



VIEWFORTH HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

December 2023



## Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome to Viewforth High School's Winter Newsletter 2023. We have had a very busy year in Viewforth HS and I'm delighted to share a selection of our many successes and achievements as well as wider curricular activities that have taken place. I'm sure you'll agree that the following pages demonstrate the hard work and commitment of our staff and partners and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them. They have gone above and beyond to provide our young people with engaging learning experiences and wider achievement opportunities – thank you.

As ever, I am incredibly proud of our young people. Viewforth is a very caring community and our House Captains have been working hard to promote charitable donations as we move towards the Christmas holidays. On Wednesday 20th December we have our non-uniform 'Dress Up for Christmas' day where pupils can wear Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, tinsel etc etc for a small donation towards our chosen charity: Kirkcaldy Foodbank. We are also collecting donations of non-perishable food items which will be delivered to the local Foodbank on Wednesday. House points will be awarded for every item donated – we wait excitedly to hear which of the House groups will win this competition!



# Head Teachers welcome continued

## Senior Pupils

Our senior pupils have been preparing for their prelim exams which begin when we return to school in January. All pupils have been issued with a copy of their prelim timetable, however should you have any questions, please contact Miss McNamee DHT. I would encourage all pupils sitting these assessments in January to spend some time revising over the holiday period to ensure they are in a strong position to achieve success.



## **Parents/Carers**

Viewforth is dependent upon the support of parents and carers in working with us to promote and maintain our high standards of behaviour, attendance, punctuality and school uniform; all of which help us to create a positive environment for learning and achievement. VHS is a school to be proud of and we want our public image to reflect the values staff and parents promote. Your ongoing support is very much needed and appreciated, thank you.

Many of our pupils achieve in lots of ways that are not connected to the school. If your child achieves something that we as a school can recognise and celebrate, please let us know.



## Head Teachers welcome continued

This session we have welcomed the following staff:

Yvonne Arnold	Enhanced Support
Rachael Barker	Pupil Support Assistant
Carina Campbell-Welsh	Music
Leanne Crowe	Chemistry
Debbie Gibson	PTC English, Drama and Modern Languages
Cheryl Hamilton	Attendance Co-ordinator
Lesley-Ann Harrower	Modern Languages
Ceivagh Harvey	Home Economics
Steven Kowbel	Depute Head Teacher (S1/2)
Eilidh McLaughlin	Drama
Sarah McNamee	Depute Head Teacher (S3/4)
Jennifer Orr	Pupil Support Assistant
Leila Smith	Modern Languages
Sherilyn Taylor	Biology



We also bid a fond farewell to:

Lorraine Abbot	Pupil Support Assistant
David Dow	Business Education
Laura Francis	Admin Co-ordinator
Vivienne Smith	Biology (Maternity leave)
Elaine Thomson	Pupil Support Assistant
Kirsty Trotter	Clerical Officer
Becca Wright	Clerical Officer
Humera Zia	Modern Languages (Maternity leave)



At the beginning of next term we look forward to welcoming:

Alison Carson	Clerical Officer
Lisa Poole	Admin Co-ordinator

I would like to wish all pupils, parents, carers, partners and staff a very Merry Christmas. Take care, stay safe and I look forward to what 2024 brings!

Lisa Moore  
Head Teacher

# Active Schools

## Extra-Curricular Activities

During terms 1 and 2 there have been a variety of extra-curricular sports clubs taking place at lunchtimes and after-school. These activities have been led by staff, sports leaders and community sports clubs, with 190 pupils attending across both terms.

Pupils can find out what activities are running by checking the extra-curricular posters displayed in the PE department and around the school.

## Extra Curricular Sport Activities

2023-24



The poster lists activities for each day of the week, categorized by lunchtime and after-school. Activities include Basketball, Dance, Badminton, Girls Fitness, Table Tennis, Netball, Football, and Cheerleading. Each activity lists the time, location, and staff involved.

Day	Activity	Time	Location	Staff
Monday (Lunchtime)	Basketball	1.05pm-1.35pm	S1	Games Hall • Sports Leaders
	Dance	1.05pm-1.35pm	S1-3	Gym Hall • Miss MacMillan
Tuesday (Lunchtime)	Badminton	1.05pm-1.35pm	S2-2	Games Hall • Sports Leaders
	Girls Fitness	1.05pm-1.35pm	S1	Fitness Suite • Sports Leaders
Friday (Lunchtime)	Table Tennis	1.05pm-1.35pm	S1-2	Games Hall • Sports Leaders
	Netball	3.15pm-4.15pm	S1	Games Hall • Ms Lester
Monday (After-School)	Basketball	3.15pm-4.15pm	S4-6	Games Hall • Ms Lester
	Netball	3.15pm-4.15pm	S4-6	Games Hall • Ms Lester
Tuesday (After-School)	Basketball	4.15pm-4.45pm	S1-3	Games Hall • East-Central Club
	Cheerleading	4.15pm-4.45pm	S1-6	Gym Hall • Miss MacMillan
Wednesday (After-School)	Football	4.15pm-4.45pm	S4-6	Astra • Mr Wilson
	Netball	4.15pm-4.45pm	S4-6	Games Hall • Ms Lester
Thursday (After-School)	Football	4.15pm-4.45pm	S4-6	Astra • Mr Wilson
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## Young Leadership Pathway

