

Inside Broughton High School

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Broughton High School campus, also home to City of Edinburgh Dance School, City of Edinburgh Music School, SFA Football Academy

A word from our Head Teacher



John Wilson, Head Teacher

Here we are back in full swing after a long and unusually pleasant summer. Staff have come back refreshed and students have returned to Broughton with a positive attitude and looking splendid. I have received a number of complimentary messages commending our improvement in uniform standards. During my first week as Headteacher in 2012 I ob-

served that around a third of our students were coming to school wearing 'joggers' or blue denim trousers and in some cases pink hoodies and denim cut-off shorts. Whilst we still need to keep working to gain universal adherence to uniform, I would thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our school continues to improve. If you know any of the (diminishing number of) parents who say, "I'm not telling my child to wear uniform unless everyone else is doing so." please help them to see the light.

Of course smart uniform would count for nothing if other aspects of the school were not moving forward. I am delighted to share the fact that the students who sat SQA exams last session did very very well. The outcome of this is that the overall results in Broughton were the best in the recent history of the school. (The table on page 6 will make for interesting reading for those of you who like numbers.) In fact, the results in S4 and S5 were so good that they are arguably the most improved exams results in the whole of Edinburgh. So, our work is going well there too.

However, are our leavers actually benefiting from their experiences at Broughton, and receiving the support they need to take the next step into adult life? I am pleased to say that in almost all

cases the answer is yes. Last year – for the first time – our rate of positive destinations was above the City average. In reality that means that more of our students left school and went into college, university or employment than ever before. Through the hard work and encouragement from staff and parents and carers these school leavers will now contribute to their community. That is a great achievement in these challenging times.

All of these successes might lead to complacency. After all, if students are learning to be good citizens at Broughton, gaining great exam results then moving into positive destinations the temptation is to assume that our work here is done. I can assure you that we will not rest on our laurels. I am acutely aware that these successes have been built on previous good work and they should now provide the platform for even greater levels of success for our students in future.

I am confident that within the school we are becoming ever more determined and able to ensure that your children reach their potential. If together we continue to raise their aspirations and give them the right support and encouragement along the way the future will be even brighter than the present.

John Wilson, Head Teacher

Welcome

... to this first edition of Inside Broughton High School, published by the Parent Council. As your child journeys through Broughton High School, the Parent Council provides an important link between home and school. We have meetings, a blog on our website, a regular e-news system, a Facebook page, and a Twitter profile, all managed by a team of volunteers like you, to give everyone the opportunity to be part of the life of our school, including the parents of students in the music, dance and football specialties. You can find links to all of them at www.broughtonhighpc.org.



Harald Tobermann, Parent Council Chair

Would you like to get involved? Our school values and welcomes the help of parents and other family members with activities and events, and in supporting the management of the school. There are formal organisations, such as the Parent Council and the Management Support Group, that encourage parental involvement. But there are also many informal ways of helping out. We invite you to join us in any way you can. You can devote as much or as little time as you can spare.

A good way to get started is our AGM and first Parent Council meeting of the year, held each September in the school. You are warmly invited to come and can find details on our website and page 3.

Do help spread the word with fellow parents and help us build a truly engaged parental community. The Parent Council and I look forward to working with you.

Harald Tobermann, Parent Council Chair



Question Time for pupils

'Question Time'

The CEO of the Scottish Parliament & Business Exchange (SPBE), Arthur McIvor, also a parent at our school, was delighted to chair this year's 'Question Time' as part of the Broughton Democracy Project in March.

This year Mr McIvor was joined on the Panel by Cllr Lesley Hinds (Lab), Cllr Paul Edie (Lib Dem), Cllr Iain Whyte (Cons), Cllr Nigel Bagshaw (Green), Cllr Gavin Barrie (SNP), Andy Whiteman (Scottish Author), Jodie Wilson (Broughton Head Girl), and 1 local MSYP.

