

Earlston High School



Friday 21 June 2019

Dear Pupil/Parent/Carer/Colleague

End of Term - Summer Update

After a month which included sports day, Model United Nations, leavers' celebrations and the best school show in Scotland, I think everyone is due a well-deserved holiday.

The success of our great school is a team effort, every individual playing their unique role. I would like to thank all our committed staff, pupils, families and friends for all they do for the family of Earlston High School throughout the academic year.

Examination Results 2019

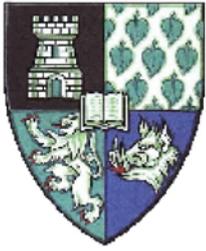
Our young people will receive their SQA examination results on Tuesday 6 August 2019. We wish them success for these results, however, in some rare cases students will be disappointed by their grades. In the past, Earlston High School was able to appeal grades which were not what a student was expecting. However, this is no longer the case. The post results service is only valid where there appears to be an anomaly in the result that could suggest a marking error. **Please do not contact the school to request marking reviews.**

On the first day back for teachers we will scrutinise results and will submit marking reviews where there is sufficient evidence that it might be successful. We will contact parents/carers for written consent should this be the case. Written consent will be obtained from both pupil and parent/carers, with an acknowledgement that the grade may go down as well as up.

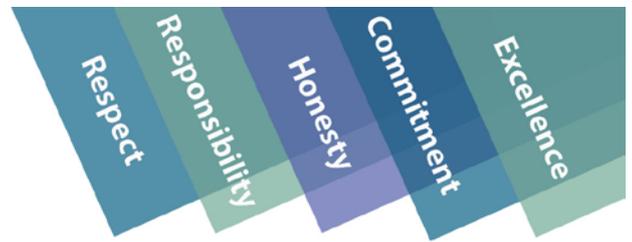
Please note that in the event of any priority marking review requests for leavers we will communicate with relevant parents/carers by Tuesday **27 August 2019**.

For those returning to EHS in August, Principal Teachers of Pupil Support (Guidance) will be available on **Tuesday 20 August 2018** (in-service day) between **9.00 am - 12.00** to discuss changes to course options. As this is a drop-in service (no appointments) please be prepared to wait to speak to your Guidance teacher.

We wish all of our pupils the very best on results day.



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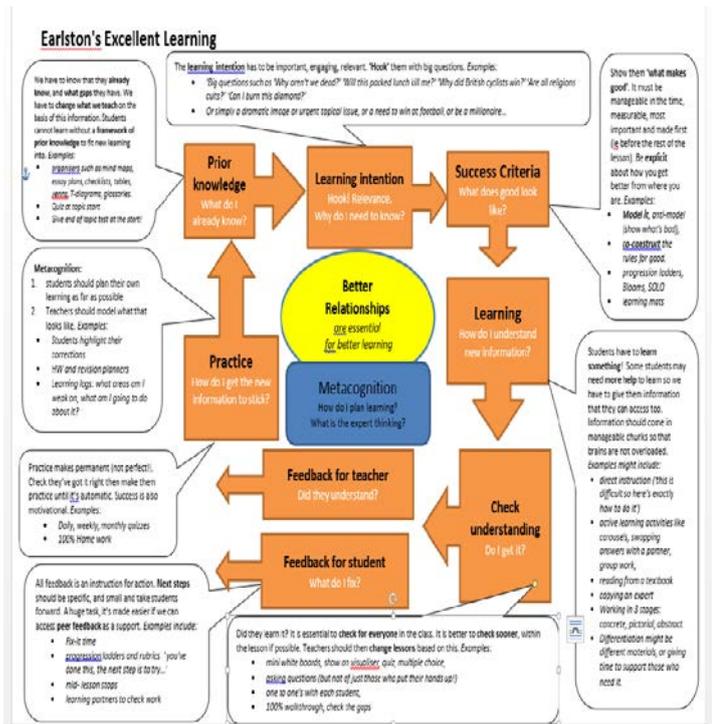


School Improvement Planning

I would like to thank the Parent Council, pupils and staff for their input into the school improvement planning process. In order to identify key school improvements for 2019/20 we conducted a series of focus groups, surveys and analysed school data. Our key focus areas for next session will be:

- Priority 1 – Ensuring Equity at Earlston through “poverty proofing” our school.
- Priority 2 – Earlston’s Excellent Learning – improving learning and teaching.
- Priority 3 – Enhancing the Broad General Education (S1-S3)

Our priorities are delivered through our four main school programmes:



As a member of our school community we always try to demonstrate our school values.

