

DYW Update

Parent Council Meeting 11/11/2025

Recent Activities:

We've had a busy and inspiring term filled with a range of Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) activities, all designed to give students practical insights into career pathways and build essential skills for their futures.

Live Highland Live Happy Event

All S4 students took part in this exciting event focused on local opportunities. A variety of employers joined us to speak about careers, pathways, and the benefits of living and working in the Highlands. We also welcomed inspirational speakers who shared their personal journeys and what drew them to the area. Impact: Feedback showed that 40% of students said the event helped change their perception of the Highlands.

Adult Social Care

Students from S3 to S6 had the opportunity to explore careers in Adult Social Care through a hands-on workshop.

- Morning session: Interactive activities at school including PPE use, infection control, feeding techniques, and discussions on what makes a good carer.
- Afternoon session: Visits to Pentland View and Bayview Care Homes, where students observed care in action and met residents.

This gave students a real-world insight into the sector and its importance in our community.

Dee Bleakley Motivational Workshop and Parents Session

All non-prefect S6 students participated in a motivational workshop led by Dee Bleakley, focusing on confidence, motivation, and achieving personal goals.

Additionally, S3 Junior House Captains took part in a presentation skills workshop, culminating in each student contributing to a team presentation by the end of the day.

S1 Clubs Fair November 6th

All S1 students attended our first extracurricular Clubs Fair, which showcased a fantastic variety of local clubs including:

- Pentland Canoe Club
- Caithness Woodturning Association
- Netball
- Badminton
- Caithness Smallbore Rifle Club

The fair was also open to all students during lunchtime, encouraging wider participation and engagement.

Coming up:

S4 Mock Interviews December 4th

S4 pupils will take part in mock interviews with local employers and professionals to help them prepare for the world of work. This is a fantastic opportunity to practice interview techniques, build confidence, and receive constructive feedback in a supportive environment.

S1 Employability workshop

This interactive workshop is delivered by our trained S6 students, who have worked with DYW to develop their leadership and communication skills. S1 pupils will explore key employability topics through fun, hands-on activities, while S6 leaders gain valuable experience in mentoring and facilitation.

S6 Employability Leadership Programme

This programme is designed to empower S6 students to become employability ambassadors within the school. Through training and practical experience—including delivering workshops and supporting younger pupils—they develop leadership, teamwork, and presentation skills that will serve them well in future education or employment.

Kind regards,
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