Similar to the original 'Question Time' format, questions were gathered shortly beforehand and raised to the Panel from the floor. The audience was made up from S5 and S6 pupils, whereby each member present at the event should be eligible to vote in next year's referendum.

Arthur McIvor commented: "The Pupils at Broughton High School asked searching questions relevant to them. They sought answers and left feeling they wanted more in-depth information about what either campaign would do for Scotland."

The proceedings of the afternoon were heavily Tweeted, by the Parent Council @BroughtonHighPC and the Scottish Parliament and Business Exchange @SP-BExchange. It also made news on the Scottish Parliament and Business Exchange website www.spbe.org, and STV gave extensive coverage to the event. Our school profile continues to rise!

We are very proud of our young citizens.



Broughton offers new experiences

A vote of thanks was made to Parent volunteer Arthur McIvor who chaired the debate with panellists from all political parties.

Broughton pupils on the news!

Our students attracted a lot of coverage relating to the vote for 16-17 year olds. Forth News spoke with Jodie Wilson, 17, Alex Law, 17, Cailean Osborne, 16 and Duncan Robb, 16 and have put their views into a podcast, which you can access on the Parent Council website. As if that weren't impressive enough, Sky News interviewed them too, with others from the Music School providing a musical intro. Their segment was broadcast on Sky News - a great feature for our school.



Pupils interviewed for Sky News

Acting Success

Ruaridh Mollica (S3) was recently on TV in the BBC's second series of 'Case Histories'. He played the role of Freddie in episode 2 'Nobody's Darling'. This was an exciting educational experience, working alongside professional actors and other members of the creative team.

He also successfully auditioned for a role in a BBC Learning Zone programme 'Victorian Villains', playing the role of a Victorian child criminal. This is now available as part of the on-line Learning Zone History resources for teachers to use in class. Well done Ruaridh.



Classrooms boast state of the art facilities

Martial Arts excellence

Arran Goddard, S1, in the Dance School, achieved his 1st dan black belt in JKA 'Shotokan' karate. Arran trains between Fife and Lothian twice a week on top of his dance commitments and Parkour training, which are both held on campus.

David Hand in S5 achieved his Tae Kwon Do 2nd dan black belt examination in Bristol. He was also selected to participate in the European Championships, for the TKD National Team. He travelled to Poland as a member of the men's Scotland Squad. David has since gone on to Olympic selection stages.

Niamh McNulty, S2, was selected to represent her country on the martial arts mat this year. She competed for Scotland in the European Tae Kwon Do Championships in Slovenia. This is a superb achievement for Niamh.

Pamela Tosh achieves GTCS Headship Award

Our congratulations to Mrs Pamela Tosh, PT in Modern Languages, for successfully achieving the Standard for Headship, awarded by the General Teaching Council Scotland to this year's candidates at Edinburgh University on Saturday 9 March 2013. This standard defines the leadership and management capabilities of head teachers.

Anne Frank

The Anne Frank Trust UK this year ran a programme of Big Lottery funded work in Broughton High School based around the international travelling exhibition, 'Anne Frank: A History for Today'. Broughton High School selected 20 S2 pupils to train as exhibition guides for fellow pupils, members of staff and other visitors. This project:

- increased knowledge and understanding of Anne Frank and the factors which led to the rise of the Nazis and the Holocaust
- developed an appreciation of the dangers and injustice of prejudice, improved attitudes towards people regardless of difference and a greater inclination to challenge prejudice and/or become more active citizens
- provided an opportunity to improve communication and social skills through peer education and the pupils gained a sense of genuine achievement on completion of the project, becoming more confident, resilient and motivated
- developed enhanced links with local primary schools and the wider community, working in an interdisciplinary manner.



Pupil Support teams help students realise their potential



AGM on Wed 25 Sep

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Council is on Wednesday 25 September, at 7pm in the staff room. Please come along!

