

BLT 10

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BOROUGHMUIR LEARNING & TEACHING

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# Health & Wellbeing @Boroughmuir by Mr Collard

*"Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them."*



On the 7th March the whole school attended the Health and Wellbeing Fair in the Sports Hall. All of these organisations (above) kindly contributed to making the Fair such a huge success.

Mr Collard took the lead alongside the HWB group to make things come to life. Our sports leaders also did us proud by leading fitness sessions throughout the day. All pupils attended the Fair for one period throughout the day. The Fair promoted all aspects of physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

A huge thank you to Mr Collard and the group for offering us all this opportunity to focus on our health and wellbeing.



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## Special points of interest:

- We celebrated our 1st Birthday!
- We welcomed the International Council of Education Advisers
- We have been focusing on our Health and Wellbeing
- Our Pupil Council focus on improving learning and teaching
- We celebrated Women's History Month

## Willow Was a Success...

In collaboration with Canine Concern Scotland Trust, and liaising with pupil support, LRC are organising some Therapet sessions for pupils who do not feel confident in their reading. A Therapet is a dog trained to help kids coping with stress and anxiety in different settings and LRC is promoting READING WITH DOGS sessions with some volunteers to work with us.

We had some Therapet taster sessions during the Health and Well Being Fair and kids (and staff) were very happy to unwind while spending some time with the lovely Willow.



## Health & Wellbeing P7

We are trialling a new P7 transition project with our current S3's and have been working on a pilot with Bruntsfield Primary School. We wanted to make the learning outcomes relevant and challenging for all pupils and work with other faculties across the school to deliver HWB in a wider context. On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March we welcomed all of the P7's from Bruntsfield who enjoyed a

morning of HWB activities including a Clubs Fair - led by our S1's, PE activities delivered by our sports leaders (SPIN!!!!) and two visits to our wonderful dining area to learn more about Food For Life and the range of nutritious foods on offer - Helen organised a fantastic tasters which the pupils loved.



In HFT our pupils have been researching the Scottish Dietary Goals and the links between Better Eating and Better Learning – delivering a market place learning activity through games they had developed and a practical lesson where the P7's made nutritious “Breakfast Pots” whilst learning about the importance of this meal.

There was a fantastic atmosphere (we even had pipers!) and the feedback has been extremely positive - thanks to all those involved. Miss Mitchelmore CL HFT, RMPS & HWB.





# Junior Chef 2019 by Ms McGinley



Junior Chef is a cookery competition which is the highlight of the S2 year in Health and Food Technology. Pupils take on a design and make challenge and create a signature dish showcasing their culinary skills which they have developed throughout S2.

This year, class heats saw around 220 unique, signature dishes being created and served across the 5 days of the competition. Some pupils took inspiration from a family link to other parts of the world including, 'Papaya Salad, lab and sticky rice' from Laos, 'Dim Sum with Dipping Sauce' from China and 'Paella' from Spain. Others made family favourite dishes from closer to home including, 'Steak and Chips' and 'Honey and Garlic Scottish Salmon'.



Two finalists from each class will be selected and compete in the Junior Chef Final schedule to take place in May. Very well done to all pupils who participated and really treated us to some show stopping foodie delights



# International Council of Education Advisers



We were delighted to welcome the “International Council of Education Advisers” to our School on 7th February. This group of international experts was established in 2016 and meet to advise Scottish ministers on how best to achieve “Equity and Excellence” in Scottish Educa-

tion. The membership of the group draws upon world-leading education and business experts who met to discuss “What now?” for Scottish Education. Staff were invited to join the group for lunch and offered the opportunity to share thoughts with some of the leading thinkers in International Education. Thanks to our Pipe Band and senior musicians who kick started the day with some excellent musical items and to Aaliya, Gregor, Jed and Ann-Emma who also shared their thoughts.



