scottish cycling for organising the event. Thanks also to PHS volunteers Craig S and Neil W for your assistance and time to help all students throughout the trip. Full results are at:

<https://www.sportident.co.uk/.../ScottishSchoo.../index.html>

















Tolkein Week in PHS

Tolkien Week continues! We celebrated Bilbo and Frodo Baggins' birthdays on 22 September by partaking of second breakfast. whilst watching 'The Hobbit'. We're enjoying the film all week at lunchtime. Check out readings from the book on [@tweedreads](#)





Rugby

S1-3 girls has an amazing day at the South School Girls Rugby Festival in Selkirk. 4 wins and a draw. Fantastic, girls - you did PHS proud!





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BORDER SCHOOLS GIRLS RUGBY FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

SELKIRK RUGBY CLUB • 10:00AM-1:00PM

10-A-SIDE • ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

PHASE 1 — TOUCH FESTIVAL

7-MINUTE HALVES • 1-MINUTE HALF-TIME • 4 HALF-PITCHES

TIME	PITCH 1A	PITCH 1B	PITCH 2A	PITCH 2B
10:00-10:15	Selkirk 1 v Gala	Selkirk 2 v Kelso	Selkirk 3 v Melrose	Hawick v Peebles
10:20-10:35	Selkirk 1 v Kelso	Selkirk 2 v Melrose	Selkirk 3 v Hawick	Gala v Peebles
10:40-10:55	Selkirk 1 v Melrose	Selkirk 2 v Hawick	Selkirk 3 v Peebles	Gala v Kelso

10:55-11:15 • FESTIVAL BREAK & PITCH TRANSITION

PHASE 2 — TOUCH

PITCH 1A & PITCH 1B
7-MINUTE HALVES • 1-MINUTE HALF-TIME

TIME	PITCH 1A	PITCH 1B
11:15-11:30	Selkirk 2 v Gala	Melrose v Hawick
11:35-11:50	Selkirk 2 v Melrose	Selkirk 3 v Gala
11:55-12:10	Selkirk 3 v Hawick	Available

12:10-12:20 • BREAK

12:25-12:40	Selkirk 2 v Hawick	Gala v Melrose
12:45-1:00	Selkirk 3 v Melrose	Gala v Hawick

PHASE 2 — CONTACT

FULL PITCH 2
10-MINUTE HALVES • 2-MINUTE HALF-TIME

TIME	FIXTURE
11:15-11:37	Selkirk v Peebles
11:40-12:02	Peebles v Kelso
12:05-12:27	Kelso v Selkirk

12:27-12:37 • BREAK

12:37-12:59	FINAL — 1st v 2nd
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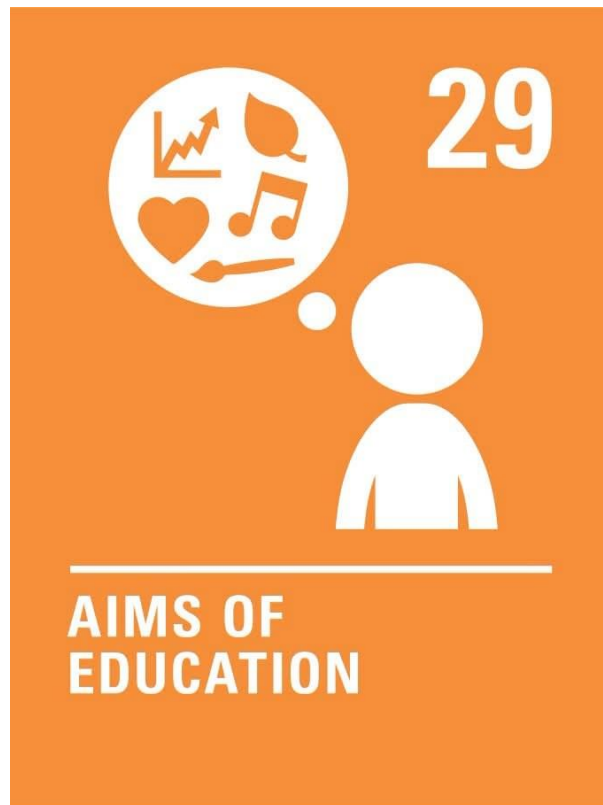
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Hockey

1st X1 Hockey lost 3:0 today against Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow in the first round of the Scottish Hockey Cup. Some amazing team play and top skills by the Peebles girls. Fab effort all! We now play in the Plate Competition. Good luck to Kelvinside in the next round. A big thank you to our wonderful staff and young people.

Contribute.