S1 parents' social is an opportunity to meet other S1 parents, parents of older students, and our Head Teacher, over a glass of wine and some nibbles. Very informal - arrive any time between 6pm and 7pm.

Stay in touch

- calendar of meetings and events
- school holidays
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This newsletter was produced by the Parent Council Communications Group.

We're always on the lookout for more helpers to share the load, so if you'd like to help improve communications, please get in touch.

Parent Council Groups

There are three main sub-groups, which aim to support the school:

Management Support Group

meets around 4 times each year with the Head Teacher and other senior staff as required; tackles management issues in more depth than the full Parent Council can, and picks up issues which are more "political" in nature

Broughton Association

is responsible for considering applications for financial support, and co-ordinates most of the fundraising activities, including Septemberfest; also coordinates teams of volunteers to support hospitality at various school events throughout the year

Communications Group

looks after communication with parents, including the Parent Council website / news blog, our twitter feed, our facebook page, and email distribution lists; also liaises with the school regarding other forms of communication with parents, including the school website.

It's not all fundraising

Thinking of getting involved with the Parent Council, but not sure what it does? A lot of people think it means fundraising. There is a certain amount of that, but parents who volunteer with us use their time and professional skills in many other ways to support the management and development of our school.

A parent spent time with the 6 probationer teachers who were preparing for their first round of interviews as qualified teachers - working on presentation skills, helping them sharpen their applications, and prepping for interviews.

Why? Because this parent is a professional recruiter. The probationers were really grateful, and so are we. You probably have a professional skill the school could use. If you would like to support Broughton but don't quite know how, just drop us an e-mail, telling us about your skills / experience? We would love to match you with a project, or even start a project we haven't thought of. There's bound to be something. There's always a way for everyone to help!

Win money and support Broughton!

What is the 200 Club?

The 200 Club is a monthly cash prize draw based on members' subscriptions, raising around £2,000 each year for the Broughton Association. It's the main source of fundraising for the Parent Council.

How does it work?

Members make a regular contribution of at least £4 per month to the 200 Club (there's no maximum subscription). For each £1 donated, a lucky number is allocated, and each month five lucky numbers are selected by a random number generator. 40% of the subscription income is awarded as cash prizes, split up between the five winners. The remaining income is donated by the 200 Club to the Broughton Association.

How much can I win?

Prize money each month is dependent on the number of active members; current the 200 Club monthly income is around £260, which means prizes worth £105 are awarded - this is split between five winners, receiving between £10 and £40 each. As the membership increases, so does the prize money - for example, if the income was £400, the top prize would be £60.

How do I join?

If you have electronic banking, you can join the 200 Club by email, and set up your subscription electronically; otherwise, you'll have to fill in a membership form which includes a Standing Order form which we send to your bank. Either way, the first step is simply to email 200club@broughtonhighpc.org, and we'll help you through the process.

Where's the catch?

There is no catch! Each month the 200 Club gives away 40% of the income in prize money, and the Broughton Association get the remaining 60% of the income; there's only one exception - in December each year we run an additional Christmas Draw without any further subscription, so there are 10 winners each December, though the income for the Broughton Association is obviously reduced that month.

The 200 Club is the easiest way for you to support the school's fundraising activities, and the more people who join, the bigger the prizes - just email today, and you could be the next winner:

200club@broughtonhighpc.org

Inside the Music School

The City of Edinburgh Music School is unique. It is the only specialist Music School that covers the whole age range from 4 to 19 and is totally funded by the Scottish Government so it does not charge any fees. Entry is by audition and the gifted children selected receive specialist tuition in all aspects of music while based full-time at newly built state-of-the-art facilities in Flora Stevenson Primary and Broughton High Schools in Edinburgh.



A Steinway School of Excellence

The school was selected to become the first *All Steinway School of Excellence* in the UK and has 25 Steinway pianos – at least one in every teaching space. There are also professional standard recording studios, rehearsal rooms and performance spaces seating up to 500.

