

## Head Lines

Once again our students have achieved a great deal over the session, all of which we continue to celebrate through school assemblies and the school website. We were delighted to recognise and celebrate some of these achievements recently at our Junior and Senior Awards Ceremonies.

This Newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the activities that our students take part in, both within and out of school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

*Pauline Allison, Head Teacher*

### S3 Wellbeing Day a Great Success

All S3 students took part in the Wellbeing Day which was an all day event focusing on improving Physical and Mental Health. The purpose of the day was to highlight issues that young people face, offer advice and signposting for support.

During the day students attended workshops on:

**Keeping Physically Fit** - The Army

**Dealing with Stress** - Keith Cook (Olympic Fencing Medalist)

**Healthy Relationships** - DASAT

**Improving Mental Health** - Your Space - school Counselling service

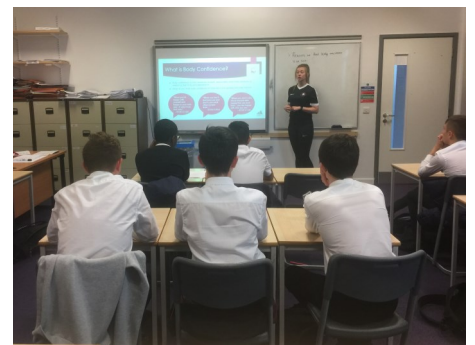
**Mindfulness** - Mrs Emmett

**Be Real Campaign** (Body Image) - Miss Riddell

All students fully engaged in the sessions and the feedback received shows that students felt the sessions were relative to current issues they face as teenagers. Guest speakers who led the workshops commented on the outstanding behaviour and attitude of the students.

Students were also given fresh fruit to finish the day. This was kindly donated by Tesco Bathgate.

Overall the event was a great success and we look forward to improving on this in future years.





# Developing the Young Workforce

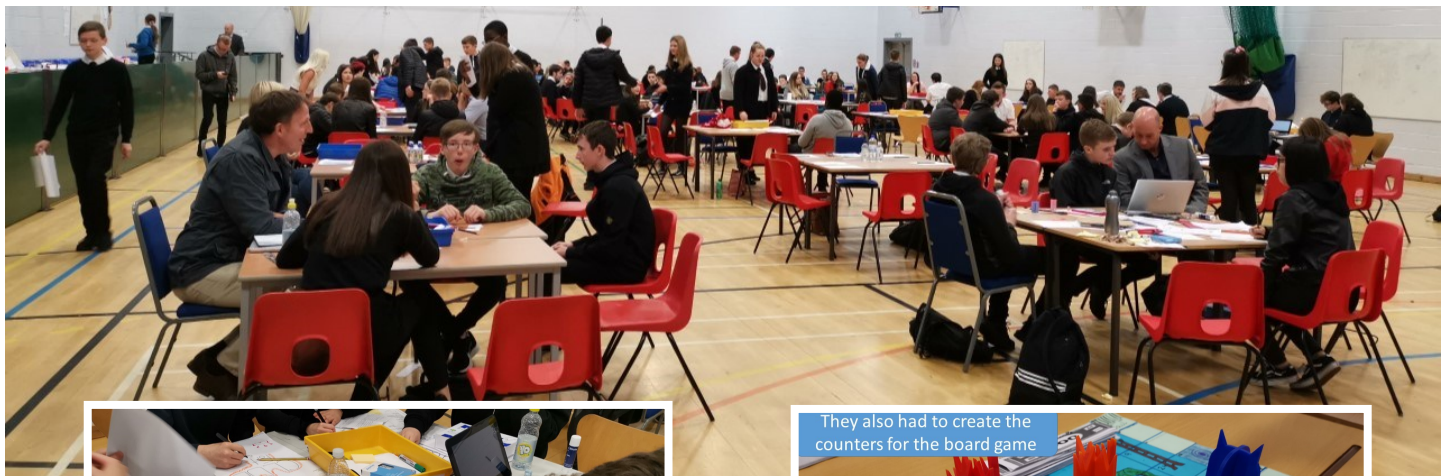


## S3 Enterprise Day

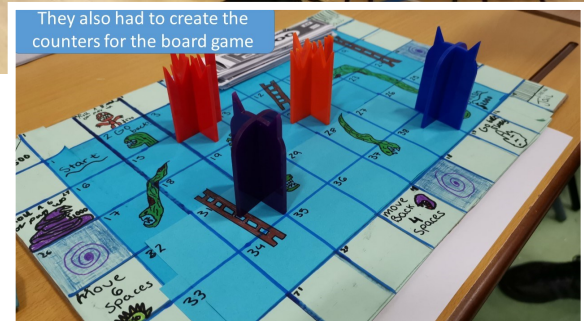
Our S3's were involved in our annual Enterprise day. 30 employers gave up a day to work with groups of up to 6 students to complete a number of tasks.