*Mr Dempster is pictured with members of the group including:*

- *Dr Carol Campbell, Professor Chris Chapman*
- *Professor Graham Donaldson, Dr Avis Glaze*
- *Professor Andy Hargreaves, Professor Alma Harris*
- *Dr Pak Tee Ng, Professor Pasi Sahlberg*
- *Lindsey Watt OBE, Gayle Gorman Chief HMle*



## S4 Leadership

During the S5/6 prelim exam leave, we ask our S4 pupils to volunteer to give up some of their break times and lunch times to take on prefect duties that are usually done by our S6 pupils.

We had over 40 pupils volunteering. For two weeks they carried

out their duties thoroughly and enthusiastically. Many also attended the S4 Parent Consultation Evening where the registered parents as they entered the building, helped direct parents to appropriate classrooms and they also

served tea and coffee and biscuits to the teachers.



## Holocaust Memorial Day

Janine Weber visited our school to meet with all S2 pupils on Wednesday 23rd January. She works in partnership with the Holocaust Educational Trust who visit schools across the UK.



Janine was born in Lwów in Poland (now L'viv, Ukraine) in 1932. Following the Nazi-Soviet Pact, Lwów was occupied by the Red Army in 1939 and remained under Soviet rule until June 1941 when Germany invaded the USSR.

She shared her story of growing up and the impact on her childhood. S2 had also prepared some excellent questions at the end of her presentation. We were left humbled and moved by her courage and resilience. Thanks to the History Department for arranging.



# Apps for Good

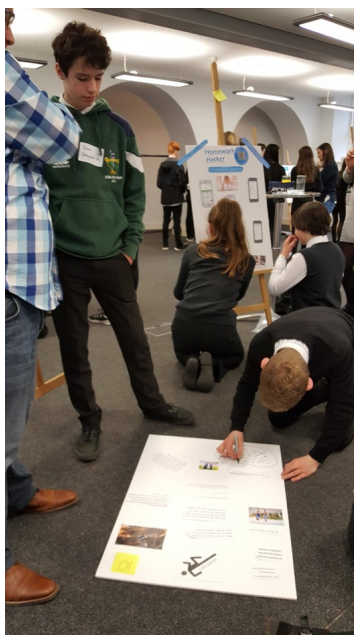
On 28<sup>th</sup> February, six S2 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Dighton, attended the Apps for Good Scottish Event to present their idea for a new App to industry experts.

The morning kicked off with a workshop where pupils worked with mentors from Skyscanner to help them perfect their pitches and their information boards. Pupils then had the chance to check out the competition by looking at what pupils from other schools had come up with and to vote for their favourite in the "People's Choice" award.

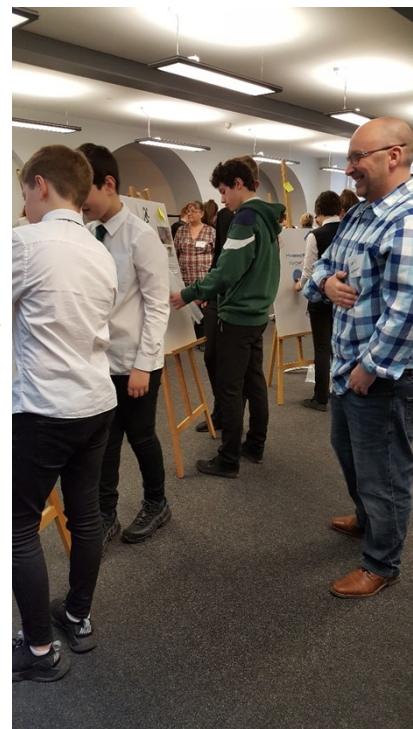
Just before lunch, the industry experts arrived, and the pupils took place in a marketplace session where they pitched their ideas to each of the industry experts from leading tech companies who then had the opportunity to vote for their favourite.

On this occasion none of the teams from Boroughmuir won any awards but they all gained vital feedback on how they could improve their pitches and information boards. All students will now have the opportunity to enter their App Idea into the 'Apps for Good' National competition - where they will have the unique chance to

visit London based tech companies and the overall competition winners get their App created by a professional App Development company. Our teams were encouraged by several experts to ensure that they act on the feedback as they thought a couple of the teams had a good chance in the overall National awards if they improved their offering.