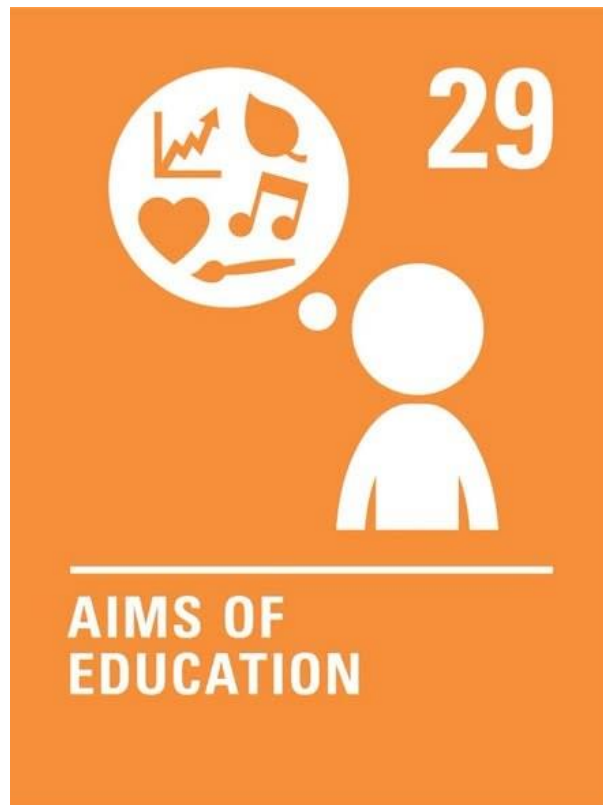
Photography Achievement

Fin Gibbs was accredited by Scottish Rugby this weekend to attend the Hive Stadium as part of the media team, where he had the opportunity to take photographs at the Scotland v New Zealand women's international rugby match. He had a fantastic time and really enjoyed being part of the media team and getting the chance to photograph an international rugby match. It was a brilliant experience for him and a great opportunity to develop his photography skills. Fantastic work, Fin!

Contribute.

Work hard.





UCAS Evening

Last week we hosted our annual UCAS Parents Information Evening - We hope everyone who attended found it informative. Thanks to Keir from [The University of Edinburgh](https://www.theuniversityofedinburgh.ac.uk/) for joining us and sharing his expertise! Next up on the UCAS train for s6 students is tomorrow's Discovery Day taking place in Kelso. We're close to full but still a couple spaces for any last minute sign ups!



Rugby

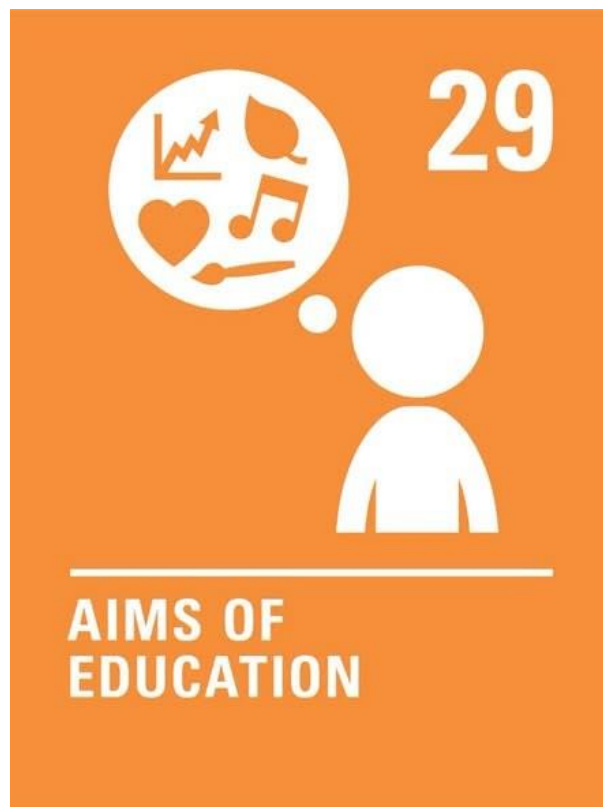
We were pleased to welcome Edinburgh Academy to PHS yesterday. Our S1s worked hard for a 40-20 win. Thank you to all staff, volunteers, families and players.

Contribute









Senior Boys Football

Senior footballers played out an entertaining 1-1 draw at home to Earlston HS on Friday afternoon. It was a hard fought and competitive game as both sides warmed up for upcoming fixtures in the Scottish Cup. A second half Earlston goal cancelled out an excellent finish from Thomas Smith in the first half. Special mention to the 5 players who made their first appearances, including Lukas Whelan (S4) who was selected as player of the match by the referee.