The brief was to design, market, manufacture and do a sales pitch to a business owner.

The day went extremely well with the employers commenting on how impressed they were with the creativity and ingenuity on the day.



Their task was to create a board game and pitch their idea



They also had to create the counters for the board game

## Feeding Britains Future Event

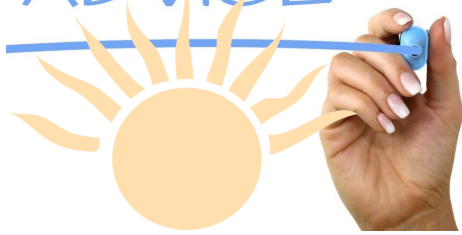
In May we had a group of 7 volunteers from local businesses involved in the food and grocery industry in school for a DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) event. They worked with 50 students over two workshops to relate how the skills which employers will be looking for in the future are currently being taught throughout all classes within their Broad General Education. These skills were further developed on the day and both student's and volunteers left feeling that this had been an excellent experience for all involved.

We would like to thank Richard, who presented the course and "IGD Feeding Britains Future" for coming in to school to work with our students.



# CAREERS

## ADVICE



## Careers Adviser Support

Evelyn Rogers the Skills Development Scotland Careers Adviser is keen to remind anyone who is not fixed up with something to do after leaving school to get in touch with her.

Evelyn will continue to come in to school on Tuesdays, 9.00am-3.00pm during the Summer holidays to offer help to anyone who wants support. No appointment needed, just drop in.

**Contact Evelyn direct to confirm a date and time to meet.**  
**E: [evelyn.rogers@sds.co.uk](mailto:evelyn.rogers@sds.co.uk)**

## London Trip

Earlier this month a group of 38 students and 5 staff got up bright and early to travel to London for three days of theatre, sightseeing and Harry Potter! Our first day took us to the West End for a production of Les Misérables and there wasn't a dry eye in the house - even Mr Anderson was spotted shedding a wee tear!

The following day we travelled in to Central London to visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, where we learned what it was like to be a groundling, and the London Bridge Experience, where we time travelled through 2000 years' worth of history of the famous bridge. Those bold enough also braved the London Tombs - certainly not something any of us will forget in a hurry! In the evening we went back to the West End to see an excellent production of Matilda.

On our final day, we travelled to the Harry Potter Studio Tour and spent several hours immersing ourselves in the wizarding world before heading back to the bus for the long journey home.

Mrs Vanson, Mr Anderson, Mrs McAleer, Mr Stewart and Nicola from PSA would like to thank the students on the trip for making it such an enjoyable experience, and we hope you all had fun.



## Food Hygiene Course

The Home Economics staff are delighted to announce that fifty-seven S3 students gain their REHIS (Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland) certificates this month.

The Elementary Food Hygiene Course is a nationally recognised qualification which employers in food production and food service industry ie hotels, restaurants, fast food outlets, supermarkets, children's nurseries, care homes are requiring.



## Dates for your Diary

Staff In-service	19	Aug
Staff In-service	20	Aug
Students Resume	21	Aug
All Break	13	Sep
Staff Resume	17	Sep
Students Resume	18	Sep
All Break	11	Oct
Staff Resume	21	Oct
Students Resume	22	Oct
Term Ends	20	Dec



# Expressive Arts



## RCS Music Leaders

This year 5 Music students have completed a new course in collaboration with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Alongside their studies and lessons, students have had to take part in public recitals whilst also leading the schools Cluster Wind Band, Brass Ensemble, Choir or taken theory classes with young students.

Here, Molly Stewart (S5) and Cayleigh Clark (S4) performed and conducted the Deans Cluster Band for parents and carers.



## Pipe Band Success

West Lothian School's Pipe Band have got their season off to a great start.