Students from the school were recently invited to perform at the 2012 Olympic Celebrations in London, accompany the National Youth Orchestra of Iraq's first British tour with Julian Lloyd Webber, take part in both the International and Fringe Festival and, have been featured on national radio and television programmes.



Piano masterclass with Joanna MacGregor



State-of-the-art studio facilities

Sir Simon Rattle, CBE is the patron of the Music School. Financial assistance is given for travel if students live further afield, and there is also a trust fund to provide scholarships and resources for specialist music students.

With all the advantages of expert individual tuition and the social mix of a large, successful state school - each child's gift for music is developed in a well-balanced and happy environment. Come along and see for yourself at the Open Day on Saturday 2nd November from noon.



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A quartet at the Fringe

Graduation Recital

The annual City of Edinburgh Music School Graduation Recital was a tremendous success this year.

Says Tudor Morris, the 3 senior students leaving us put together a varied programme that included traditional fiddle, classical violin, classical piano, own compositions, jazz and even a prog rock item. The finale was a hilarious piano piece for 6 hands on 2 pianos that was arranged and choreographed by the students with precision and aplomb.

All three plan to further their musical studies next year: Eilidh Crawford is going to the Royal Welsh College of Music, Cameron Watt to Salford University, and Jack Westwell to Edinburgh University. We wish them well and thank them for a great evening's entertainment.

Sean Hughes, an S2 student at The City of Edinburgh Music School at Broughton High School, was chosen to sing at St Paul's Cathedral for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee last year. Sean was the only boy from Scotland selected for this prestigious occasion. We are all proud of him.



Live at the Queen's Hall

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Former students Maeve Gilchrist and Hannah Read performing in America

From Amnesty to Oxford

Isla Ratcliff has won the Amnesty International Songwriting competition, reports Tudor Morris, of the Music School. She has just had a blog published about her artistic inspiration for the piece, in the Huffington Post.

She also featured on the STV website, and Radio 1 has interviewed Isla for a programme to be broadcast in September. As if that weren't enough, Isla played with Karine Polwart at a gig in the Edinburgh University Students' Union.



And she has been accepted to attend the Oxford University Summer School for music. Well done, Isla — you've done us proud!



Septemberfest performance

Dance Show

The cast of the annual dance show in June was comprised mainly of pupils from the specialist dance school, and also featured a performance from the P6 and P7 Talented Young Performers pupils. The dancers performed an exhilarating blend of high energy dances such as the winning junior and senior entries in the Edinburgh Schools Dance Competition, alongside beautiful contemporary routines such as the dance performed by the S3 class as part of the Dance Quest project at the Festival Theatre.



Dance studios

There were also 2 pieces choreographed by Higher Dance pupils and a rousing finale to music from Chorus Line performed by all 125 dancers. It was unanimously agreed by all who attended both sold out shows that the standard of the dancers was incredibly high and each and every one of them deserves recognition for the effort they gave.

All the talented dance staff consisting of Pamela Day, Jenni Inglis, Laura Proudfoot, Amanda McNally and Charly Jarvis deserve a huge thank you for their fantastic choreography and teaching, with the biggest thank you reserved for Pamela Day whose contribution was vital to the success of the show.

A very professional 3-camera DVD recording was made of the show and will be available to purchase for £6, so please

Inside the Dance School

contact a member of the dance staff if you would like to order a copy.

Broughton High School offers its pupils the unique opportunity of receiving specialist dance tuition alongside the mainstream secondary curriculum, providing a unique blend of academic education and specialist training. Pupils are also encouraged to continue their training at their current private dance school.

The City of Edinburgh Dance School aims to awaken interest, ignite passion and foster talent in its students by providing pupils with the opportunity to learn and develop their skills in a wide range of genres of dance. Not only will they develop their dance skills and raise their awareness and appreciation of dance as an art form, but they will also develop their confidence, enthusiasm, passion and commitment to dance.

