

*Dear Parent/Carer,*



We were delighted to see JGC Vice-captain, Calum Wyness, continue the tradition of throwing up the Candlemas Ba'. This event happens at 12 noon every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and we are pleased that this year will see the return of the Jethart Hand Ba' on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

All parents should have received a separate communication about arrangements for pupils who wish to participate/spectate on the day. We must have parental permission for any pupil wishing to leave school early.

If you are new to our community and would like to find out more about this local event you can go to:

[Jedburgh Hand Ba' \(calendarcustoms.com\)](http://calendarcustoms.com)

[In pictures: Jedburgh's ba' game battles - BBC News](#)

We are very grateful to local Hand Ba' stalwarts, Billy Gillies and Tam Miller, for sharing with us the story of the last holder of the title "King of the Grammar School", Thomas Colledge Hamilton who threw up the Candlemas Ba from 1884-1886 as a pupil, and then continued the honour for the next 54 years until his death in 1941. We were also delighted that we have been loaned the dux medal, awarded to him in 1889, and look forward to sharing his story and the history of the Ba' with pupils, prior to this year's event.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.



Susan Oliver  
Headteacher

### **Family Learning**

Borders based charity ParentSpace are offering wellbeing workshops for parents. The following evening sessions will be delivered online:

Thursday 24 March [information and booking here](#)

Thursday 7 April [information and booking here](#)

In-person workshops are being offered in Duns, Eyemouth, Hawick and Galashiels [dates and booking here](#)

### **Lost Property**

We have amassed a considerable amount of lost property in the PE Department (from all age groups) and would like to ensure items are returned to their rightful owners. The items have been placed near the front entrance to the campus, and we would welcome parents collecting them. Please wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser provided.

## Learning at JGC

It's great to see how digital technology is being used to enhance learning and teaching across the campus! S2 pupils have been learning about nets of 3D shapes and their surface areas. They used polydrons to investigate the faces needed to make 3D shapes and help them draw nets of the shapes onto their OneNote.



We are delighted to have received Sphero BOLT coding robots, as part of the Inspire Learning programme, and have been trying out some coding art this week. We are looking forward to exploring how these can be used by all age groups and can't wait to use the Sphero indi robot car with our early years children!



P7 were involved in a Dragons' Den event last term and this week the winning group and runners-up turned their ideas into reality with the help of our Home Economics teacher, Miss Mackay.



## Respect

P4 have been reflecting on why they should respect themselves and have created their own "I am ..." rainbows to highlight the qualities they have.

## Wellbeing

We were pleased to see so many young people and staff participate in Time to Talk day yesterday and today all S5 pupils participated in Mental Health Awareness training, organised by representatives from Quarriers and SBC and facilitated by our S5/6 See Me Ambassadors.



## **2022 SQA Arrangements**

National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams are expected to take place in April to June 2022. The Scottish Government will only cancel the exams if public health advice restricts physical gatherings at the time the exams are due to take place.

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) has continued to closely monitor the levels of disruption to learning and teaching across the country, including learner and staff absences.

As a result, SQA is providing revision support for learners during week beginning 7 March, to help your child prepare and focus their revision, in the run up to the exams.

It is important that this information is not provided too far in advance of the exams, to ensure your child has had the opportunity to complete the learning for their courses and focus on their coursework before their attention moves more fully to preparing for exams.

The type of revision support for each course will depend on the modifications to assessment that SQA already made at the start of the session to help reduce the workload of learners and their teachers and lecturers. It will also be tailored to reflect the types of questions that are in the exam and will therefore differ across courses. For some courses, this will include advice and guidance on what topics your child should focus their revision on.

A table showing the type of revision support that will be provided for each course is now available on the SQA website. [View the table on the SQA website.](#)

Education Scotland, in partnership with e-Sgoil, is also running a series of study support webinars for learners working towards National Qualifications in 2022. Details can be found on the [e-Sgoil website](#).

## **Options Process 2022**

All young people in S2 – S5 are involved in the options process. To support them class teachers will be sharing information on the content and structure of the courses we are planning to offer. We will also be supporting each young person with an individual choices interview.

The S3 and S4-S6 choice sheets will be issued before the February break. Detailed choice booklets will be available via our website in the very near future and completed options sheets should be returned to the school office by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## **Parents and Carers Information Evening – SQA & Options Process**

To provide support we will be offering a session on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30pm. The meeting will be on Teams and you will be able to access it through your child's iPad.

6.30pm – SQA Update

7.00pm – Options Process

You are welcome to join for either or both sessions.

*Keep up to date with what's going on in the campus by following our dedicated Facebook pages for Jedburgh Grammar Campus Primary & Secondary and our Jedburgh ELC closed Facebook group.*

**Kindness**

**Achievement**

**Learning**

**Respect**

**Wellbeing**