**Perfecting the Info Board**



**Feedback from Skyscanner Mentor**

# CABEC Challenge

The learners shown are in S2 and attended the final of the CABEC challenge. They took part in a variety of tasks connected to Construction and the built environment. They are Jeevan Hoehnke, Ross Nicol,

Fraser Gourlay



Ethan  
Cavaye  
Zaem  
Kardar  
Nancy  
Moran  
Anna  
Loxley  
Lola Drummond  
Skye McCloy



Millie  
Carlin



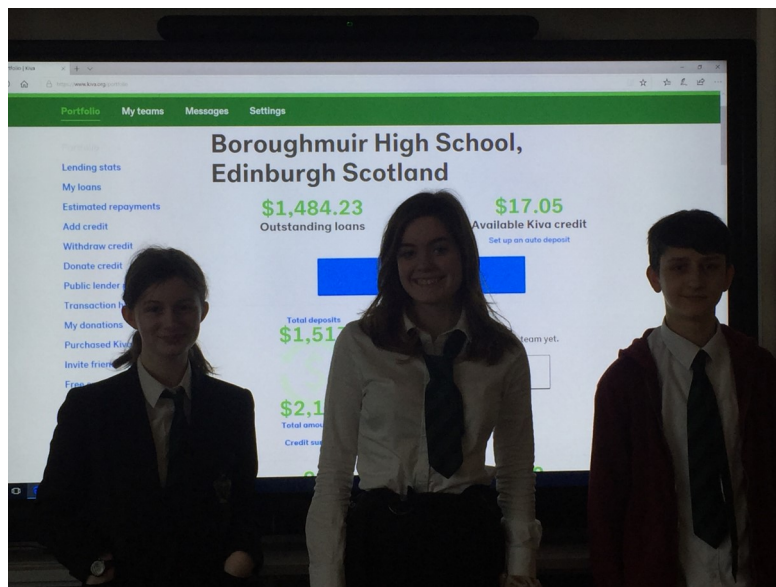
# KIVA Micro-Loan Club

Boroughmuir's KIVA micro-loan club has now loaned over \$2000 to a variety of small businesses and projects around the developing world. From helping individuals purchase medicines, a new roof for their house or better education to companies buying food, cosmetics and other stock in bulk to enable a better profit to be made, the £5 loaned by students and families in our community has made a number of huge differences to the lives of people all over the world. The group also promotes social justice, an awareness of the needs of those

less fortunate and actively promotes debating skills when analysing which projects are most

worthy of our loans. Many thanks to all involved.

Mr Igooe



## RBS Data Centre – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

A group of Higher Computing students were extremely lucky to attend a tour of the RBS Data Centre. This allowed pupils to see how a Data Centre works focussing on the key elements including resilience, efficiency, security and the environmental impact of the site.

The event started with an overview of the network including example processes from Mobile Banking. The sessions were very interactive and al-



lowed pupils to ask questions. This initial session was followed by a tour of the site allowing pupils to look at the Mainframes, Servers, Cloud Infrastructure as well as the overall engineering. Pupils engaged well with the tour and were delighted to see elements studied in the Higher Computing course in action. They even spent time on the roof!



## Future of the Astley Ainslie

Several enthusiastic S4 pupils participated in a workshop and discussion regarding the future of the Astley Ainslie Hospital site. The Astley Ainslie Community Trust (AACT) has now been awarded funding from the Scottish Government to carry out a consultation on how people would like to see the site used. Our pupils gave their ideas about what the site could be turned into in order to benefit the community. The Community Trust were greatly impressed by their ideas and engagement and most importantly by their sense of protecting the community, environment and green spaces.





