

PHS HT Community Update 23/10/26

Dear members of the PHS community,

October INSET

- On Monday our staff met up with colleagues from other schools for the cross schools day. This is an opportunity for teachers and support staff to share best practice and undergo training with colleagues in Tweeddale and across the Borders who have the same role in our cluster primaries and other high schools.

Staff meeting

- At our staff meeting this week we were working on Learner Conversations for S5-6. These will be rolled out to S3-4 and S1-2 in the coming years.
- This work is about making our learners active participants in the learning process by supporting them to take ownership of their learning.

School Website

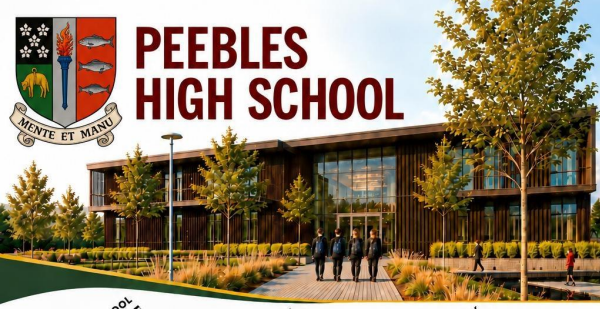
- Thank you to Untangled Web Design, our own Kevin Smith IT Technician and one of our parents for helping to improve our website - [Peebles High School Homepage | Peebles High School](#).

I hope everyone has a nice weekend,

Kevin Ryalls

Parent Council

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 27th October at 7pm. This will be in person and online, agenda and teams meeting link to be provided on Monday. Minutes of last meeting on our website at [Parent Council | Peebles High School](#)



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PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL: SHOW KINDNESS, BELONG
ONE PEBBLES: GROW, CONTRIBUTE
OUR COMMUNITY: ACHIEVE, WORK HARD

Come and find out more about PHS Parent Council!

Working in partnership with the school to support our young people, improve their experience and help shape the future of our school.

- REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF PARENTS AND CARERS**
 - Voice of the Parent Forum
 - Feedback to Head Teacher
 - Raise important issues
- SUPPORT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**
 - School planning and policies
 - Learning and teaching
 - Parental involvement
- STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PHS AND FAMILIES**
 - Family events and activities
 - Community links
- ACT AS A CONSULTATIVE BODY**
 - Education policies
 - School decisions
 - Local proposals
- ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE WELCOME!**
 - Join as a general member or get involved in a working group.
 - Every parent voice makes a difference.*

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesday 16 September 2026
Tuesday 27 October 2026
Wednesday 2 December 2026
Wednesday 27 January 2027
Wednesday 10 March 2027
Wednesday 28 April 2027
Wednesday 9 June 2027 (AGM)

Meetings start at **7pm**
with coffee from **6.45pm**

You can join online too!

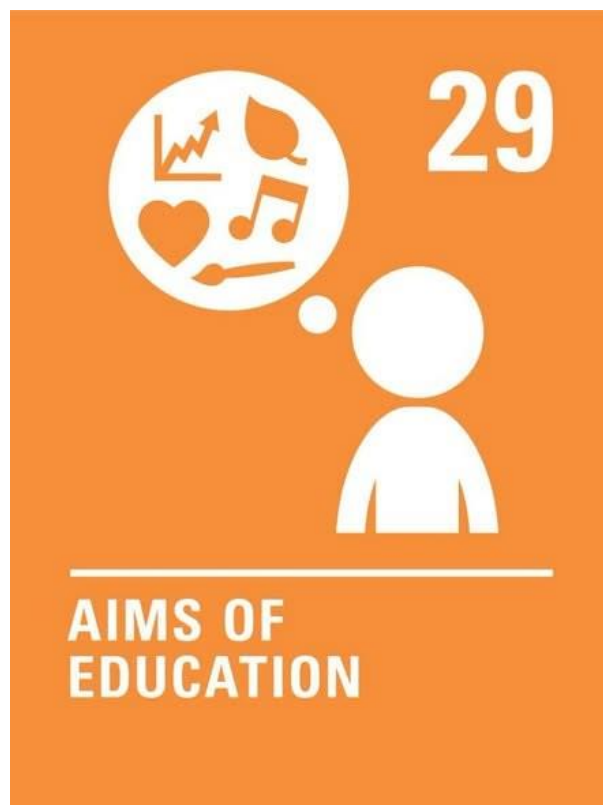
INTERESTED?
Email us at PhsPC@outlook.com to find out more or get involved.