S2-S6 pupils involved in our Young Leadership Pathway are currently working towards their Saltire Award. This celebrates, recognises and rewards the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland aged 12-25, and volunteers are required to record the number of volunteering hours they accumulate. These pupils have supported several events and provisions throughout terms 1 & 2 to develop their skills, experience and volunteering hours, including the following:

- October holiday multi-sport camp for P1-P7 pupils.
- Kirkcaldy area cluster league basketball festival for Viewforth HS and Kirkcaldy HS cluster primary schools.
- Attendance at regional and national events, including the Fife Young Ambassador training day and national Sport Scotland Young Ambassador Day.
- Attendance at training courses, including Disability Inclusion training with Scottish Disability Sport.

The poster details the Young Leadership Pathway, which offers five roles for young people in P6-S6. The roles are: Junior Leaders (P6-P7), Leadership Academy (P6-P7), Young Volunteers (P6-P7), Young Ambassadors (P6-P7), and Platinum Ambassadors (P6-P7). Each role includes a description of the role, what it involves, and what the participant will gain. The poster also mentions Cluster Sports Stars (P6-P7) and provides contact information for Active Schools Fife.

We are always looking for more pupils to get involved in our leadership programmes, and any pupils interested in finding out more about an Active Schools Young Leadership Pathway role can speak to Rachael McDonald (Active Schools Co-ordinator), located in the PE base.

# Anthony Nolan

We recently hosted an Anthony Nolan Event. Anthony Nolan is the charity that makes lifesaving connections between patients in need and incredible strangers ready to donate their stem cells. For someone with blood cancer or a blood disorder, an amazing stranger donating their stem cells could be their best chance of survival. We worked in partnership with the Fire Service to have a blood drive event in school. This involved pupils and staff aged 16 to 30 giving a cheek swab sample to see if they are a match. Eligible donors will be added to the donor register and may be called on in the future to save a life.



Some of our S6 pupils volunteered to be Anthony Nolan Champions. Thank you to Rhonda Annan, Callie Chrichton, Megan Connelly, Chelsey Birrell and Leah Mackenzie for organising all of the appointments for eligible donors and ensuring the event ran smoothly.



# Art



## ENTERPRISE IN THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Art department were keen to expand our enterprise efforts within our faculty and decided to showcase our talented pupil's work by selling it at the Christmas Show Case. They have taken the format of calendars, Christmas decorations and Christmas cards. Pupils were also involved in the selling of the items; it was a great opportunity for pupils to see their work for sale, and it was a sell out! Now to get our thinking caps on for next year.

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

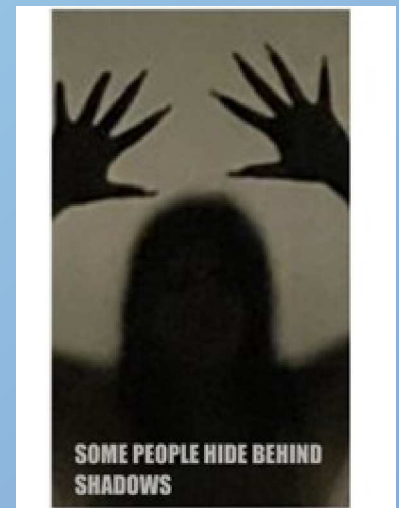
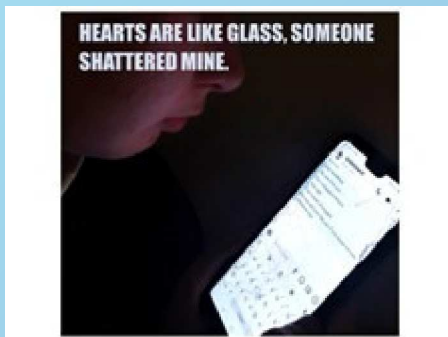
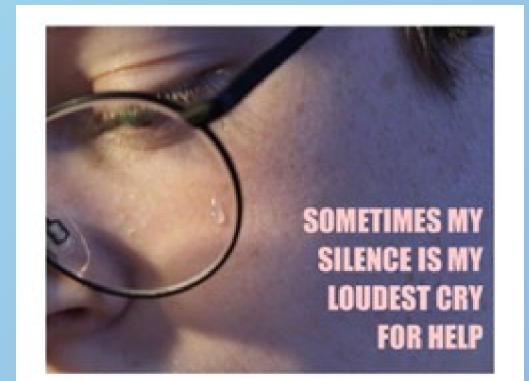
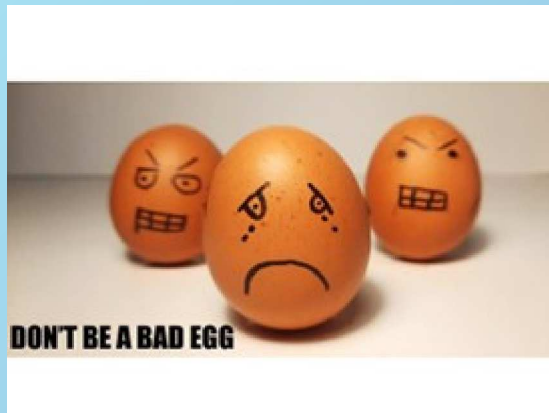
Continuing our tradition of our annual Christmas card competition, this year's S1 and S2 participants made it very difficult for our judge to select our final 8 winners. Pupils created their outcomes using different techniques and media such as collage, printing, drawing and painting. The department were delighted with all their efforts.