## Go4SET

Attached are photos from the Go4SET group. This is a group of 6 S2 girls who volunteered to join in with an engineering challenge set by the Engineering Trust. So far, we have attended the launch day at Herriot Watt Uni, where the girls met their mentor for the project (Tenko), chose which topic they wanted to investigate further and got involved with team building exercises as well as personality tests to find

out what kind of leader they were.



The ladies decided they wanted to design a building that was "climate change proof" and sustainable. They have been meeting every Tuesday lunch time to investigate materials and technology that will help them build their house.

The girls also attended a day at our mentors work place. Tenko works for Maxim Integrated, who design microchips for all the world's leading technology including the iPhone and driver-less cars. The ladies were able to visit the lab where the microchips are designed and built. Overall it was a very interesting day! The ladies are currently in the report writing phase of the challenge with the model still to be built and to build in time for the assessment day in March.



## Rotary Challenge

Here are some photos of three groups of learners one each from S2, S4 and S5 taking part in the rotary challenge.

Boroughmuir won 2 out of 3 of the awards missing out narrowly on the S23 category. Well done and thanks to Mr Macdonald for the article.





# Careers Hive Supporting S2 Course Choice

All 220 S2 pupils had the opportunity to spend nearly a full day at the “Careers Hive” at the National Museum of Scotland on 26th Feb-



ruary. This was the 4th year in a row. Our pupils enjoyed the chance to try some keyhole sur-

gery, engineering and loads of great tech including lots of VR. They participated in a skills workshop and listened to the experience of Sarah Stenhouse – CEO and founder of social media imaging company Oodls and Douglas Martin – Founder of Mialgae. This was a well timed outing to coincide with S2 course choices being made.

This opportunity highlights the importance of developing a broad range of inter-disciplinary skills and well as a promoting the STEM careers (science, technology, engineering and maths) for males and females. Thanks to all staff who went along and thanks to Mr Hembury for organising.



## S6 Leading Learning

On the 6th March, a joint course choice discussion was organised between the maths and science departments. This was lead by S6 students currently studying these subjects and in their final weeks. They offered their words of wisdom and advice to the S6s considering taking Advanced

Maths and across the Science subjects. The S5s appreciated the candid advice on how best to approach studying in these subjects. Thanks also to Lou Murphy our Careers Adviser for being present and supporting this event. The teaching staff present gained some good feedback as well.

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## X Country Champs!

A brilliant morning at the Edinburgh X-Country Championship. Fantastic performances by the girls team finishing second and the boys who were first! Sorch and Patrick were both second in their races & great runs from our S1s Campbell & Freya against S2/3 runners!





# Look who's ONE!

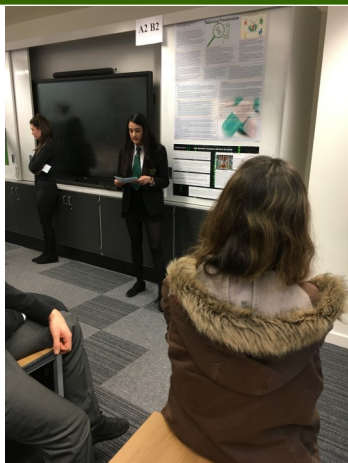
We were! On the 21st February 2019 our school celebrated our first birthday.

No better way to celebrate than with cake...and there was a bit for everyone. A huge thank you to Helen and her catering team for providing delicious cakes to help us celebrate.



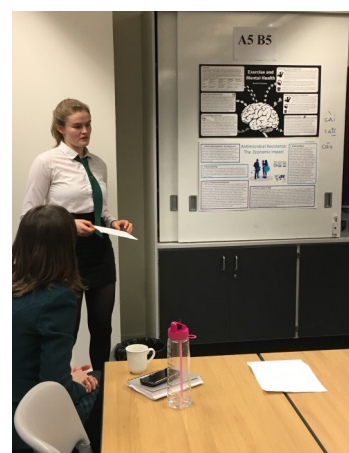
## Science Baccalaureate

On Monday 25th February the S6 Baccalaureate students presented the findings of their Science Interdisciplinary Projects. This was the culmination of 9 months of work on a project of their choosing. Throughout that time they had to formulate an area to investigate, plan their time and activities for the year and then interact with people and organisations outside school to get answers to their questions. This has included the pupils visiting universities, sports centres and conducting research in a variety of



