



Wick High School

Newsletter *May 2015*

Important dates & events:

- New timetable starts Tuesday 2nd June.
- New S1 pupils to visit the school on 9th & 10th June.
- INSET day on Monday 1st June

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New Timetable

Our new timetable for session 2015-16 begins on Tuesday 2nd June. As you will learn below we are also moving on this date to a 33 period week as opposed to the current 30 period model.

Pupils should expect to receive their new timetables on the morning of June 2nd in registration.

School Dress Code

Through consultation with pupils we have revised our school dress code. The full version will soon be available on our website.

The school dress code is:

- Dark plain black trousers, jeans or skirts
- A black or a white shirt with or without the school tie
- Sweatshirt, hooded top, fleece, blazer or zipped top in black (no logos or markings).
- A black or a white T-shirt or polo shirt
- Black or white shoes or trainers

New School Day

From Tuesday June 2nd Wick High School will be moving to a 33 period week in line with other schools in Highland. In order to make this work two days in the week,

Tuesday and Wednesday will be composed of seven periods rather than the current six. As you will see in the diagram below, the school start and finish time remain unchanged

(9.00am - 3.30pm) but the timings of break and lunchtime vary depending on the day of the week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reg	09.00 - 09.10	09.00 - 09.10	09.00 - 09.10	09.00 - 09.10	09.00 - 09.10
1	09.10 - 10.00	09.10 - 10.00	09.10 - 10.00	09.10 - 10.00	09.10 - 10.00
2	10.00 - 10.50	10.00 - 10.45	10.00 - 10.45	10.00 - 10.50	10.00 - 10.50
Break	10.50 - 11.05	10.45 - 11.00	10.45 - 11.00	10.50 - 11.05	10.50 - 11.05
3	11.05 - 12.00	11.00 - 11.45	11.00 - 11.45	11.05 - 12.00	11.05 - 12.00
4	12.00 - 12.55	11.45 - 12.30	11.45 - 12.30	12.00 - 12.55	12.00 - 12.55
Lunch	12.55 - 1.40	12.30 - 1.15	12.30 - 1.15	12.55 - 1.40	12.55 - 1.40
5	1.40 - 2.35	1.15 - 2.00	1.15 - 2.00	1.40 - 2.35	1.40 - 2.35
6	2.35 - 3.30	2.00 - 2.45	2.00 - 2.45	2.35 - 3.30	2.35 - 3.30
7		2.45 - 3.30	2.45 - 3.30		

Superhero Day!

On Friday 22nd June Wick High School staff and pupils dressed up as their favourite Superhero characters to raise money for Moray Firth Radio's Cash For Kids charity appeal. A great day was had by all raising £137.82 for the charity. Well done to all those who organised the event and took part.



Caithness U15 Rugby North of Scotland Cup Triumph

The Caithness under 15s rugby team picked up the North of Scotland Cup last week after a convincing 25-12 victory over Mackie. The game, played at Canal Park in Inverness, featured a number of our pupils who play for the county side.

Wick High School would like to congratulate all the lads and staff of the club on a superb victory.



Youth Philanthropy Initiative Final

This week saw our school's final of The Youth Philanthropy Initiative, a competition run nationally by The Wood Group. 32 groups of S2 pupils took part in the competition representing 19 local charities in a bid to win £3000 of funding. Each group worked with their tutor teacher to create a presentation outlining the charity of their choice, the work that they do and what they would do with the prize money.

The final, held in front of all S1 & S2 pupils was a tight affair but was eventually won by Jamie Shepherd, Aidan Sutherland, Kerrie Sutherland and Elle Harrold, representing Caithness Mental Health Support Group.

We'd like to thank the charities, guest judges, S2 tutors and pupils who made the event such a success.

S1-3 Surfing Trip

On Thursday 21st May our S1-3 pupils were given the chance to try surfing at Dunnet beach. Thankfully the weather held out for them and they had an amazing time learning how to take part in what is becoming a fast-growing Caithness activity! Many thanks to Mr McColl for organising the trip and to Miss Davis for helping to supervise.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions



This week over 90 adventurous S3 pupils braved the Caithness climate to complete a two day hike and overnight camp as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Their route took them from Haster to their final destination at The Hill O' Many Stanes via an overnight camp at Camster.

This expedition marks the culmination of a full academic year's worth of preparation and training through their tutor time periods.

As well as this training the pupils have been instrumental in helping to fund raise towards the cost of the trip.