# Art

## S3 PHOTOGRAPHY: ANTI BULLYING PROJECT

Our S3 Photography students worked on a project in the run up to Anti-Bullying week to create an image that represents the emotions felt by someone who is being bullied. During Scottish Anti-Bullying week, we challenged students across the school to come up with slogans to turn their images into posters to display across the school. We even had input from our P7 transition visitors who posted their ideas for slogans too. The pupils did a wonderful job, and the posters are now displayed around the school.



# Art

## **ACES (Access to creative education in Scotland)**

ACES is a funded initiative based across the four Art Schools in Scotland that works alongside schools to encourage, educate, and empower senior-phase pupils to consider careers and higher education in art, design, and architecture. We have a long-standing relationship with this programme and have a great track record of pupils from VHS continuing with the creative journey when they leave school.

Jenna Skinner (S6) has been involved in a series of 3 Architecture workshops run by the ACES programme at DJCAD looking at different aspects of the design process and different types of architectural design. These photographs show the final workshop outcome of a shelter focussing on using light to create visual impact. She was able to meet students from across the east of Scotland and work with tutors from the university where she is applying next year.



## **ACES Life Drawing**

Olivia Trebbi (S5) has attended an evening life drawing class at DJCAD. Every week Olivia is making the journey to Dundee where she has been drawing from observation of a live model. Olivia has been learning techniques for drawing faces/figures from all angles and working with media to render her outcomes. The images below show a fraction of the work Olivia has produced and we are always so excited to see her weekly outcomes. Olivia is planning to study at DJCAD, and this programme has been invaluable to allow her to have a taste of what it will be like when she goes to study full time.





# Art

## DYW IN OUR DEPARTMENT: WORK EXPERIENCE

### JENNA SKINNER - ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE

Jenna Skinner one of our Advanced Higher Design pupils took up the opportunity to complete a week's work experience with an Edinburgh based architecture firm- Simpson and Brown. The firm specialises in conservation architecture and is currently working on projects across the world. Our pupil was able to take part in site visits, speak with the onsite archaeologists, attend project planning meets as well as being given digital drawing and model making tasks. At the end of the week our pupil created a presentation that she delivered to the team of architects about the work she has been doing. The feedback from the firm was that "Her enthusiasm for architecture was clear and she has a great methodical approach. She made a beautiful model of one of our proposals which will be useful to us on the project. I'm not sure that I'd have made as good a job as her at that stage, or now! I enjoyed working with her and we also learn a lot through students' eyes."



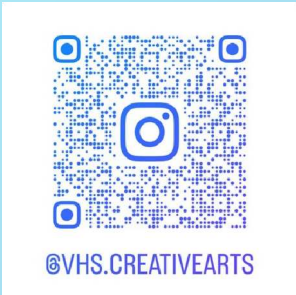
ISLA GOULD (S6) – recently completed a weeklong in-person course at the Royal Conservatoire to help develop a greater understanding of the process for set and costume design, and how it relates to the performing arts. The course provided both practical and theoretical teaching which culminated in a final presentation of her designs in front of the other participants and tutors. This was an incredible opportunity to work alongside industry professionals to expand her awareness of the design process and ultimately build evidence for her portfolio. This experience confirmed to Isla that she will be applying to study at the Conservatoire, and they would be very lucky to have her on the course.



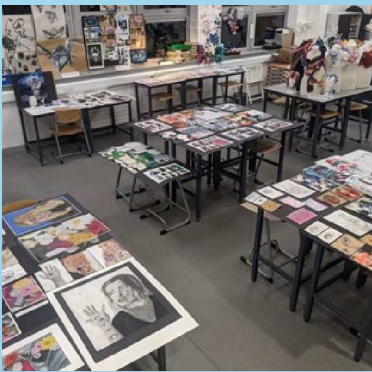
# Art

## NATIONAL FOLIOS RETURNED

Our senior pupils yet again have produced incredible expressive and design folios that have been returned from the SQA, below is a small selection of work from pupils in S4-6. If you are interested in seeing more of the work that is produced in the department/faculty we have our own dedicated Instagram account which you can follow with the QR code below.



## Primary 7 Showcase



# Art

## TRIP TO EDINBURGH: PETER HOWSON EXHIBITION (CITY ART CENTRE) AND GRAYSON PERRY EXHIBITION (RSA)

A group of senior students from S4-S6 had the opportunity to experience two of Britain's most famous working artists (Grayson Perry and Peter Howson) who represent diversity in the British art world. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to see painting, tapestries and sculptures up close. This exposed our pupils to a range of styles and practices and provided an opportunity for a unique approach to understanding and responding to the world around them.

What is the role of the artist in today's society?