Entry on to the course is by audition only. Students are chosen for their enthusiasm for dance, allied to flexibility, musicality, creativity, intelligence and potential. Students are appraised as they progress through the Dance School. Those whose technique does not show the expected level of progress by their S2 and S4 appraisals are offered support and assistance in exploring alternative subject choices and careers.

In S1/2 the pupils are timetabled for dance classes for six periods a week, with additional classes after school on a Friday and during the week depending on their prior experience. The hour of dance within the curriculum increases as the student progresses through the school. Pupils will study Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Choreography, History of Dance and Dance Appreciation.

They will also have the opportunity to study SQA Intermediate 2 in S3, Higher in S4 or S5, and HNC Professional Stage Dance in S5 and S6. Throughout their time at Broughton High School, students will also take additional classes based on RAD, BBO, BATD and ISTD syllabi with a view to sitting examinations in these disciplines at school or within their current private dance schools. The RAD, BBO, BATD and ISTD have an international reputation for excellence in dance training.

Last session they worked alongside dance artists from the Scottish Ballet, Edinburgh's Telford College BA (Honours) students, artists involved with the

National Galleries of Scotland, as well as Advanced Higher art students from the school on a project based around the Scottish Ballet's new piece, "A Streetcar Named Desire". Students performed at the National Galleries in March last year.

Every year the students participate in the Edinburgh Schools' Dance Competition and have won the overall awards for both the Junior and Senior sections.

As well as performing in shows, students are expected to widen their knowledge and understanding of dance by going to watch dance performances at the theatre. There will be performances that we will go and see as a group - by doing this we will get the tickets at a more affordable price.

Many of the students who progress through the Dance School go on to further education in dance.

Laura McAdam
Head of Dance



Dancers in action

only offered to students who have demonstrated the ability and potential to enter professional training. Ewan recently took to the stage with professional dancers from the Scottish Ballet when he performed in Twyla Tharp's 'The One Hundreds' as part of the festival.

Magnus Westwell and Iona Lewis (S3) both successfully auditioned for Scottish Ballet's production of Hansel and Gretel. Both students will attend rehearsals and perform alongside the Scottish Ballet on stage at the Festival Theatre.

Arran Goddard (S2), James Gillhooly, Ruraidh Mollica and Magnus Westwell (S3) will soon be featuring on the big screen when Sunshine on Leith opens at the cinema.

All dance school students were very successful in their recent Royal Academy of



Pupils on set of Sunshine On Leith with Director Dexter Fletcher

Dance News

Ewan Hambelton (S4) has successfully re-auditioned for the prestigious Scottish Ballet Senior Associate Scheme. He will continue to attend classes at Tramway, Scottish Ballet's purpose built facilities in Glasgow every Saturday. As well as this he has also been successful in auditioning for the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's Junior Conservatoire programme for Modern Ballet.

This is a huge achievement as places are

Dance (RAD) exams with over 90% of students gaining distinction. Students that sat their RAD exams with their private dance schools were also very successful.

SQA Higher Dance Results were excellent with over 90% of students gaining an A grade.

Best Wishes to Chloe McClean (S3) and Gorgia Combe (S1) are both competing at the World Highland Dancing Championships in Cowal this year.

Youth Philanthropy

S6 took part in an excellent final of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative in November, in front of representatives from YPI and panel members PC Greig Stephen, Penny Radway, from the Green Team, Harald Tobermann, from the Parent Council, Mrs Burgess, depute, Aimee Creamer, S5 pupil from March's winning team, and Gareth Wood, from the Wood Charitable Trust. The represented charities were Richmond Hope, Maggie's Centre, The Junction, the special care baby unit at the Royal Infirmary, CLASP, the Corstorphine Dementia Project, and FACE: Fighting Against Cancer in Edinburgh.