Last Day of Term One Peebles Contribute day

On the last day of every term we have our Contribute day where, in return for a dress down day, students and staff bring in donations for the Peeblesshire Foodbank. We are really proud of this work - it is all about our One Peebles approach in our school and really gives meaning to our Contribute value.

In October we had a full van- 489 kg, nearly half a ton, of donations to the Peeblesshire Foodbank!! Special thanks to Rowan F, Ciarian M, Miranda R, Patrick S, Anna F, Ada C Edie G, Leo M and Olly B for their fantastic efforts this morning and to Mrs Bertram and Mrs Moretta for their support behind the scenes as always.

Contribute!!



PHS Horticulture and Wellbeing group

Stocking fillers available for sale on Mondays parents evening. All sown, sewn and grown by PHS Horticulture and Wellbeing group students. All proceeds go towards future wellbeing activities. Artisan Chilli Jam and a range of hand-crafted products, pop by for a taster and a browse in the wellbeing lounge.



Scottish Schools Road Race Success for Peebles HS Pupils

The week before the October holidays, 12 pupils from Peebles HS took part in the Scottish Schools Road Race Championships at a sun-kissed Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline. All pupils performed superbly well on a course that was fast and hectic, especially at the start where up to 160 runners in each race were jostling for position on tight paths around the park.

- In the U16 girls race, V Jones was placed 35th out of 157 runners with E Moran and R Farquhar both finishing around mid pack.

- In the boys equivalent race, Peebles HS fielded a strong team of 4 runners. O Alcorn was best placed out of the boys quartet and finished 66th out of the 160 runners. The boys gained 7th place overall in the team event, with Z Harris, S Foley and M Mullany just behind Oscar in the pecking order.
- In the senior races, B Moran was our solo girl on the day and finished in a gutsy 20th place out of the 62 strong field.
- However, the best was yet to come from the Peebles squad and in the last race of the day we produced a gold medal performance to be proud of. J Foley was just outside the individual medals in the senior boys race and finished in 4th place. This was a very special performance considering Jack has two more years at this age group and that there was only 10m difference between 1st and 4th place in the race.
- Behind Jack's commanding display were 3 other lads keen to make their mark too. R Pretswell (30th), L Riddell (35th), and C Peebles (41st) out of the 89 competitors.

Due to the performance of all 4 runners, the boys won the team event by an impressive combined score of 41 places and took team gold and became Scottish Schools Champions - outstanding effort!!!!

Many thanks to all the coaches and parents of the pupils for their continued effort and encouragement with these talented young athletes.

Work hard.

Contribute.

