



Dingwall Academy

News

The Crucible

This October, Dingwall Academy Drama Society is putting on its most intense play yet!



Something strange is happening in Salem, Massachusetts. Teenage girls are fainting, the minister's daughter is in a coma, and the townsfolk are more argumentative than ever. The cause?

Some people say *witchcraft*...

and everyone is under suspicion...

Arthur Miller's play, *The Crucible*, has been performed countless times on stage, and even hit the silver screen with Daniel Day-Lewis and Winona Ryder in 1996. Though we don't have any Oscar winners (yet!), our cast is a mix of seasoned performers and newcomers who are all enthralled by this heart-breaking story of betrayal, paranoia, and fear. Toby Holloway will be performing for the last time as part of DADS, in the role of John Proctor, with Elaine Matheson as Elizabeth Proctor and Megan Macdonald as Abigail Williams.

Accusations are flying in Salem, and once Deputy-Governor Danforth (Jordan Morrison) has you in his sights it is difficult to escape. Join the public gallery at the court-house, but keep an eye on the rafters – Abigail says she sees a spirit up there...

Come join us on the evening of Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th. Doors open at 6:30 and curtain is up at 7pm. Tickets are £6.

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Dates for your Diary:

Monday 3rd October

Blythswood Presentation to S2

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October

Art and Music Trip Glasgow

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October

Crucible Performances

Friday 7th October

School closes at 2pm for October holidays

Monday 24th October

School re-opens

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October

School Photographs

Tuesday 1st November

S5/6 Contact Evening

Sports Fair

On Thursday 1st September the Games Hall was filled with taster activities from a range of local clubs. The day was organised in partnership with Highlife Highland and we were delighted with the response from both the clubs and pupils. The day has inspired a number of pupils to get more involved with both school extra curricular and community activities. For further information please do not hesitate to contact the PE Department.



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Highland Archaeology Festival

Highland Archaeology Festival is a chance to explore the heritage all around us. From 1st to 16th October there are walks, talks, workshops, exhibitions, a museums trail and much more exploring heritage in the Highlands from earliest times to the 20th century. In this area alone check out:

Archaeological pub quiz on Sunday 9th October, 7:30pm at National Hotel in Dingwall

Ancient Crafts workshop on Thursday 13th October, 10-12 at Dingwall Museum

Strathpeffer Station walk on Monday 10th October 10-12

Tartan Weaving workshop at Highland Museum of Childhood on 12th Oct 2-3:30

Check out the display in the Library where you can also get brochures. Or look at the website www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org

Coming in Spring 2017 – a chance to join an excavation in the Heights of Docharty exploring old boundary systems. If interested contact Susan at invernessyac@gmail.com

Sponsored Walk 2016

Our annual sponsored walk takes place on the Friday 30th Sept. The 10.5 mile route will be the same as in previous years and will take in Knockbain, Lochussie, Brahan, Seaforth and Maryburgh before returning to Dingwall.

Permission forms have already gone out and once returned pupils will receive a sponsor form to start collecting sponsors. We appreciate that it is not always easy to collect sponsors so we have once again included the option of a donation. Any money can also be paid via a bank transfer – details of the account to pay into are attached to the permission form.

This year we are rewarding the top three individual pupils and top register class who collect the highest sponsor total. These pupils will be treated to a trip to the Infinity Trampoline Park in Inverness.

UCAS 2016

Pupils are being guided through the UCAS application process during their PSE lessons. The best place for parents to get advice is at www.ucas.com/parents where there is information to guide them through the application process.

All pupils must have submitted the first draft of their personal statement to their Guidance teacher by 31st October.

All completed UCAS applications must with the Guidance teacher by the 2nd December.

Employability



Skills Development Scotland – Career Management Skills

As young people begin to explore their options for further learning and work, it is important that they identify their skills and strengths as they make decisions about what they want to do next.

To help prepare your child for today's fast moving labour market, Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is leading a transformed careers service that works with schools to give young people the skills to manage their own career.

Our school-based career coaches offer pupils group sessions, drop-in lunchtime clinics and face-to-face coaching, where appropriate. This is supported by Scotland's careers and information web service My World of Work (www.myworldofwork.co.uk). It provides information on subject choices, exam results, preparing for further study, preparing for a job and Modern Apprenticeships.

There is a special area on My World of Work for parents (www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents) where you can get more information or chat to one of our online advisers. If you would prefer to speak to someone, you can call 0800 917 8000.

The Careers Drop-in Lunchtime Clinic is available in the School Careers Room (VC Room, in the Library) on Mondays at lunchtime. Pupils are welcome to call in for careers information and advice.

