

Headteacher update (January 2023)

Welcome to the first Headteacher update of 2023. In this update you will find pictures of recent events that have taken place towards the end of Term 2 and during the month of January at Crieff High School.

I am happy to share with you that Crieff High School won the debating quarter-final held at Lornshill Academy with Gemma Lang and Charlie Harrow (both above) delivering an absolutely knock-out performance!

We are through to the semi-finals (for the 2nd year in a row) as one of the top 16 schools in Scotland! In this most recent round we were up against Dunfermline High School (who were in last year's final), Lornshill Academy (our hosts) and went through to the next round with Strathallan School.

Well done to Gemma and Charlie, brilliantly supported by Mrs McIntosh and the debating club members. Best of luck in the semi-final.

The Strathpuffer - 24 hour mountain bike endurance event

Many congratulations to Jasmine Greaves (S3), Harris Greaves (S1) and Harris Donaldson (S3) who took part in The Strathpuffer, a 24hr mountain bike endurance event that takes place in the highlands in January. It is billed as one of the top ten toughest mountain bike events on the planet.

The idea of the event is that riders complete as many laps of the course as possible within 24hrs. The course is 12.5km long with 330m of ascent, and includes technical uphill and downhill sections.

Jasmine, Harris and Harris were part of a mixed team of 4 young people. The team completed 19 laps between them, riding all the way through the night.

They were 8th out of 20 mixed quad teams and placed 40th out of a total of 89 quad teams, the remainder of which were all adult teams - an incredible achievement, very well done!!







Top of the Bench regional final (Chemistry quiz)

As 1 of 4 teams progressing through from the initial round, Crieff High School's team of Tristan Spurway, Oran Kenicer, Katie Virtue and Lily Clark competed at the Regional Final of the Top of the Bench Quiz at St Andrews.

Impressively, we finished 2nd (by only 2 points!) in a 7 round competition on chemistry knowledge not tied to any syllabus. Many of the questions were obscure and the pupils really did us proud, competing for 1st place right until the end of the nail biting "on the buzzer" final round.

A brilliant team effort, very well done.





Sunday Mail Young Scot Award

Many congratulations to Rebecca Harvey who has received a Sunday Mail Young Scot Award nomination and certificate recognising her ongoing commitment to sport and health and wellbeing of young people in our local community and within Perth and Kinross.

A fantastic achievement and lovely for Rebecca to receive the recognition for all her hard work and volunteering throughout 2022.



Rotary Young Musician of the Year 2023

Congratulations to Andrew Hart (below) who has progressed to the regional final of this year's Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition.

Well done too, Andrew, for recently passing your Grade 8 assessment (with distinction). Best of luck in the regional final, due to take place very soon.

Breanna Hay also represented the school in the last round of the competition, performing very well in doing so. Thank you and well done, Breanna.





School uniform expectations - Crieff Connexions

Thank you for your renewed support with regards young people wearing our full school uniform.

You may be aware that Crieff Connexions has been running a School Uniform project for a number of years. Located on Church Street, Crieff Connexions provides a shop front where people can access low price gently used uniforms - for all schools in the Crieff High cluster.

Currently open in Penny Lane, Church Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 to 1 pm. Jumpers, cardigans, trousers, and skirts are £1 a piece and jackets are £3 and £5 depending on size.

In school, we have packages of £20 vouchers which guidance staff can share with families who may be finding things difficult. These may be a welcome starter for any new families coming into the area. Crieff connexions still accept these in the shop.



1 - Our YPI winners who presented their research into a local social issue and were successful in being awarded £3,000 for Crieff Connexions. Congratulations!!!





Brilliant learning, fantastic successes

A fantastic start to Term 3.

Young people in S4 - S6 have engaged very well in the recently completed Prelim diet, there will be more to follow with regards to how we continue to support young people progress towards their final examinations.

Please see below even more brilliant learning experiences and successes including:

- *S1 Electricity in Science*
- Art & Design masterpieces
- Pupil achievements in Business and Computing
 - Extra-curricular opportunities
- Our 'Top Ten of the Term' merit certificates from Term 2
 - Foodbank collection for our local community

Young people of Crieff High School - very well done and keep up the great work!!!!



Mr Donnelly



