The winning team was that representing FACE, consisting of Astrid Anderson, Rebecca Lamont, Jodie Wilson, Yasmin Serrano-Price, Kirsten Marshall-Thomson and Troy Quigley, who were awarded a cheque for £3,000 for FACE.

Inside the Football Academy

The Scottish FA commenced the Performance Schools project in August 2012, which consists of a network of seven schools throughout the country. The programme is designed for elite young football players, both boys and girls, and runs from S1 to S4.

The young players will have football development activity every day in the school and will aim to improve the individual players through a programme of technical and game awareness activities. There will also be a strong sports science support given to the players through a partnership with Edinburgh College.



Football Academy

As a result of a successful pilot project the selected school in the East of Scotland is Broughton High School in Edinburgh. The Scottish FA has appointed seven full time Elite Regional Youth Coaches who will be attached to each school and Greg Miller has been ap-

Edimbourg, la Ville à l'Envers

After touring in 6 countries (Quebec,



French composer and musician François Audrain

Germany, Czech Republic, Turkey, China and Vietnam) with his project 'Les Retours de l'Ecole' (On the way back from School), French composer and musician François Audrain launched in Edinburgh, a new series of collaboration with foreign schools: 'La Ville à l'Envers' (The City inside out).

In association with Broughton High School, Audrain teamed up with pupils studying Advanced Higher French to design a video for his song *Nuit étrange* (Strange Night). Moving away from the usual postcard image, the participating pupils used their smartphones and pocket cams to film their city as they see and experience it in their daily life. The video was screened as part of Audrain's electro-rock performance 'Edimbourg, la Ville à l'Envers'.

pointed to the Broughton High School position.

Greg brings a massive experience of teaching young players to Broughton High School. These coaches will work closely with clubs to ensure that the school programme will complement and supplement those of the clubs. This is a flagship programme for the Scottish FA which sees this as being a means of developing more and better players for the future.

Scottish Cup Winners - first time in 109 years

We are very proud that our S1 boys football team won the Under 13 Scottish Cup for Broughton High School. They played against a very strong and skilful Grange Academy team who had scored 46 goals in the seven rounds to get to the final.

We were down 1-0 at half time and the Broughton supporters feared the worst.



Our trophy cabinet is very full this year

However, our boys played superbly in the second half and showed huge character and determination, individually and collectively. They deservedly won the final 2-1. They must have been exhausted but very proud, as are the staff who went to the game.

This competition dates back to 1904, and yet this is the first time that Broughton High School has ever won it. That's 109 years of trying. This year the same team has also won the Edinburgh Schools league.

SQA Results

Measure	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12	2012 - 13
English & Maths Access 3 or Foundation 5 or more	88%	87%	90%	97%
Access 3 or Foundation 5 or more	86%	84%	86%	93%
Int 1 or General 5 or more	71%	69%	70%	78%
Int 2 or Credit 5 or more	26%	28%	29%	33%

End of S5 - % of students who started S4 achieving:				
Measure	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12	2012 - 13
1 or more Higher	44%	44%	39%	46%
3 or more Highers	18%	26%	22%	28%
5 or more Highers	7%	9%	12%	16%

End of S6 - % of students who started S4 achieving:				
Measure	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12	2012 - 13
3 or more Highers	32%	35%	39%	33%
5 or more Highers	23%	22%	26%	18%

Key measures (pre-appeal), 2009-10 to 2012-13

We're delighted that this year's SQA exam results have showed significant improvement on previous years.

Results are measured nationally as the percentage of pupils who started S4, who then go on to gain qualifications at different levels in S4 (Access 3, Foundation, Int 1&2, General and Credit), S5 (Highers) and S6 (Highers and Advanced Highers).

In every single key measure, our S4 and S5 results this summer are the best for the last several years, and we're now ahead of the City average for English & Maths in S4 (97% achieving Access 3, Foundation or above), and for achieving 5 or more Highers in S5 (16%). And this year's S5 Higher results stand us in very good stead for posting even more success in the S6 Higher measures next year!