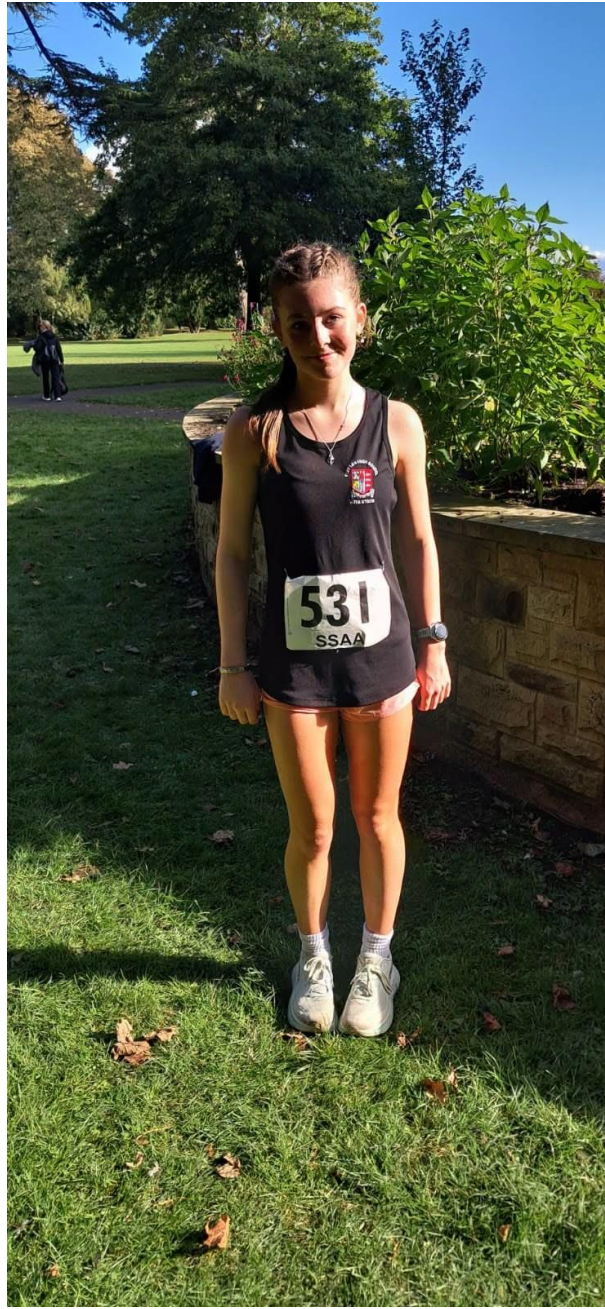








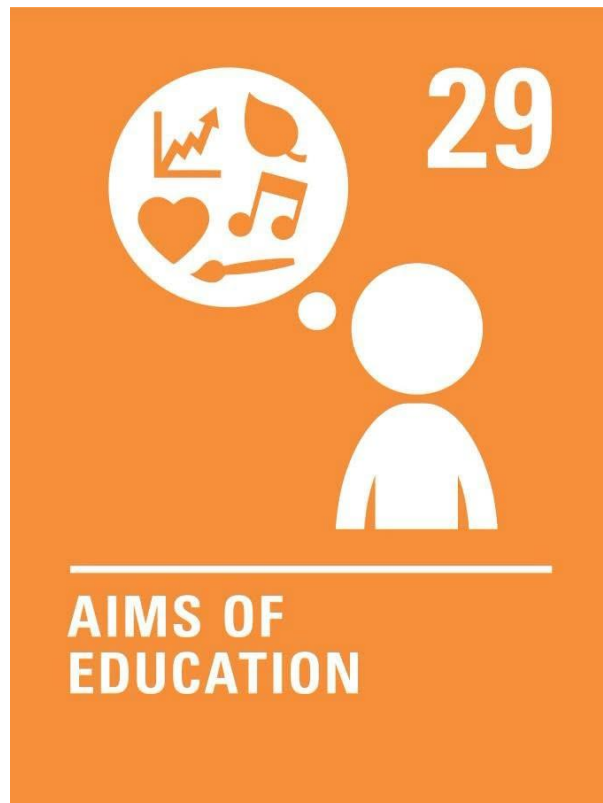








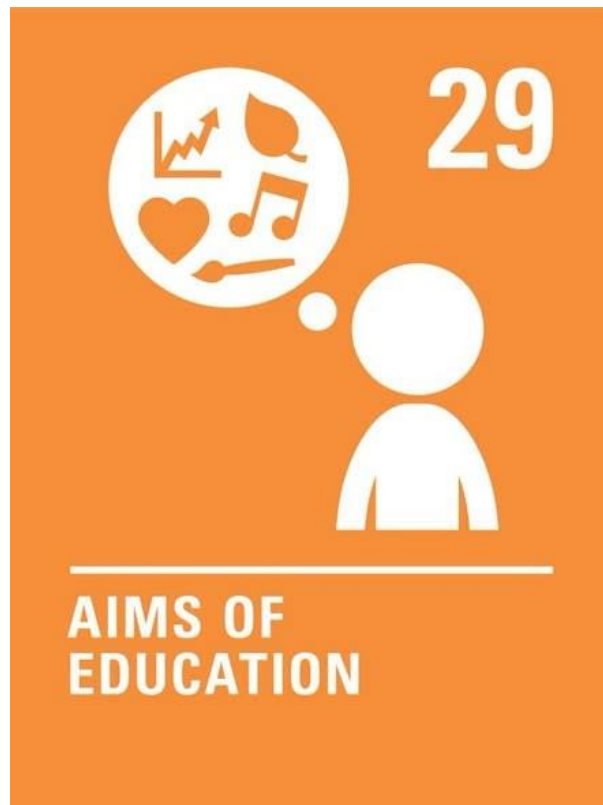




Scholastic Book Club

Help our school add some new books to our library by making a purchase through the Scholastic Book Club. Scan the QR code in the picture to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by November 25th, 2026.





