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#### <u>House Competition – UNO</u>

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October during lunchtime students flocked to the assembly hall to participate in the UNO house competition. The heat was on as the students sat around tables and attacked each other with Wild Cards and Plus-4s and yelled UNO! at the tops of their voices. In the end Tweed prevailed and came out on top with the most points, maintaining their first place on the house leader board. Overall, everyone who attended had a great time.

### New Staff Member – Mr Findlay (PE)

This year we have many new teachers join EHS, one of whom is Mr Findlay in the PE department. We asked him a few questions about how he had been settling in so far this term. After enjoying his student placement in our PE department last year so much, he has decided to come back to us! We asked Mr Findlay if he was enjoying his time here, to which he said he was, and that we have been very welcoming. His favourite thing about Earlston is the positive attitude of the students and their attentiveness towards the school's values. He found the PE department very welcoming on his placements and looks forward to working them in the years to come.

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#### S1s Settling-In

With 194 new S1 pupils in school for almost a month and a half, we decided to ask a handful of them on how they've had settled down in the new environment. We asked them a few questions like how they're doing in classes, and if they do any extra-curricular school clubs.

First we asked them what their favourite classes were, what they liked most about the classes, how they were keeping up in work and what their thoughts were on the new amount of homework they were getting. The students' favourite classes varied but many mentioned that their favourites were Art, Maths and Science classes.

The pupils we asked said the teachers were very helpful in helping them in their classes. Some said on their 2 day visit they were initially a bit intimidated of how big the school was, but after the sixth years helped them find ways to classes, and walked with them to make sure they got there, or how they had been helping in their class as a helper making their learning experience even better, they didn't feel at all intimidated.

We also asked how the first years were finding the social aspect of High School to find out had they settled into new friendship groups or if they had stayed with their friends from primary. All of the pupils said to us that they were fitting in just fine and had made many new friends, whether it had been through their classes or sports clubs like hockey and basketball. One pupil mentioned that a good proportion of her new friends had come from attending lunch time activities such as the science club and house competitions. All in all, the first part of the term has been a successful one for our new S1 pupils!

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#### **Fire Safety Talk**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, David Wilson from the Scottish Fire and Rescue service spoke to all of the pupils in S1. David went through a presentation on firework and bonfire safety. One S1 pupils said it was a very relevant talk with bonfire night approaching soon. Many thanks to David for taking the time to come and speak to our pupils.