Nicola Madej, School Careers Adviser, Dingwall Academy

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Employability Event

On Wednesday 14th September the school hosted our first ever Employability Event. This event was offered to S5 pupils and encouraged them to consider the employability skills valued by employers. We were delighted that the event was supported by a number of local businesses including: Bank of Scotland, Coul House Hotel, MacLeod & MacCallum, Global Highland, William Gray Construction, Highlife Life Highland, SEPA, Inverness Chamber of Commerce, Skills Development Scotland, Tesco and 3rd Sector Highland.

Pupils heard an introductory talk from Willie Gray, before moving round a number of workshops. Pupils also heard from teachers about their employability

journeys since leaving school - this revealed an interesting insight into the lives of teachers and was much appreciated by pupils.

We are extremely grateful to all the Businesses who gave their time to work in school and we hope to work with many of them again in the near future.

Thank you also to pupils and staff in Home Economics who prepared a beautiful lunch for the presenters.



Art and Design



S4/5/6 pupils will be having an interim review during the last week of term. We will be asking students to take this review sheet home and discuss it with their parent s/ guardians and then return the signed section to confirm that it has been read and any action points noted.

S2 sign design – Some pupils have been helping the Council upgrade their tourist information sign in the carpark behind the high street. They have made clay tiles depicting local scenes which will hopefully brighten up the existing images. Big reveal after the October holidays!

Music

S2 Blues Improvisations

S2 Music classes have recently been working on the Jazz music unit looking at how Jazz music came about and all the different styles within the Jazz music scene. At the end of this topic, all pupils were challenged with creating their own little piece of Jazz Music through Blues Improvisation. Once the pupils had experimented with various different combinations of notes, they then selected their best one to start to practise on the keyboard and tuned percussion instruments. The pupils then had the opportunity to record their piece whilst being accompanied on the piano by their music teacher.



If you would like to listen to these recordings they are available via the school website. Go to www.dingwallacademy.com, click on the link to department websites, select Art & Music, click on S2, then S2 Music. A password is then required to access this area which is 'Guitar1'. Next, click on Blues Improvisations and then select the relevant practical section. Happy listening!

On Thursday the 8th of September pupils studying Music or Gaelic in S3 to S6, along with the Primary 7 Gaelic Medium children from Dingwall Primary, were invited to attend a concert by folk group 'Kilda', an exciting new group consisting of two Young Traditional Musician of the Year finalists, Mhairi Marwick and Scott Wood, and renowned Gaelic singer Norrie Maclver. The performance featured fiddle, guitar, whistle and Border pipes as well as songs in both Gaelic and English that got the audience singing along. The concert was offered as part of the Blas festival and was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience some live Scottish music and Gaelic singing. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the concert with many of them commenting on how it was "an inspiring performance" and that they "would love to see them perform again."

Don't you have any homework?



Thank you to all pupils and parents who attended this information evening earlier in the month. Pupils (and parents!) worked through a set of workshops designed to help parents support their child's learning at home.



Following on from the success of the evening there will be three follow up sessions for parents and pupils throughout the year. Listen out for further details.

Reminder: all S1 pupils should be reading at home for a minimum of 15 minutes per day (5 days out of 7). This should be recorded in the Reading section of the Learning Log.



Achievements

Skillforce



Those pupils who were part of the Skillforce class last session, received a clutch of certificates and awards for their excellent work. Special Congratulations to Ross Brannen who received the top pupil award.

Rory Smith, Dominic Stelczy, Shaun Rose, Adam Mcjimpsey, Calum Mclvor, Campbell Brett, Ross Brannen



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A Halloween-themed graphic with a dark orange and black color scheme. It features silhouettes of a haunted house, a witch, a cat, a pumpkin, and a graveyard. The text is arranged in a circular and rectangular layout, with a large yellow circle containing the text 'GET YOUR STORY READ OUT ON AIR AND MADE INTO AN AUDIO BOOK' and a red circle containing 'WIN AN iPad Air'. The MFR logo is at the bottom left, and the website URL is at the bottom center.

Watch out for the next issue of the *News*...

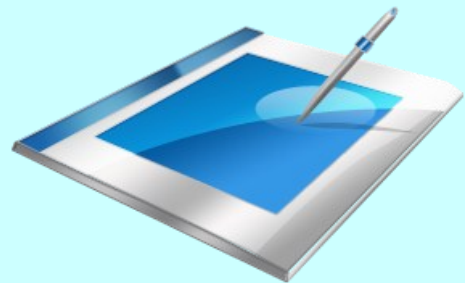
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A school with a sense of community—a school where by taking collective responsibility, pupils and staff have the opportunity to achieve extraordinary things.

RESPECT

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