ways. They had to draw all of their information and research into a 5-10 minute presentation that was given to teachers, parents, pupils and professionals from the scientific world. To aid them they all

made posters to summarise their findings and they did an excellent job standing up and speaking to a large group of approximately 50 people. Many of the S6 projects interdisciplinary project will contribute towards their Scottish Science Baccalaureate. Well done to everyone involved for an impressive and informative night!



# Advanced Higher Geography

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The Advanced Higher Geographers got into their wellies and wades and braved the icy, extremely cold conditions by doing some river fieldwork on the Water of Leith.

Amidst the slabs of floating ice in the river and freezing temperatures, they managed to get enough data for their assignment.

Ruth, Outdoor Learning Officer at the Water of Leith Conservation Trust, said

"At the Water of Leith we really enjoy helping Edinburgh pupils learn about their local river

through direct, hands-on experience.

The Advanced Higher Geography class from Boroughmuir did a fantastic job of collecting data for their assignment and proved themselves to be well hardy on an extremely cold day, chipping their way through an icy river to collect data. We were very impressed."

Our pupils clearly impressed, but this time with their bravery, resilience and enthusiasm working out-



doors. It was a challenging yet rewarding learning experience for all involved.

## LGBT History Month

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During February, the library celebrated LGBT History Month. We borrowed from Edinburgh Museums and Galleries an exhibition on the history of LGBT rights in the city of Edinburgh, with a lot of documents and witnesses of people histories in the city.

The library also highlighted the LGBT collection with a specific display, that tied with LGBT Youth Scotland 2019 theme: Catalyst, setting positive examples to promote health and well-being in kids.

On Twitter, we also published positive role models from LGBT community to inspire our students.



## Board Games Club with Mr Fois

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***Tuesday afternoon, kids and member of staff are invited to come and play at the Board Game Club.***

We are still building up our collection, but so far, we are playing Exploding Kittens and Munchkin, Scrabble and Articulate. We are currently looking for some funding to get some more games in! The pupils are enjoying the chance to spend some quality time and making new friends with people from different year groups as well as being engaged in a relaxing and inspiring setting, like our library is.



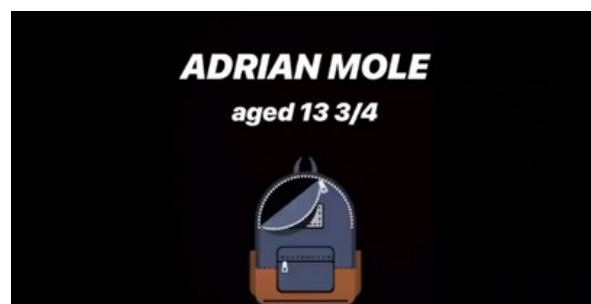


## S2 Book Trailers

Well done to all the S2 pupils who put a lot of time and effort and came up with high quality book trailers: You should be all familiar by now with the term book trailer, but, if not, think about a movie trailer, but for a book! We organised a proper day at the cinema (our assembly hall) to watch and vote for the best three trailers and we finally have the winners!

Winners by popular vote are:

1. **The Hobbit by Brodie (2H1)**
2. **The Final Problem by Kenny (2L1)**
3. **13 Reasons Why by Libby (2W1)**