Miss Scally - SBC #YourPartAwards

We are proud to announce that our very own Miss Scally was nominated in the latest round of the Scottish Borders Council [#YourPartAwards](#)! There was ultimately another SBC employee as the very worthy winner, however, we would like you all to know how much we value her work here. This well-deserved nomination is a true reflection of life in The Glen—a celebration of our incredible learners, our dedicated team, and everything we strive to build together every day. Miss Scally fully lives the values of Peebles High School. Whether she is nurturing a deep sense of belonging, so every young person feels secure and valued, or working hard to break down barriers to learning, her dedication is at the core of our school community. She champions social justice by ensuring every learner gets the fairness and opportunity they deserve, bringing it all together with genuine kindness and that wonderful sense of humour that brightens our department and the whole school daily. Our Glen learners inspire us every single day, and Miss Scally's nomination highlights the pride, warmth, and ambition that define our whole school community.



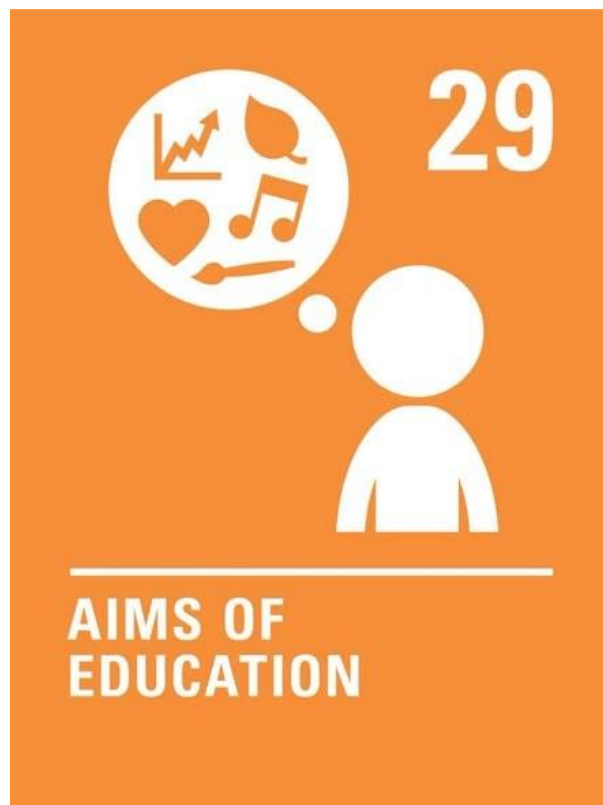
YPI (Youth and Philanthropy Initiative)

Congratulations to our first round of YPI presenters today who gave their final presentations as part of S2 Academies. YPI is designed to encourage young people to work with local charities to raise awareness of social issues, and to develop their own skills in the process. Today's winning two presentations will be go on to an overall final in May, with the winning PHS team receiving £3,000 from the Wood Foundation for the charity which they learned about and worked with.

Work hard

Show kindness

Contribute



Rugby

Peebles HS U15 28: Malvern College, Worcestershire 40. A fab game played in great spirits and lots of pasta afterwards!





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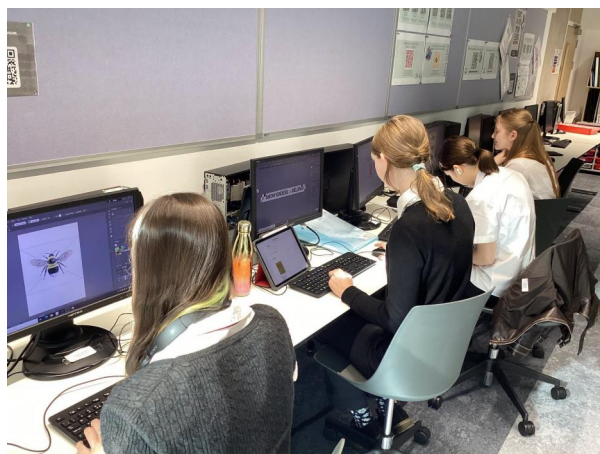