This is a tremendous achievement, and a huge credit not only to the pupils who have done us so proud, but to the parents, teachers, support staff and management who have worked tirelessly to continue to improve the quality of teaching & learning at Broughton. Well done and thank you to all concerned!



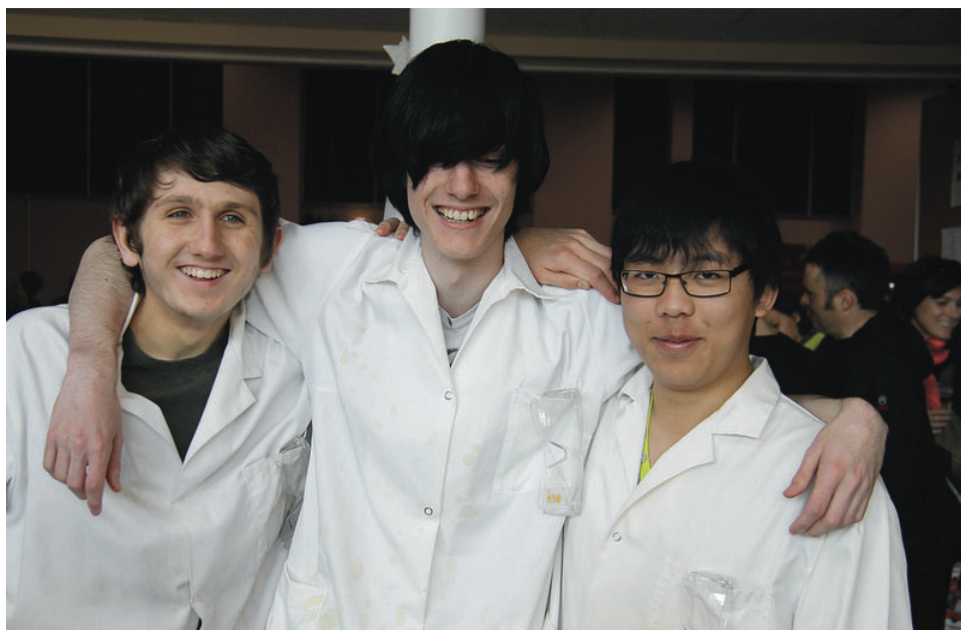
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SeptemberFest

A selection of photos from last year's event





Pupils are inspired by science at Broughton

Big Science at Broughton

The Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine, a research collaborative between Edinburgh University, the Medical Research Council, and Cancer Research UK, was delighted to open its doors to senior BHS pupils, to showcase the remarkable science happening right on their doorstep.

Coordinated by Faculty Head of Science Mr Dave Cockburn and IGMM Scientist Dr Joe Rainger, the event allowed pupils to observe demonstrations of real-life experiments, such as computer-aided dissections, micro-CT of bones, as well as learning why some worms and fish glow fluorescently. They were also able to see what it's really like following a career in the sciences, and were given advice on how actually to become a scientist.

The topics included: Zebrafish with fluorescent reporter genes: microCT analysis of bone disease and repair: Gene networks and bioinformatics computer programming: Human genetics and inherited diseases: Optical Projection Tomography (computerised anatomy of gene expression).

Student hired by BBC Radio 3

During the Christmas Break S5 Music School student Oscar Gormley was employed to record music for 'The Physicists', a radio drama which was broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on 20 January.

Oscar and his recorder teacher Susan Fuchs laid down tracks for the chamber music score in a single take — and were described as 'superb' by the show's producer. Very impressive, Oscar and Susan!

Nature cameraman Doug Allan visits Broughton

Maddy Bourne, depute head girl at Broughton High, was able, through family contacts, to bring celebrated cameraman Doug Allan to school. Doug is a freelance photographer and cameraman whose work has been shown in a large number of nature documentaries for the past 20 years, including those presented by David Attenborough. It was he who contributed some of the most memorable scenes on *Blue Planet*, *Life*, and *Frozen Planet*.