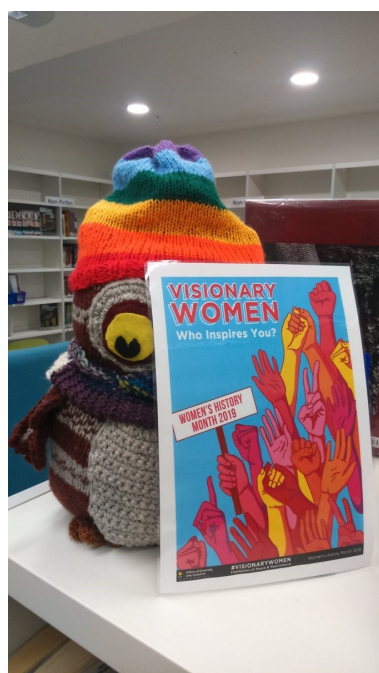


We also had a special jury that evaluated the book trailers according to quality and content, and here are our winners:

1. **Adrian Mole by Isabella (2W1)**
2. **Alex Rider by Michael (2H2)**
3. **When Hitler stole the Pink Rabbit by Austen (2W1)**



## Visionary Women Competition



All of S1 were invited by Mr Fois to take part in our poster competition to celebrate "Visionary Women" during the month of March.

Last Monday we announced our Visionary Women Poster Competition Winners and gave the amazing prizes donated by [@Scottishbktrust](#). Today we (finally) found time to showcase them on our Pillars!

Well done to all S1! So many women who inspire us in these posters!



# Art Showcase 2019



Our Art Department with support from our Parent Council hosted a hugely successful evening in March celebrating the work of our very talented art pupils.

There was a fantastic turnout of parents, pupils and our local community who were treated to some fine food and refreshments from our catering colleagues—thanks Helen and Our Parent Council.



A big thanks to the Design and Engineering Faculty for such a successful night showcasing some incredible talent.

We hosted our Second ever 'cellofest' for Cello parents and friends in Boroughmuir on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Assembly Hall at 345pm accompanied by tea and cake !

Mrs Rigg organised the event and did a superb job as always. Thanks also to Ewen Bathgate (S6) who has helped lead rehearsals prior to the event. We wish our departing S6 cellists all the very best as they move on to pastures new next year.





## S2 Annual Ski Trip

40 S2 pupils had a fantastic experience on the annual S2 ski trip to New Hampshire, USA. The pupils were spoilt with perfect conditions, arriving just after a fresh dump of 6 inches at Cranmore resort. Following a massive American buffet breakfast, Saturday was spent meeting the brilliant ski instructors, learning the basics and finding the ski legs. Sunday

was another day at Cranmore, pushing further into the mountain and exploring the slope park to show off new skills. Sunday night was all about the Patriots and an education in American Football.



Monday to Wednesday was spent in Attitash resort, with a greater variety of runs in perfect Bluebird conditions. The pupils loved the wide-range of runs and the chance to develop and expand on their newly-acquired skills. Bear Peak, with its steep double-diamond blacks really helped to develop the leg muscles!

Thursday was spent in the beautiful city of Boston, exploring the old town and the variety of shops around the historic Quincey market, before the return flight home. All pupils were a pleasure to accompany on the trip and were a credit to themselves and the school.



**Thanks Mr Campbell for the article and Mr Dempster, Miss Robb and Mrs Marshall for the skiing.**

## A Busy Term in Expressive Arts ...

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Congratulations to all of our National 5 and Higher Music pupils who completed their music exams last week. We had 119 individual Music Exams performed over the course of 5 days and our Visiting Music Examiner commented on how excellently prepared all the pupils were and how much he enjoyed their individual Music programmes.

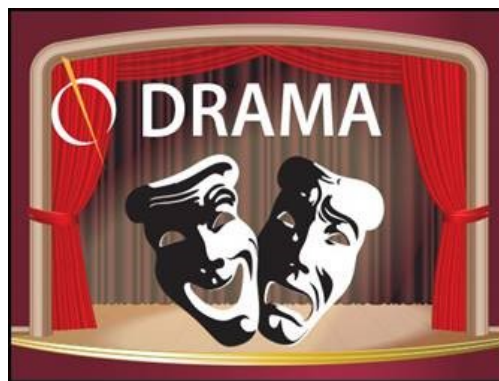
The music corridor is now a lot quieter as our S4 and S5 classes are doing past papers in preparation for our SQA Written Exam on April 26<sup>th</sup>.