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# Business Education and Social Subjects

## YPI is underway at Viewforth High School

Our S5 core RME classes have been working hard these past two terms researching social issues and charities who work tirelessly to help support people in their times of need. The end of Term 2 saw the pupils bring together their research and do the first round of their presentations in front of a panel of judges in the hope to progress to the finals of the YPI (Youth Philanthropy Initiative) competition which is due to take place in the new year. Successful groups will present in front of a live audience and panel of guest judges in the hope to win £3000 for their chosen local charity. Watch this space to see which groups and their charities make it to the final. Last year's winning charity, STAND, were delighted to have won £3000 especially during a time of such economic hardship. We wish all charities every success and good luck to the pupil groups working hard to make it to the finals.



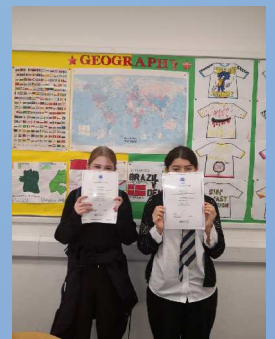
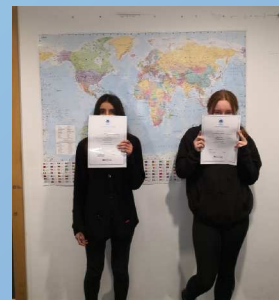
## S3 First Chances visit to Fife College

Earlier in the term our S3 First Chances pupils were able to visit Fife College, Halbeath Campus. Here they took part in workshops to prepare them for research and presentation skills so they are better equipped to complete their 'Inspiring Scot's' presentations and essays in the new year. Pupils got to experience life as a student at the campus, visiting different subjects within the school, eating in the canteen and even having a go with some of their VR head sets and seeing 3D printers in action.



## CyberFirst Girls competition

Four S2 girls from Miss Jack's IT class competed in the recent CyberFirst Girls competition. This was a team event open to girls from all over the country with teams working together to tackle online challenges from cryptography and logic to artificial intelligence and networking for the chance to be crowned cyber security champions. The girls were able to score a lot of points in the short time frame and should be congratulated on their skills and team work. Great effort. The girls received a certificate for their efforts (even if they were a bit camera shy to receive them!) Very well done girls!



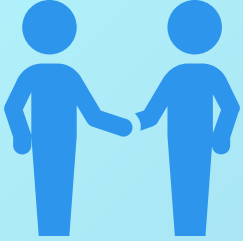
# Business Education

## S2 IT Christmas Concert Competition

The S2 IT classes all participated in a competition to design the promotional materials for the school Christmas Concert. There were some fantastic designs from our talented pupils but it was Jamie Stewart who created the winning design. Well done to all the pupils who took part!



# Career Ready



Our new 2023 cohort has been selected for Career Ready. The two-year programme empowers young people in S5/S6 to kick-start their chosen career through a series of authentic workplace experiences and a network of support. As part of the programme, they have several masterclasses to attend, a mentor from the world of work as well as a 4-week work placement.



We attended the 2023 launch event at the Carnegie Conference Centre in Dunfermline where students met their mentors for the first time. It was fantastic to attend the event with all 18 high schools in Fife present. Well done to Kerry Sarjanston, Abigail Lonergan, Charlie Douglas, Ruby Emmerson, Jayden Fox and Branden Morgan. The minister for Education, Jenny Gilruth came to start the event. We were fortunate enough to be selected for her to speak to. The pupils were excellent and a credit to themselves and the school.



# Criminology



In November the S3 Criminology class took part in a forensic investigation activity at Fife College. They were presented with an outdoor crime scene to process - under the guidance of a former Police Scotland lead-detective. The pupils involved showed great enthusiasm as they donned their PPE, secured the scene, and identified and packed up the evidence in a professional way. They then got down to work in the college's forensic lab: carrying out blood testing and finger-printing to help solve the case. There were clearly some budding criminal investigators amongst the group, and the pupils made full use of this excellent opportunity to learn about the forensic side of criminology.



# Drama

## S1 Drama

Our S1s have just completed their Gruesome Great Britain unit, in which they explored characters such as Sweeney Todd, Mrs Lovett, Sawney Bean, Burke and Hare. They explored exciting ways to perform their dramas including, tableaux, aside, narration, slow motion and split-stage.

They also created excellent costume and make-up designs for these gruesome characters.

## S2 DRAMA

I am delighted to report that the Drama Department have successfully, for the second year running, run our new Commedia dell'arte unit. Pupils have enjoyed learning about this timeworn form of theatrical comedy dating back to 16th century Italy; donning traditional commedia masks and devising comical scenarios to perform for their peers.

## S3 Drama

Our S3s have just completed their drama skills unit, in which they devised their own performances, wrote scripts, and sourced costume and props.

A fantastic mix of genres including horror, action/adventure, and comedy.

## N5 DRAMA

Our N5 Drama class have this term completed their production unit in which they staged a short extract from the National Theatre adaptation of Let the Right One In: which was first performed at the Dundee Rep Theatre in 2013.

Our candidates had the monumental task of not only performing this extract but also designing lighting, sound, costume and make-up for the performance. Some of the highlights were the fantastically gory make-up effects created by our team of designers and a fabulous costume photoshoot showcasing our actors posing as their respective characters.





# Enhanced Support Department

On Friday 8th December the ESC held a coffee and mince pie afternoon. The pupils did a small performance, showcased their work and sold some of their Christmas crafts. The money raised from the sale of their crafts will be used for the pupils to go on a trip to the Bowling.