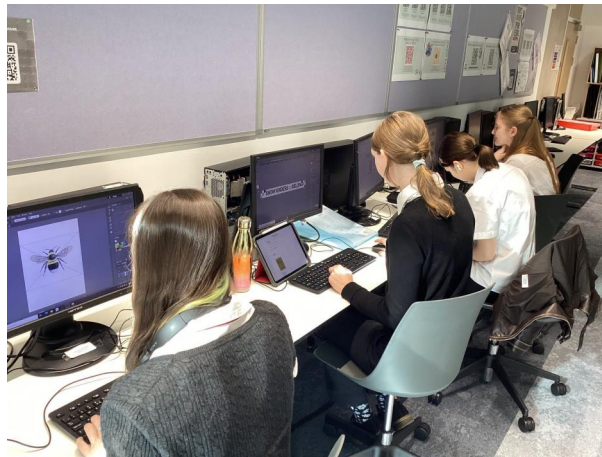


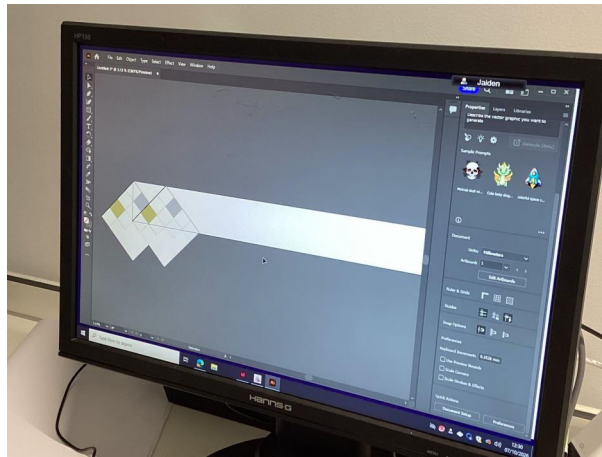
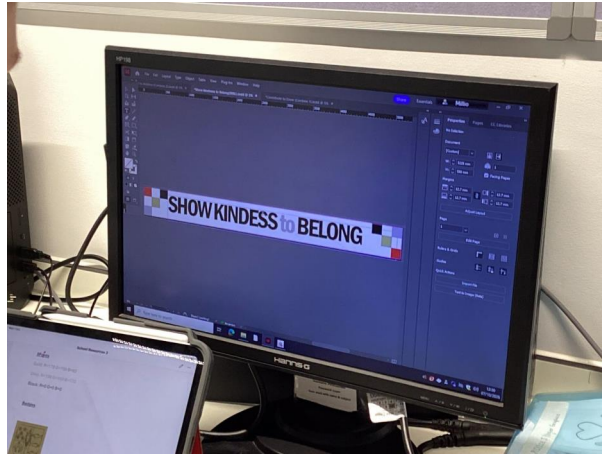
Internal School Graphics

We are very grateful to our former pupil and Graphic Designer who is working with our Higher Graphics students to design new logos for the canteens and the wellbeing lounge. A great experience for our students to apply their skills to their own school. A huge thank you to Kate – it was a really positive and productive day!

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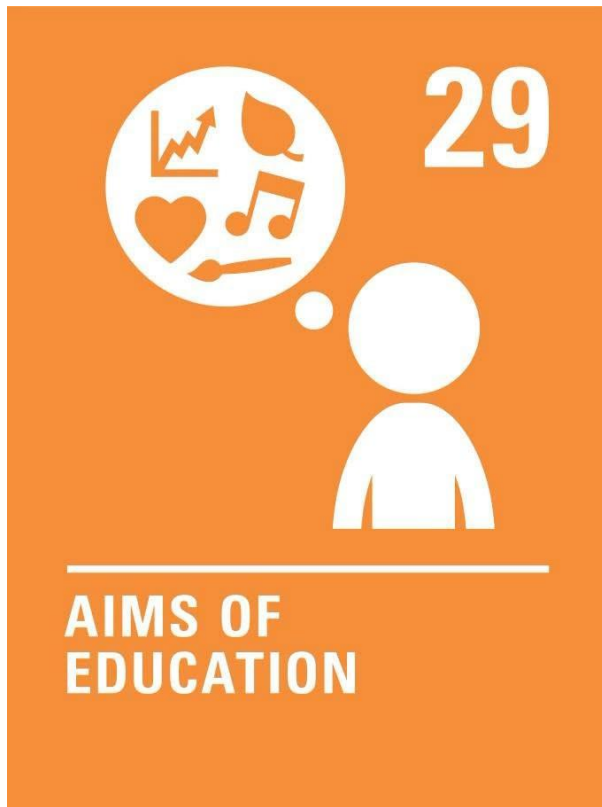




Peace Group Book Sale

On Friday 2 October, 10 of the Tweed Reads team went to help the Peace Group set up their book sale in the Burgh Hall. They moved and set up hundreds of books and their support was much appreciated by the Peace Group members. All involved enjoyed this intergenerational voluntary work to support our local community and our school value of belong. Mrs Stewart also picked up loads of books for the school library for only £36 (£6 a bag on the Sunday afternoon). Win-win!





4 Nov 6-8pm CAREERS FAIR SPOTLIGHT: CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Who will you meet at the Peebles High School Careers Fair?