So far they have placed:

- 1st Scottish Pipe Band Championships
- 1st Indoor Championships
- 1st Dunbar Games
- 2nd British Pipe Band Championships
- 2nd UK Championships



We wish them the best of luck for the rest of the season which takes place over the summer holidays.

They have also performed at Linlithgow Marches, Gardening Scotland, The Royal Highland Show with Deans Resident Soul Band and at the Young Scot Awards at Edinburgh Castle where they spoke to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.



## Download our App

Tue 12th Mar 2019				
	Easter School Timetable for Easter School 2019			
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# Expressive Arts



## Soul Band Perform at Pride Fundraiser

The Deans Resident Soul Band performed at this years West Lothian Pride Fundraiser at the Midnight Breakfast Club in Bathgate.

Although they narrowly missed out on winning a spot on the Pride stage in July, their performance had the audience in The Midnight Breakfast Club on their feet.



## Advanced Higher and RCS Recital Evening

Students in the Advanced Higher Music class and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Music Leaders performed for an audience at this years music recital evening in the Deans theatre.

*Everyone really enjoyed the evening, well done to all performers!*



## Goodbye Mrs Scobie and Mrs Thain

The Music Department is sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Thain and Mrs Scobie this summer. Mrs Thain leaves us to enjoy a life of retirement. She has been a well known face in the department for over 10 years and she will be sorely missed but we wish her a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Scobie leaves Deans this summer to begin her primary teacher training. Mrs Scobie has been a regular face at Deans and has led the Senior Wind Band and Cluster Band for many years racking up an impressive 11 Gold Awards over the years. She will be sorely missed in Deans and we wish her all the best in her teacher training.

## Scott Grant Award

Rebecca MacDonald (S4) was this years winner of the Scott Grant Award at the Deans Award Ceremony.

Rebecca has been heavily involved in the music depart this year taking part in Choir, Senior Wind Band, Brass Ensemble, RCS Music Leaders, Theory Classes, School Show to name a only few.

Outside school Rebecca is also heavily involved with National Youth Choir of Scotland and many other musical activities.

**Well done Rebecca!**



## Coming Soon...

Deans Community High School present Legally Blonde the Musical.

Tickets will go on sale early next term with performances taking place 8th, 9th and 10th October.



# Charity Fundraising 2018-19



## The Charity Committee



### S4 Charity fundraising

- McMillan
- Wear it Pink
- Jeans for Genes
- Dog's Trust
- Jak's Den



# Community Coffee Morning





S1 Orienteering



House of Lords Debate

West Lothian School Sport Partnership 2018-19

## secondary schools sports league

Scoring system for all finals and one off events highlighted in green text on the calendar:

Points	Placing
1	11
2	10
3	9
4	8
5	7
6	6
7	5
8	4
9	3
10	2
11	1

Position	School Name	Overall Points	Overall Wins
1	St Margaret's Academy	304	7
2	Deans CHS	285	2
3	Bathgate Academy	281	2
4	Linlithgow Academy	176	7
5	St Kentigern's Academy	170	1
6	Armada Academy	152	2
7	The James Young HS	140	
8	Broxburn Academy	117	2
9	West Calder HS	114	
10	Inverlmond CHS	112	
11	Whitburn Academy	38	

**Final standings after 45 events**

Scoring system for all friendly events highlighted in black text on the calendar:

Points – 3pts for all schools that attend

For more information please contact:  
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West Lothian Council

## Our School Uniform

- Deans jumper/tank-top or plain black jumper/cardigan.
- Plain black school trousers or skirt.
- Black school shorts or black chino type shorts (not sport or denim).
- Tights should be black or neutral.
- White shirt (short or long sleeved).
- S1-4 'junior' tie.
- S5-6 'senior' tie.
- Black shoes (must be ALL black - NO coloured logos, laces, black and white Converse, etc).
- S1-S6 black school blazer. (recommended).



## Physical Education Newsletter Links – May and June

P.E. News - May 2019: <https://sway.office.com/47zXPiIvTgG6riZB?ref=Link>

P.E. News - June 2019: <https://sway.office.com/KU3jq31hKuNZGy45?>



Our website - [www.deanscommunityhighschool.com](http://www.deanscommunityhighschool.com) - contains a wealth of information and updates on what's taking place in Deans. I would encourage you to take a few minutes to have a look at what's going on. We also like to celebrate wider achievement in Deans and welcome contact regarding student achievement out with school. Please email: [wdeans-chs@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wdeans-chs@westlothian.org.uk)