In RME the ESC pupils have been learning about Diwali (festival of light). They read the book Dipal's Diwali and made Diya lamps using clay and then painted them using bright colours

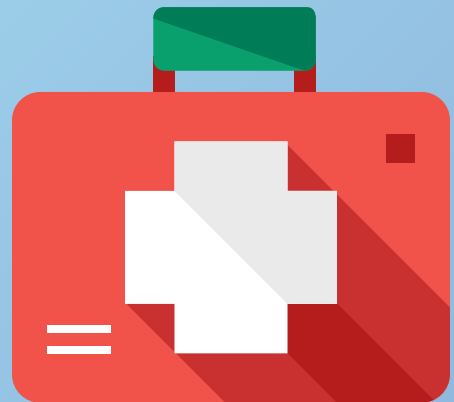


# First Aid

## Level 6 Emergency First Aid Qualification

The school had a visit from F.A.S.T – First Aid Training School, who delivered the Level 6 Emergency First Aid at Work qualification to our S4/5/6 pupils.

A total of 60 pupils took part across in one day in November and successfully gained their qualification in this course! This is an amazing result for the school and the pupils are quite rightly very proud of their achievements.



# S1-S3 Football

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This year has seen the S1-S3 football team go from strength to strength, with record numbers coming along to the afterschool sessions all through the year with a healthy mix from all year groups. The team has participated in 3 games against other schools, with results getting better every game, the players have shown an outstanding attitude and work rate in all the games.

Recently the S1s took part in a tournament at Balwearie High School, playing some lovely football and continuing to keep the standard that the team had produced earlier in the year. Every player should be proud having represented the school so far and there will be plenty opportunities to do so again in the new year.



# Home Economics



The **2 National Progression Award Bakery classes** have been working hard over the term to develop cake making and decorating skills. The end project this term was to design and make a Christmas celebration cake. The classes have worked very hard and created some extremely high-quality cakes. Well done classes keep up the excellent work.



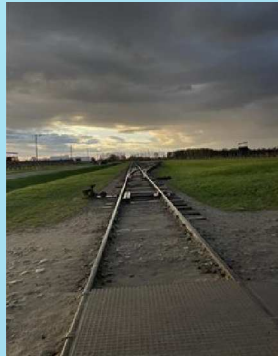
The **5 Skills for Work Hospitality classes** have carried out 2 different events this term. The first was a staff lunch time soup and sandwich event they planned and carried out in class teams working independently from teachers. The second has recently taken place and was a 3-course set Christmas themed lunch also for invited staff members. The classes have all shown high standards while planning and carrying out their events. Well done seniors all the hard work and planning certainly paid off.



The **S3 Creative Bakery** class have been working on cake making techniques this term. They have used all the knowledge they have learnt to design, bake and make Christmas yule logs. Well done S3's your hard work has paid off.



# Lessons from Auschwitz

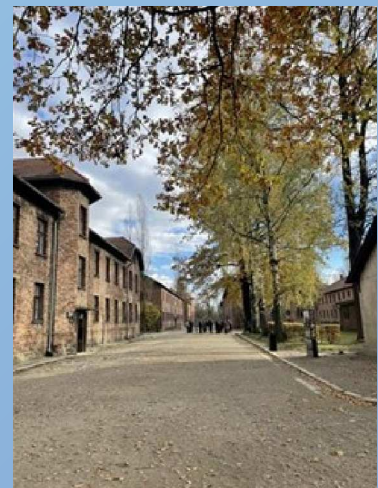


On the 8th of November, S6 Higher History pupils Holly Bonellie and Amelia Brown travelled to Krakow, Poland to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp with the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Holly and Amelia were selected this year to participate in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project funded by the Scottish Government. This programme is designed to ensure that the memory of the Holocaust lives on through the voices of survivors and the educational experiences of future generations.

Prior to the visit, Holly and Amelia attended an event on the 31st of October, where they had the privilege of listening to Holocaust survivor, 91-year-old Janine Webber, as she shared her story. Holly had the opportunity to ask Janine a question; she asked what memory from her experiences had resonated with her the most. Janine declared that the loss of her family remains her most prominent memory of the Holocaust.

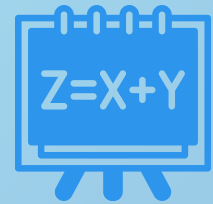
Holly and Amelia will be sharing their knowledge and experience with the pupils at Viewforth High School in the new year.



# Maths

Maths Week Scotland (25 September – 1 October)

To celebrate the importance of maths in our everyday lives, the maths department arranged several in-class activities for BGE and senior pupils. The theme was 'Maths in Motion', with sport and dance being the main events (the video of Scotland's footballers' 'Yes Sir, I can Boogie' was played several times!). Also, a big thank you to Mrs McLeod, who kindly organised the staff and pupil quiz. The winning house was Craighendal.

