

# KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### January 2020

#### **Welcome back**

We hope you all had a very enjoyable break over the last two weeks and we welcome all our pupils and staff back for the start of a new term and a new year.

#### **Staffing**

As of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, our Art Teacher Miss Richards is on Maternity Leave. We welcome Ms Strachan to KLB High to cover for her absence.

#### **Prelims**

These will be happening from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, all pupils will be given dates and times for any exams they are sitting, please remember that only National 5 and Higher subjects have exams so there are no prelims for National 4 subjects. Prelims are an important indication of progress for pupils and staff and form the basis of our estimates to SQA for the final exams so it is important that pupils treat them as a rehearsal for the final exams. Please find the Timetable attached.

#### **Lunchtime Supported Study Club**

This runs every day at 1.45 - 2.10pm for any pupils who wish to study for exams, do homework or complete classwork. A different Teacher is there each day to support pupils. This is a great opportunity for pupils to catch up on work missed or to revise for exams, especially those sitting prelims in a couple of weeks.

#### **Attendance**

A letter was given to each of our pupils with a print out of their attendance from August to Christmas and every pupil has had a conversation with Mrs MacDonald about targets for attendance in the coming months. Attendance is also taken into account in the reward scheme which this year will see many of our pupils going to Alton Towers if they achieve the required number of points.

#### **Christmas Events**

We had a busy run up to Christmas but an enjoyable one! Our annual Christmas Craft Fayre was the biggest yet and raised just under £900 for Highland Hospice; KLB Christmas Lights Committee and School Funds. It was an incredibly busy event and great to see so many people supporting the school and the exhibitors.

The Christmas Show was a great evening of entertainment. Many thanks to Miss Lockhart and all who assisted and of course the pupils who took part for making it such a successful event. The raffle and donations bucket raised an amazing £335.83 for school funds.

Our NWSS Christmas Jumper Day raised £136.71 for Save the Children.

All pupils over the ASG enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at school, many thanks to the catering staff for a lovely meal and for all their hard work looking after our pupils during the year.

The School Dance was a great success, well done to the Head Pupil Team and their band of helpers for organising it.

### **Immunisations**

The HPV immunisations for S1 pupils and some catch up pupils will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Please send back your forms if you have not already done so.

The DTP/MenACWY immunisation takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The consent forms will be issued to S3 pupils and any catch up pupils at the beginning of next week.

### **Driving Ambitions**

Our S5/6 pupils will be travelling to Ullapool on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February to take part in the driving ambitions day. This is run in partnership with all the emergency services providing advice, workshops and real life stories to promote driving responsibly and is specifically aimed at learner and new drivers.

### **Amsterdam Trip**

We have almost made all the arrangements and got all the activities booked for the trip to Amsterdam in February. We will issue an itinerary and kit list when all the details are in place. We will also let parents of pupils not going to Amsterdam know what we will be doing on the days your children are in school that week.

### **February Holidays**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February are holidays. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February is an inset Day. Pupils should return to school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Upcoming Music Trip**

The annual Highland Young Musicians Concerts will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Macdonald Resort, Aviemore. Some Kinlochbervie High School pupils will be performing in the Highland-wide ensembles so any interested S1-6 pupils are invited to take a day-trip to attend. We will take school transport to/from Aviemore. Costs for this trip will be dependent on numbers. Please ensure your child has registered their interest with Miss Lockhart by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Kenyan Connections Events**

Learning Opportunity: There will be a 6 Week "Taste of Kenya" evening course being run in the Church Hall, Kinlochbervie via North West Training Centre - learn Swahili, Kenyan Cooking & more. The course is FREE for S4-6 pupils. Staff and community members are also invited to sign up. Begins 25<sup>th</sup> February, more information will follow.

Possible Pupil Trip: The school hopes to take a pupil expedition to Kenya in 2021, there will be some informational meetings across this term to gauge interest and answer any questions parents and pupils may have. More details to follow.

### **Badminton Club**

We are looking for a couple of adult volunteers to run an after school badminton club this term. If you would like to help out (and participate too) then please contact Murdoch Jamieson our Active Schools Coordinator:

[murdoch.jamieson@highlifehighland.com](mailto:murdoch.jamieson@highlifehighland.com)

07825 116 499

### **Lunchtime Opportunities**

Mon-Fri: Lunchtime Supported Study Club from 1.45pm - open to all pupils; Break time Blitz Music Exam Rehearsals for senior pupils every morning interval  
Tues: Badminton Club  
Weds: String Group Rehearsals 1.45pm  
Thurs: Interhouse Competitions

### **After School Opportunities**

Tues, Weds & Thurs: Spin Biking Classes - KLB High 6pm - 7pm each evening - open all pupils (if tall enough for bike) and adults

As always should you have any queries or concerns please contact me at the school.

Graeme Smart

Head Teacher