## Drama Showcase

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Thank you to the Drama department for organising an evening Showcases of National 5 and Higher Drama pupils' work in preparation for their SQA practical exams which took place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The pupils have worked incredibly hard towards their practical exams with Mr O'Hagan and Mr Graham and we are grateful to all Drama parents' support with the showcases too. You are all stars!



## Matilda with Music Dept

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Music Pupils are looking forward to attending the Musical 'Matilda!' On Wednesday 24th April at Edinburgh Playhouse, as part of our Music Theatre Programme. Thank you to Miss Webster for organising the trip – it should be brilliant!

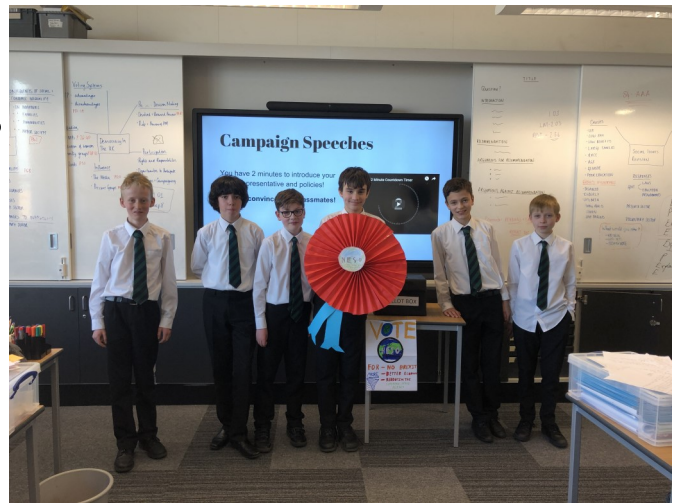


# S1 Elections by Ms McCrorie

Election season has been in full flow in Modern Studies, with all S1 students participating in class general elections. The students worked in groups to create their own political parties, putting into practice what they have learned about different political ideologies and campaign methods. The different parties, together with their fantastic campaign paraphernalia, delivered speeches and voted for their preferred party.



Well done to all of S1 for their hard work!



## Go4Set Regional Winners!



We were very proud of our S2 team who brought home the trophy for Boroughmuir. Well done Team!

Thanks to Miss Potts for all her support.



# Inspirational Leadership.

## Intergenerational Project with Sports Leaders

"I'd just like to highlight how amazing and mature our sports leaders were today. I can honestly say I have not come across a more well rounded, polite and mature group of young people. The way they interacted with our guests was simply amazing. They were

kind, caring, patient and overall just awesome. They gave a great school tour, showed the war memorial in the assembly,

then did a sitting/ chair Zumba session fol-

lowed by tea, coffee and cakes. They stayed and behind over their break and "free periods" to sit and chat with them (I had to drag them away!). I can

honestly say I have never been more proud of a group young people before and it's days like this when you remember that this is the best job in that world!"

A very proud Mr Else



Two new members of the PE Team stepped up to co-present SPOTY alongside our PE colleagues. Emma and Sonny after their year of developing leadership added a new dimension to this hugely successful night. They were incredibly professional and clearly enjoyed this leadership role. Well done - One Show next week?







# Our Overall Winner Was...

Congratulations to all nominees for Sports Personality of the Year and ultimately to Anna Flynn who takes the Trophy from big brother Sean.

Well done Anna a fantastic achievement.

## **SPOTY SENIOR WINNER**

- Anna Flynn

## **SENIOR 2nd place**

- Dylan Morrison

## **SENIOR 3rd place**

- Katy Coates

## **S3/4 SPOTY WINNER**

- Addie Hanley

## **S1/2 SPOTY WINNER**

- Daniel Leitch

## **Team of the Year**

- U15s girls football team

## **Club of the Year**

- Hockey

## **Outstanding Contribution to the PE department**

- Emma Barton

## **Special Recognition to school sport**

- Miss Boag