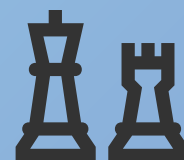
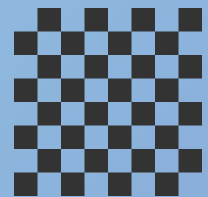


Enterprising Maths Fife Schools Competition for S3/S4 pupils (4 October 2023)

Two of our teams entered this prestigious event at Bell Baxter High School. While we could not break into the top ten, several notable individual performances occurred. In particular, Taylor McAuley of S4 and Heili Kitsing of S3. A special mention is due to Amy-Leigh Davidson of S5, who helped supervise and mark the activities.

Chess Club (Wednesday lunchtimes with Dr McDonald)

The number of members has increased to 33, making it the most successful year. Many thanks to Victor Zajac and Thomas Scott (both S5), who have both helped with the training of new recruits. Recent lessons have focused on opening repertoires involving the Queen's Gambit, Sicilian Defence (Dragon Variation) and French Defence. The school championship is due to begin after the Christmas holidays. Will Victor retain his title, or will there be a new school champion?



# Mentors in Violence Prevention

MVP stands for Mentors in Violence Prevention. MVP is a peer education programme helping young people to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of abuse.

Twenty S5/6 pupils undertook an MVP training day. This included learning about how to lead a lesson, what MVP is, what different forms of abuse look like and the importance of standing up to violence and making a difference.

As a part of the program senior MVP pupils (S5/S6) led interactive lessons to S1/S2 pupils about the effects of abuse, teaching the younger pupils how to manage the situation and report it. This aims to prevent violence and spread awareness of the effects that abuse and bullying have on a person and make them aware that not all violence is physical.

During anti-bullying week (Monday 13th- Friday 17th of November) the MVP mentors led assemblies to the junior pupils, educating them on anti-bullying week and the importance of being an effective bystander.

Pupils have the opportunity every Wednesday in the cafeteria which is named "Wednesday Pop Up" to raise their concerns and worries to an MVP mentor. The aim of this is for pupils to have the chance to speak to senior pupils and ask their advice on how to manage different real-life scenarios.



# Music

## Song Writing Workshop

On Wednesday 4 October, ten senior music pupils attended a songwriting workshop in Dunfermline High School. This was hosted by the Scottish Music Centre and we listened to Edinburgh-based singer/songwriter 'Withered Hand' (Dan Willson) tell us about his journey from school to being a recording artist.

Despite a fire alarm while we were there, followed by 10 minutes in the pouring rain, a great time was had by all! It was fascinating to have a real life artist explain his process of writing music and where he gets inspiration from. This immediately inspired some of the students to begin writing lyrics for a new song on the bus on the way back to school!

## Battle of the Bands Competition

The Battle of the Bands 2023 competition held at Woodmill High School on the 8th November, where two of our senior pupils and their band "Permacrisis" had a very successful evening. The band won best overall band and the Matthew Barrie Shield and as part of this prize they have also won a recording studio session at Fife College. The band members are - Alex Harrower (lead guitar), Rowan Docherty (vocals), Jason Simms (bass guitar - former Kirkcaldy High School pupil) and Ashton Lee Mcindoe (drums - Kirkcaldy HS pupil). Alex Harrower also won best guitarist.

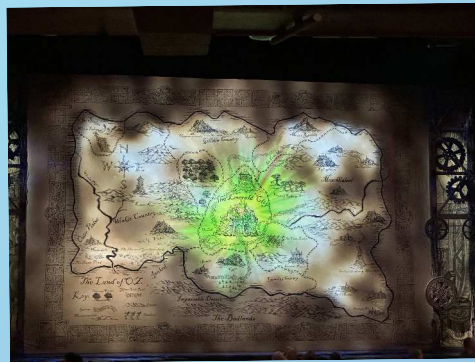




# Music

## Wicked – Musical Trip

On 13th December, the music department organised a trip to see Wicked at the Edinburgh Playhouse. A group of pupils got to see the touring production of the popular musical that tells the story of two unlikely friends on their journey to becoming 'Glinda The Good' and the 'Wicked Witch of the West'. The pupils had a great evening and were amazed with the sets, costumes dancing and singing.



## Christmas Concert

We held our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 6th December where over 60 pupils performed to a full assembly hall of parents/carers, family and friends. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was lovely to see so many of our young people from S1 - S6 showcase their talents and hard work. It was a packed programme of entertainment, from soloists to class group performances, as well as extra-curricular groups and dancers. For many this was their first experience of performing at a concert and they dealt with the pressure extremely well. Save the date for our next event which will be the Music Showcase on Thursday 21 March at 6.30pm.



# Music

## Extra-Curricular Group & Study Support

All music lunchtime groups will resume from Monday 8th January 2024. New members are always welcome!