Maddy Bourne brings Doug Allan to school

Doug, who hails from Dunfermline, gave Broughton pupils a fine presentation about working in some of the world's wildest places.

Said Maddy, about the visit, "It is really great to get Doug, as lots of people at the school are interested in the media. Doug is so big in that scene. The pupils are excited to see him."

Headteacher John Wilson added, "Doug is so renowned as a documentary photographer and cameraman. I am delighted, as the inspiration for Doug coming here did not come from me or other teachers, but a senior student at the school." STV covered the event also.

'Sounds Like Saturday' (YMI) success!

Hugh Duffy convenes our Saturday morning music cafe, managed and run by volunteers like you. He says, "The total money raised by the Saturday cafe last year was just under £1700. This is in addition to the almost £500 raised for Red Nose Day.

So as well as raising the profile of the school, we are raising money for the school, and it's all done with a smile on everyone's face.

This is fantastic, and shows what can be achieved by even a small group of parents and pupils willing to help."

Headteacher John Wilson adds his thanks for the sustained commitment, and looks forward to referring to this great success when the City's quality improvement officers enquire about our community involvement over the year.

Many thanks for all your efforts, everyone!

Our volunteering — it's working!

A number of parents helped staff run the Broughton Association cafe at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships. It was a very busy day, reports organiser Naomi Crowley, with pipe bands coming from as far away as Benbecula! There were a lot of positive comments about our school's facilities, our stewards (Broughton senior pupils), and our cafe (only one customer was disappointed — they wanted a latte!).

The profit? £405. Naomi's team shopped around to keep the prices down for everyone, which people pretty clearly appreciated. More broadly, as Naomi observes, this is the sort of event that is really raising the profile of our school — which in turn benefits our kids.

Harald Tobermann, PC Chair, echoes this, saying, "The value of such efforts is not only in the funds generated, but the raised school profile. The BHS school roll has increased in recent years, bucking demographic trends: as school funding is tied to pupil numbers, this is clearly something all pupils at BHS benefit from. Well done, all!"

S5 Pupils selected by Ernst & Young

Congratulations and very well done to Daniel McIvor and Brandon McFarlane. Both S5 students have been successful in gaining a place on the Ernst and Young school 'Internship'. Following a very tough selection process of application and interview these two students joined a select group of pupils from throughout Edinburgh to experience a week long internship exploring careers and learning career skills at this global firm.

Ernst & Young is a global leader in assurance, tax, transactions and advisory services with over 167,000 staff.

Daniel and Brandon were welcomed with their parents at Ernst & Young for an evening presentation to find out just what the boys are in for. The weeks programme is set to challenge them and develop their skills as well as help them apply to university. Pupils and parents were thrilled to learn that subject to gaining a good degree at university, Daniel and Brandon are then guaranteed an interview at Ernst & Young in the future. A significant achievement for our S5 pupils and we are delighted they have demonstrated what successful Broughton High School pupils have to offer some of the worlds best known employers.

Pupil comes 4th in the world

William Bosi, marched off to the world outdoor climbing championships in Singapore this year. He came back 4th — that's in the world! Quite an achievement - well done, William!

John Muir Award

S5 pupils have been taking part in activities to try to complete the first level of the John Muir Award. This is for pupils who take care of our outdoor environment.

One of our groups worked with Penny Radway, from the Green Team, on the ecology of our school pond area. Another group worked with the Pentland Rangers and Miss Thomson, exploring parts of the ecology there. They took part in a photograph competition as well. Our third group worked around the Water of Leith, with Miss Northcott and Charlotte Neary, from the Water of Leith Conservation Trust. They documented the river's condition, and spent an afternoon tidying near St Bernard's Well. All told, around 30 pupils took part in these 3 groups.