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Perth & Kinross Council

**Creeff High School**

# School Newsletter

We were delighted last week to welcome a delegation of teachers and students from the Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Secondary School in Hong Kong. Headteacher, Lucy Poon, first visited Creeff High School eighteen months ago and was keen to come back for a longer visit with pupils. The group of seven, the Headteacher, one teacher and five students reported that they had a very enjoyable week mixing visits to classes with several cultural / sightseeing visits and lunch on Wednesday with Convener Elizabeth Grant, John Fyffe, Executive Director of Education & Children's Services, Maria Walker, Depute Director and Chris Webb, Head of Education. I am very grateful to Lottie van Grieken, Peigi Rodan and Kate Appleby, who with their families, welcomed the Chinese students into their homes for the week and gave them a true taste of Scottish life. We look forward to returning the visit, perhaps next year.



Last week saw the start of Standard Grade examinations and the exam diet is now well under way. Years 1—3 are to be praised for their considerate conduct in keeping exam areas quiet and disturbance free. Candidates appear calm, well organised and well prepared. We wish them all the very best.

Finally, in preparation to the move to the new Campus, I would like to reconvene the Uniform Focus Group, to look particularly at our school tie. If any of you are interested in joining this group, please contact me at the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Christine E Ross, Headteacher*

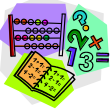
## Dates for your Diary for May and June

<b>Thursday, 14th May:</b>	<b>Parent Staff Partnership Meeting (7.00pm)</b>
<b>11th — 22nd May:</b>	<b>S3 Work Experience</b>
<b>Thursday, 21st May:</b>	<b>S1—S3 Activity Day 1</b>
<b>Friday, 22nd May:</b>	<b>S1—3 Activity Day 2</b>
	<b>SQA Standard Grade Exams end</b>
<b>Monday, 26th May:</b>	<b>S1—S3 Sports Heats</b>
<b>Thursday, 28th May:</b>	<b>S1—S3 Sports Day</b>
<b>Friday, 29th May:</b>	<b>S1 Reports home</b>
<b>Wednesday, 3rd June:</b>	<b>S1 parents Evening (5.00pm)</b>
<b>Monday, 8th June:</b>	<b>New timetable begins</b>
<b>Wednesday, 10th June:</b>	<b>SQA exams end</b>
<b>Thursday, 11th June:</b>	<b>P7 Induction Day</b>
	<b>P7 Parent Open Evening (7.00—9.00pm)</b>
<b>Friday, 13th June:</b>	<b>P7 Induction Day</b>
<b>Monday, 22nd June:</b>	<b>Annual Awards Ceremony, Creeff Parish Church</b>
<b>Wednesday, 1st July:</b>	<b>Summer Term ends (noon)</b>

# NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

## European Maths Challenge

Following on from her stunning performance in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge for S3 and S4, Katie McConnell in S4 took part in the European version bizarrely referred to as the Pink Kangaroo. Approx 3000 students from the UK took part. Not only did she qualify in the first place but Katie ranked in the top 25% of this group gaining a Merit Certificate. Well done Katie!



## Skills for Work— Uniformed and Emergency Services

This is a new course that will be introduced in the new session for S3. The aim of the course is to develop the pupils' skills if they were to be employed in this sector. It will also give them an introduction to what is involved when working in this sector



The relevant uniformed services for this Course are: the Army, Merchant Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Royal Marines. The relevant emergency services for this Course are: the Ambulance Service, Coastguard, Fire and Rescue and Police.

We are looking for members of the community, particularly former pupils who work or have worked in this sector to come to school at a mutually convenient date to talk with the class. If you would be interested in doing this please contact the school.

## Primary 7 Transition - Sports Leaders

As part of the transition process for our incoming first year pupils for next session, the PE department together with the Active Schools coordinators for the Crieff High cluster held a sports festival on Monday 27th April. One hundred and twenty P7 pupils from all our associated primary schools experienced a choice of Hockey, Football, Rugby, Rounders, Basketball and Netball. The activities were led by Crieff High pupils from 3rd to 5th year currently studying the Sports Leader UK Level 1 course and the Hockey leaders award which aims to give them the skills required to prepare, organise and run a sporting activity. The primary pupils had a fantastic experience and both Primary and High school staff were full of praise for the Sports Leaders. Well done!



## Home Economics Department

Congratulations to the large number of pupils in S4 and S5 who recently received their Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate from The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland. These pupils have been following a range of courses within the department including Intermediate 1 & 2 Hospitality and Higher Lifestyle and Consumer Technology. This valuable qualification will be an asset to any of our pupils who wish to pursue a career in the food industry, or even work in the food industry to supplement their income whilst studying for further qualifications. Well done to you all!



## FRENCH EXCHANGE VISIT

Our French Exchange students pay a return visit to our school in September. Our partner school in Cognac has more students wishing to come to Scotland and consequently we are looking for more host families.

If you are willing to host a pupil from Cognac in September, please contact Mrs Yates at Crieff High School on 01764 653383 or give your child a note.

## YEARBOOK & TREASURE MAP

Crieff High School's 2008/2009 Yearbook now available. Cost £10.00. Also Treasure Map at £1.00 per square— £100 prize money.



## BAG PACKING FUNDRAISER FOR NEW SCHOOL—NEWSPAPER & YOUNG ENTERPRISE GROUP

On Saturday 25 April, the S6 Young Enterprise group accompanied by Mr Cairns and Miss Graham spent the day bag packing in Somerfield, Crieff. The aim of the fundraiser was twofold and was designed to raise funds for a new school newspaper which has recently been published in the school and to raise funds for the Young Enterprise Group. After the success and high demand for the first newspaper, work is currently underway on the summer edition of the newspaper which is hoped to be complete and on sale in Somerfield from 17 June and will be targeting the local/wider community. The event itself was very successful with a grand total of £483 being raised. For further information on the school newspaper, you can contact Mr Cairns at the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support and very generous donations on the day. Well done to everyone involved.



Miss Graham & Mr Cairns