Monday - S1 and S2 Music Club – 1.10pm in A2.01

Tuesday – Choir – 1.10pm in A2.01

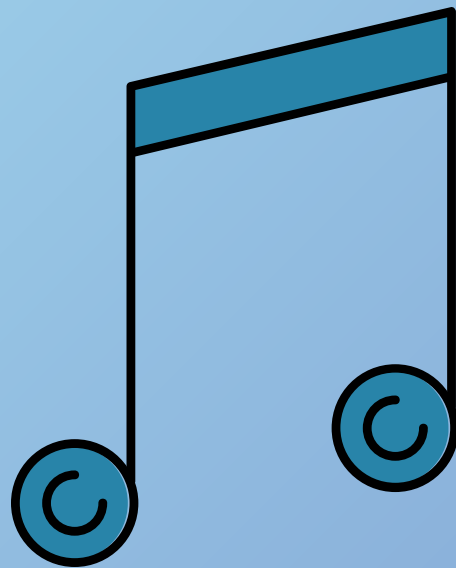
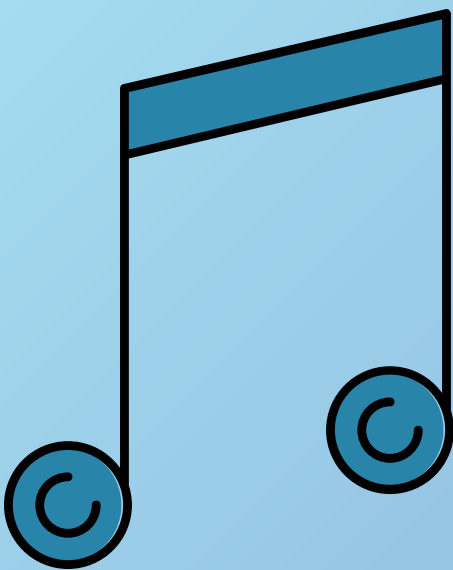
Wednesday – Senior Percussion Group – 1.10pm in A2.05

Thursday – String Group – 1.10pm in A2.01

Thursday – BGE Music Tech Club – 1.10pm in A2.05

Friday – Wind Band – 1.10pm in A2.01

Study Support is available for all senior pupils Monday-Thursday at lunchtime or after school. This is an opportunity for extra instrument practice, composition work, or assignments.



# Parent Council

## Hybrid Meetings

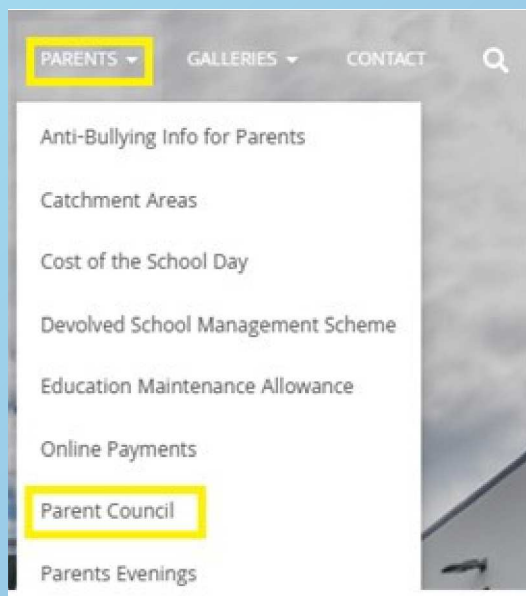
The Parent Council had their first hybrid meeting this term with parents and carers joining the meeting online and in the school conference room. This worked well and enabled participants to have the flexibility to join the meeting where it suited them best. It was also great to see some new faces at the meeting. The next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 15th January 2024 at 6pm both online and in the school. We are always looking for new members so if you would like to join us either online or in person, please get in touch by emailing: [viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com).

## Foodbank Support...

The Parent Council would like to thank Asda for their kind donation to the school foodbank from their October Community Fund.

## Music Funding Success...

The Parent Council are pleased to announce that they were successful in a recent funding application. The Parent Council would like to thank the Mary Janet King Trust (Parent Programme) administered by Foundation Scotland in supporting the pupils of Viewforth High School. The funding provided will pay the entry fee for pupils who are performing at the Fife Festival of Music in 2024 as well as supporting other activities within the music department.



## Find out more...

From the Parent Survey in August, parents and carers wanted to find out more about the Parent Council. You can do this by visiting the 'Parents' tab on the school website then selecting 'Parent Council' or using the below link: <https://viewforthhighschool.co.uk/parents/parent-council/>

If you would like to join the Parent Council or have any comments or questions, then please e-mail [viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com).

Finally...

The Parent Council would like to wish everyone from the Viewforth community a lovely Festive holiday.

# Physical Education

## Interhouse Football and Netball – October 2023

The Interhouse Football and Netball competitions took place at the beginning of October and there were some great individual and team performances from the pupils. Each event was very competitive with some of the results very close indeed!

Thanks also to the senior Sports Leaders who did an excellent job with the refereeing, timekeeping and scorekeeping, the event could not have happened without their help.

Congratulations to all those who took part. It was an enjoyable event for everyone involved. The overall results are shown below.

OVERALL HOUSE POINTS				
	Craigendal	Fidra	MacGregor	Combined
S1 Football	40	70	100	50
S2 Football	40	70	100	50
S3 Football	50	70	100	
S1 Netball	100	70	70	40
S2 Netball	50	100	70	
S3 Netball	50	100	70	
Total	330	480	510	140
	46	46	46	
Final Total	376	526	556	
Place	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	



## U18s Fife Schools representative football team

Owen Wright was selected for the U18s Fife Schools representative team. Owen featured in all 3 of the group games, as the Fife team managed to qualify for the knock out rounds of the U18 National Trophy. Well done Owen.

