

EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS 22nd FEBRUARY 2019



LGBT Silver Charter Award

At the in service day on Friday 15th February, the last piece of our LGBT Silver Charter Award was complete when Ann Marriot from LGBT Scotland delivered training to all our teaching, auxiliary and office staff.

The LGBT Charter of Rights is a list of rights based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) that some LGBT people feel that they are denied due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Created by a group of LGBT young people, and wider stakeholders, the LGBT Charter describes basic rights such as the right to be yourself, the right to privacy, be kept safe from harm and the right to an education, which most people take for granted.

It is the responsibility of every organisation to value diversity and promote good practice in terms of LGBT equality. Homophobia, biphobia and transphobia are still a problem in Scotland and LGBT people can face this on a daily basis. Only by raising awareness and sending out positive messages to LGBT people and society can we challenge discrimination and promote and enjoy a more inclusive society.

LGBT Youth Scotland and Earlston High School have worked closely together for a number of years, and we have been commended for the support and engagement we have offered to our LGBTI young people. As a school we have regularly engaged with LGBT Youth Scotland's national work, and have been ambassadors for taking numerous initiatives forward.

It takes a dedicated staff team to provide the commitment which ensures that this work is, and remains an active and meaningful process. We particularly thank and recognise the work by Mr Christensen, Mr Sinclair, Mr Adam, Mrs McDonald, Mr Hayes, Mrs Thomson and all the students from the LGBT+ Allies for taking this work forward.

This has been a rewarding journey and it is a pleasure to receive the award at Silver Level.





Tennis Success

Congratulations to Captain Alice, Annique, Ailsa and Felicity who have qualified for the Quarter Finals of the Schools Scottish Cup. This is the first time in the school's history that we have been represented at this level in the cup. The girls were amazing and showed real resilience against a tough team, Mary Erskine from Edinburgh. The matches took place at DL Corstorphine. Two of the three 1st round matches went to match tie breaks and 2nd round matches were also very closely contested.

The Quarter Final will be a home tie for Earlston against Boroughmuir High School. EHS boys will play Merchiston Castle School in the 3rd round of the boys' tournament. Dates are still to be confirmed for these matches. Special thanks to Borders Tennis Centre for all they do in supporting our young tennis players