Respect
Commitment
Responsibility
Honesty
Excellence

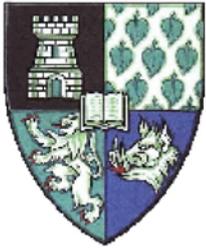
Values in Action

EARLSTON CLUSTER SCHOOLS
UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS
UNIQUE APPROACHES

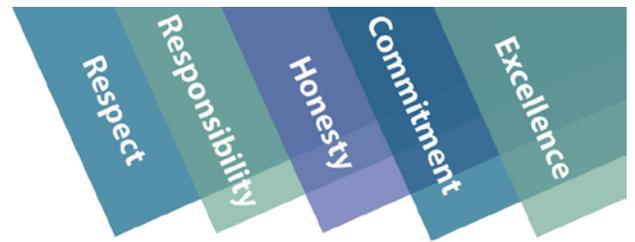
An innovative partnership for the relentless pursuit of equity and excellence

Golden Skills

Communication
Critical Thinking
Independent Working
Organisation
Problem Solving



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Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our staffing for session 2019/20.

Many thanks to Miss Eilidh Durston, Teacher of Humanities and Mr David Glen, Teacher of Physics who both passed their probation with us this year – we wish them a fulfilling professional career. Last month we also said farewell to Dr John Grant and Mrs Sheila Grant – we cannot thank them enough for their service to our school.

We also say farewell to Mrs Myra Fairbairn, Library Supervisor who worked tirelessly for all the children and young people of our community, taking forward sector leading projects – she will be a huge loss to EHS. We wish her every success in the future.

I would also like to thank Mrs Anne Taitt, Library Supervisor. Anne has given 41 years of loyal and dedicated service to our school. Anne is loved by many in our school and will be sorely missed. We wish you a happy and long retirement.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Helen Bell, Catering Supervisor. We would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication to EHS – her leadership resulted in EHS winning “best kitchen of the decade” – we hope you have a lovely retirement.

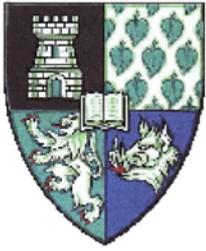
After many years dedicated service to the school, Mrs Jane Gavana, Science Technician will be leaving us to pursue a career as a Teacher of Chemistry and Science – we are all very proud of her and wish her every success.

Finally we say goodbye to Mrs Jane Thoday, Teacher of Art and Design. Jane has inspired thousands of young people – her classroom beats any gallery – a talent that we will miss. Thank you!

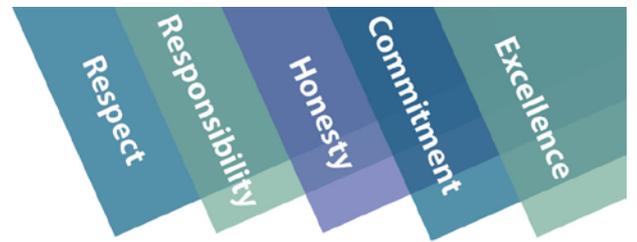
I have made staff appointments for next session which means we start August with a full team. I will confirm the details of our new appointments in my August update. It is important that we continue to promote our school and strive for excellence in order to attract the best candidates from throughout Scotland.

Parent Council

I would like to shower praise on the Parent Council who have really helped us this year with school policy, learning, teaching and assessment and fundraising – thank you for your service to our community.



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First Day of New Term

All pupils should report to their muster class period 1 on Wednesday 21 August 2019.

Thank you

I am so proud to lead Earlston High School. Our success though, is because of you – so thank you.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Sinclair
Headteacher