# Primary Transition

## Christmas Writing Competition for P7

The English department and Pupil Support Base hosted a Christmas Writing Competition as part of our Transition Programme. The P7 classes have been busy working on their entries and the final 5 from each school will be judged by Mrs Gibson and the English department on the last week. We look forward to reading the pieces of writing. Mrs Gibson and Mrs Campbell will be out delivering certificates and prizes on Wednesday of this week!

**VHS – English Department**

**Christmas Writing Competition**

Imaginative Piece of Writing

To be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Success Criteria for Viewforth High School**

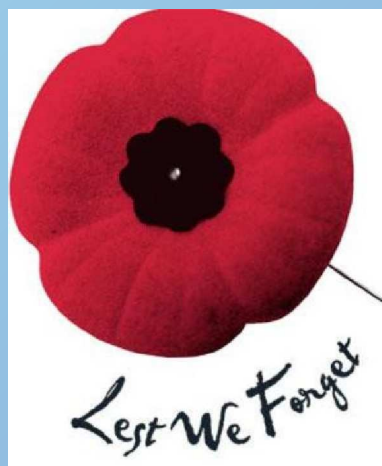
- I have correctly used capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.
- I can write in paragraphs.
- My writing has a beginning, middle and end.
- I have used a variety of punctuation.
- I can show my ability to include some descriptive language techniques such as similes, metaphors, personification, alliteration and onomatopoeia.

**3 Winners Each School!**

# Remembrance Sunday



The School Captains, Caitlin and Euan represented Viewforth High School at the war memorial in Kirkcaldy, laying a wreath alongside the other 3 Kirkcaldy Secondary schools.



# Science



## Developing Young Workforce: Babcock Engineers and S3 Chemistry

We were delighted to welcome Babcock engineering to our S3 chemistry classes to discuss and share their experiences as STEM graduates. The S3 chemists asked lots of excellent questions and many left with a much clearer idea of what a job in STEM looks like. We're looking forward to welcoming back the Babcock team in February when they will be leading a STEM activity day.



## AH Biologists trip to Fife College

We have been lucky to have Advanced Higher Biologists head to Fife College to undertake laboratory work to prepare them for their projects. Pupils have carried out experiments using Bradford Assays and serial dilutions. Lots of excellent progress has been made and AH Biologists' projects are well underway.



# Science

## Scientists of the Month

This year, science teachers have been nominating their 'scientists of the month' to celebrate the hard work and success of pupils in the science department. Below are the winners so far - congratulations to everyone!

September			
BGE (S1-3)		Senior Phase	
David Taylor	Cara Korosi	Robyn Pieterse	Zainab Mehmood
Ryan Birrell	Jason McCallum	Sophie Fenelon	Cinar Muyan
		Amber Fenelon	Halle Scott
Stuart Venters	Andrew Mackay	Chloe Hogan	Amy-Leigh Davidson
David Taylor	Skye Fell	Eve Campbell	Suzanne Kwil
Matthew Scott	Matthew Swanson	Charlie Douglas	Daniel McIntosh
Eva Devine	Lewis Napier	Archie Patterson	Liam Murray

October			
BGE (S1-3)		Senior Phase	
Kayla Watson Glen	Nico Christie	Beth Jackson	Karina Williams
Jason McCallum	Courtney Childs		
Keanen Townsend		Milly Findly	Chloe Stevenson
Alicja Ogorzalek	Harry Goddard	Davids Serafimovs	Ciaran Burns
Emily Wood	Cole Palmer	Lucy Murray	Aashmeen Kaur
Leo Cragg	Michael Graham	Amy-Leigh Davidson	Travis Nyaguthii
Jayden Greig	Diana Bruniniece	Owen Bonellie	Oliwia Ktanj

November			
BGE (S1-3)		Senior Phase	
Hannah Swanson	Skye Hutson	Davids Serafimovs	Kayla Ellor
Jack Herriot		Carmen Johnston	
Ashley Henderson	Jason Devereaux	Grace Wilson	Zainab Mehmood
Kane Wishart	Cian Cardell	Nathan Mortimer	Caitlyn Kemp
Cody Fong	Demi-Leigh Skene	Ruby Emmerson	Abi Brown
Kaitlyn Thomas	Kailey Rennie	Abby Lonergan	Archie Patterson

We will pick our December winners soon!

We continue to offer our S1/2 Science club on Tuesday lunchtimes in A1.02, from 1.10pm onwards. This is run by Miss Taylor and Miss Crowe and lots of exciting experiments have been carried out! So far, we have had experiments on lava lamps, skittle diffusion, chromatography, red cabbage indicators, crushing cans and microscopy work too.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you soon!





# Viewforth High Young Talent



As we come to the end of 2023.....  
Viewforth Young Talent program (MCR) would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and holiday season and all the very best for a prosperous 2024.

To date MCR young talent program has  
31 pupil/mentor relationships  
2 x S1 Group work  
2 x S2 Group work

Snap shot of this year, in the holidays some of the young people visited Lochore Meadows, Fordell Firs.

At group work we have been working on team building, being very creative, outdoor activities and much more.

Next year our S2 will be getting ready to have their own individual mentor to help explore what they would like to do when they leave school.

I also want to say a massive well done to all the young people for their excellent work.





**We hope you enjoyed reading our Christmas newsletter.**

**Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all at  
Viewforth High School.**