

Dear Parent/Carer,

I often say I am the luckiest headteacher in the country and this week two events have made me particularly proud.



On Sunday, our campus value of respect was displayed impeccably by children and young people taking part in the town's Armistice Day parade. It was great to see so many current pupils and recent former pupils participating, as members of JGC Junior and Senior Head Teams, Brownies, Guides, Cadets, Scouts and the Pipe Band. Carys Williams and Archie Borthwick laid a wreath on behalf of JGC pupils and staff.

On Tuesday Mrs Warnock, Miss Hall, Mr Johnston and I were privileged to join our Director of Education, Lesley Munro, to deliver the keynote address at the Learning Places Scotland 2023 conference in Glasgow.

Following a welcome from Andy Dailly, who is Head of School Building for Scottish Government, we shared with the delegates how the whole community came together to establish the campus and how the move has transformed the opportunities and experiences we can offer. It was lovely to be able to share our journey with others and to receive feedback that delegates found what we were doing inspirational.



A video montage including our children, young people and staff talking about what they love about the campus was appreciated by everyone, but it was a couple of our Growing Together community volunteers who stole the show!

Have a great weekend.



Susan Oliver
Headteacher

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Home Economics update

Following on from the Estate Day that S2 took part in at the Hirsell, we were delighted that once again someone from the community offered us pheasants to use in school. On Tuesday morning 50 were delivered at 8.30am and by 9.40am they were all de-breasted for HE, and the hearts removed for Biology by 9.45am! We will be making pheasant goujons or a stir fry after Christmas. We are very grateful to the Jedburgh community for providing us with local produce and continue to teach our young people where our food comes from.



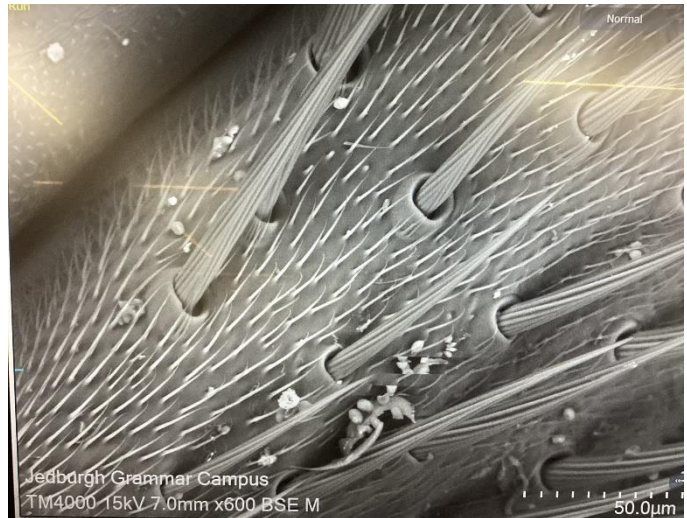
Rotary Young Chef Competition 2023

We were very pleased to be asked by the Rotary Club of Jedburgh to take part in this event again, after a break due to the pandemic. The task was to cook and present a two-course meal in 1.5 hours. In school we only get 50 mins for a practical lesson so this was going to be a big challenge for them all. There were a few nerves at the start but very quickly they were in full swing and no disasters occurred! The judges were super impressed at what the young people (ranging in age from 12-16) produced and had a very hard job of selecting a winner with very fine margins between all 9 who took part. As they say there can only be one winner and this was Hannah Craig from S2 with Kieran Cowan taking second. Well done to everyone who took part and we look forward to taking part in the event next year with the invaluable help of the local Rotarians.



STEM

We are very excited to be hosting a Scanning Electron Microscope for a few weeks. The microscope, which has much greater magnification than a light microscope, has been loaned by Hitachi High-Tech in conjunction with The Natural History Museum and the Royal Microscopical Society. The school has joined the Institute for Research in Schools and obtained the microscope for a research project into fibres which will involve students and the wider public. The project was chosen because of Jedburgh's historic connections with fibre manufacturing through the wool industry and the rayon mill. If you have connections to growing wool, the rayon mill or are just interested in the project, please get in touch with Sara Lambard on slambard1@glow.sch.uk or contact the school (01835 863273). Details of an Open Evening to follow!



Developing the Young Workforce

On Monday young people from S4-S6 who expressed an interest in working in the health sector will begin participation in the NHS Borders Virtual Work Placement

This programme is an opportunity for pupils to gain SQA Level 5 Virtual Work Experience Unit. The course will be spread over 4 weeks on different days in the morning to allow for minimum disruption to senior classes.

Pupils will gain in-depth knowledge on a variety of different Services available through NHS and will demonstrate employability skills including planning, organisation, communication, reporting and presenting. They will identify skills and qualifications required for job roles within health and social care and demonstrate an awareness of the importance of procedures and confidentiality. This programme will allow pupils to gain a greater overview of the Health Sector.

On Wednesday 22nd November interested pupils from S4-S6 and all S3 pupils will have the opportunity to meet various NHS Borders representatives who will shed light on both clinical and non-clinical career options within the NHS. This presents an excellent chance for our young individuals to gain insights from professionals regarding the extensive array of roles available in the healthcare sector. Students will have the opportunity to directly engage with these experts, enquire about job responsibilities, and explore the necessary skills, attributes, as well as the different routes and pathways into the Health Sector.

P2 on tour

P2 had a fabulous visit to Abbotsford House this week, where they learned about 'all things castles'. They were a credit to themselves and to the school and displayed the campus values throughout as well as learning lots from the experts.



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