We're giving you a closer look at the sectors and businesses joining us on Wednesday 4 November, starting with Construction & the Built Environment! From skilled trades and apprenticeships to architecture, structural engineering and construction management, you'll have the opportunity to speak with a range of professionals who bring different skills, knowledge and experience from across the industry.

Not sure what you want to do when you leave school? That's absolutely fine! The Careers Fair is an opportunity to explore your options, ask questions, hear about different career journeys and find out about jobs and pathways you might never have considered. You don't need to have your future planned out to benefit from a conversation with an employer. Wednesday 4 November 6pm to 8pm Peebles High School. There will also be two student-led bake sales, raising funds for their respective school trips, including one supporting a trip to Tanzania and another to Peru with Project Trust. So come along, explore your options and support our students while you're there!

Whether you're a student exploring future possibilities or a parent or carer supporting those decisions, we look forward to welcoming you. Keep an eye out for our upcoming sector spotlights to find out who else will be joining us! If you would like any more information please email: fayescott@dywborders.co.uk



Peebles High School
CAREERS FAIR

Wednesday 4th November: 6pm - 8pm

DYW **BORDERS**
Developing the Young Workforce

Construction & The Built Environment

Your future starts with a conversation.
Meet businesses. Explore career routes. Ask questions. Find out what's possible.

Who will you meet?

- Love design, maths or problem-solving?**
Find out how architects and structural engineers work together to turn ideas into safe, practical buildings.
- Like working with your hands?**
Explore careers in welding, joinery, and other skilled trades.
- Want to shape the future?**
Find out how you could design, plan and build the future.
- Interested in apprenticeships?**
Explore apprenticeships and earn while you learn. Find your route into construction.

BHC Ltd:
Structural steel fabrication and construction, supplying and installing steelwork for buildings and construction projects.

Finlaysons Contracts:
Specialises in building, property maintenance and renovation across the Scottish Borders.

Borders Technical Training Association (BTTA):
Provides construction apprenticeships, vocational qualifications, technical courses and specialist training.

Hive Structural:
Structural engineering specialists who design and assess building structures to ensure they are strong, stable and safe.

SNIEP:
Supports plumbing and heating apprenticeships, training and qualifications to develop skilled tradespeople.

Borders Architects:
Architectural practice specialising in building design, creating plans that balance appearance, functionality and the needs of the people using each space.

Irvine Plant Ltd:
Provides plant hire and construction services, including groundworks and surfacing.

BHC Ltd **FINLAYSON** **Borders Technical Training Association** **HIVE STRUCTURAL** **SNIEP** **IRVINE PLANT LTD**

4 Nov 6-8pm CAREERS FAIR SPOTLIGHT: FINANCE, BANKING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Who will you meet at the Peebles High School Careers Fair? Our next sector spotlight features Finance, Banking & Professional Services, with five businesses offering insight into careers involving money, business, legal services and supporting people with important financial decisions.

From banking and financial services to legal advice and solicitors, this sector offers a wide range of career options. Whether you enjoy working with numbers, solving problems, helping people, understanding business or exploring the law, there's plenty to find out.

Not sure what you want to do when you leave school? Come along and speak to the people working in these industries. Ask about their jobs, how they got started, the qualifications they needed and the different routes into their professions. You might discover a career you've never considered!

Meet representatives from:

- Braidwood Graham
- Cullen Kilshaw
- JRW Hogg & Thorburn
- Nationwide.
 - SPPA
 - Royal Bank of Scotland

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Good with numbers?
Discover careers in banking, financial services and helping people manage their money.

Interested in business?
Explore how banks and financial businesses support people, companies and local communities.

Love solving problems?
Find out how solicitors use research, communication and critical thinking to help people and businesses.

Curious about pathways?
Discover routes into banking, legal services and finance, including work-based learning & professional qualifications.

Who will you meet?

Braidwood Graham:
Financial services providing advice and support to clients on financial & business matters.

Cullen Kilshaw:
Legal, estate agency and conveyancing services provided to individuals and businesses.

JRW Hogg & Thorburn:
Financial services professionals helping clients with financial planning and advice.

Nationwide:
A building society offering banking services, savings, mortgages and financial support to its members.

Royal Bank of Scotland:
A bank providing financial services to individuals and businesses, including banking, savings, borrowing and business support.

SPPA (Scottish Public Pensions Agency):
Administers pension schemes for teachers, NHS staff, police officers and firefighters across Scotland, helping manage pension benefits for public service workers.

RBS **nationwide** **JRW HOGG & THORBURN** **BRAIDWOOD GRAHAM** **CULLEN KILSHAW** **SPPA**