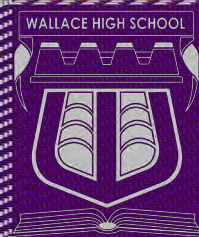


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# Flourish

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# Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the Winter 2016 edition of Flourish!

This session has, once again, brought a rich range of opportunities and experiences for our pupils across year groups. In the Summer 2016 edition of Flourish I was able to reflect on our Young Carers enjoying the trip of a lifetime with the Ocean Youth Trust, supported by fundraising and altruism from across our community. This term we have seen the community combine for some excellent events, including our Winter Fayre, Christmas Concert and school dances. A real highlight of the term has also been the BBC visiting to film a national broadcast of Question Time, hosted by David Dimbleby (see cover and feature on page 3). It is my deep hope that exposure to events such as this and meeting prominent figures from broadcasting, politics, sport (Chris Hoy as part of our SEEME work this session) and the arts, to name but a few areas, will continue to raise our young people's aspirations for their own future success.

The articles within, indeed, celebrate group and personal achievements in the full range of curricular areas across the school: from our Shakespeare Festival to various events in Science; from the successes of our young Mathematicians to our many activities that support Developing the Young Workforce; from our Modern Linguists developing knowledge of future careers to our Social Subjects team raising awareness of democracy...the list goes on. I remain particularly proud of the hard work done by pupils, parents and staff across the community to fundraise for charitable causes, from our work with Start-Up-Stirling to our efforts in supporting SAMH and MacMillan Cancer Support. These are just some of the many causes supported by our community and this on-going altruism and generosity in committing to others above ourselves is what truly defines us as a school.

As I write, we have yet to enjoy our Senior Christmas Formal and Christmas Jumper Day, and I am conscious that families will be looking forward to spending time together over Christmas. I am also aware, however, that this time can be challenging for some families and I wish to thank our community for being so mindful and supportive of others throughout the Christmas period. In the past week, indeed, we have received the sad news that one of our young people who left last session, Robbie Williams, has passed away after a period of illness. Robbie had spent a significant proportion of time in his last year of school supporting our young people in Ochil House and was affectionately received by the staff and pupils there. Robbie's loss has been felt across our community and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

Please follow us on Twitter (@wallacehighsch) to keep up-to-date with our pupils' achievements on an on-going basis. I look forward to collecting these and sharing them once again in our Spring edition. In the meantime, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful and prosperous new year!

Scott Pennock, Head Teacher

## Staff News...

Sadly, at the end of the year, Wallace High will say goodbye to **Asha Rennie-Eaglesfield** (Teacher of Gaelic) who will be taking up a post at Tain Academy in January 2017.

## New Appointments...

Mrs Adele McAdam has been appointed as Faculty Manager of Creative Industries. **Mrs Gill Newall**, permanent Teacher of Design & Engineering.

In the new term we will also welcome back to the school:-  
**Miss Sharon Glass**—Permanent Teacher of Design & Engineering

## Scottish Attainment Challenge appointments...

**Claire Robbins**—Family Support Worker  
**Colleen Kerr**—Family Support Worker

## Key Date Reminders

Thursday 5th January	School Returns
Wednesday 11th January	S <sub>3</sub> Options Information Evening (7pm)
Friday 20th January	S <sub>3</sub> Options Interviews (am)
Monday 23rd January (for 1 week)	Senior Phase Prelims
Wednesday 22nd February	P6/7 School of Sport Parents' Evening (7pm)
Wednesday 1st March	S <sub>4</sub> /S <sub>5</sub> Options Information Evening (7pm)
Wednesday 29th March	Spring Concert (7pm)



**Wallace High Hosts BBC Question Time...**

Wallace High was very proud, on Thursday 17th November, to be the chosen venue for the national broadcast of BBC Question Time, with David Dimbleby and panel members including Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Chris Bryant MP, and John Nicolson MP.

This provided an excellent opportunity for our young people and staff to observe all the technical, backstage preparation that goes into a television broadcast and the challenge of presenting an audience debate show that covers topical political issues.



The BBC proved an excellent partner and were happy to accommodate a group of twenty pupils who attended the technical rehearsal at 1515, where Director, Rob Hopkin, met them to talk through the technical set up and covered topics such as sound, lighting and camera operation.

A further twenty pupils (plus staff) then had the pleasure of attending David Dimbleby's rehearsal, just one and a half hours before filming.



Five of those pupils (Lauren Roberts, Rhys Williamson, Lana Crow, Rebecca Carmichael and Amber Matheson) served as a substitute panel and others acted as a mock audience, all helping the BBC prepare for the broadcast.

This was an excellent event and we would like to thank the BBC and all involved for including our school community so fully in the production.





### The Magic of Chemistry!...



This term the Chemistry Department was very pleased to announce and then present our first ever “The Magic of Chemistry” event. This event was offered to the N5 Chemistry students as an engaging evening of fun and also as enrichment to the Chemistry N5 curriculum.



There was a wealth of both pupil practical and exciting teacher demos, with links to the curriculum being present throughout. The Chemists, both young and old, enjoyed the Northern Lights, Methane Bubbles, Canon Fire, Screaming Jelly Baby and Thermite as a few of the seventeen different experiments undertaken in our fun night. The night was a roaring success, which we hope to become an annual event in the Chemistry Department’s calendar.

The Chemistry Department would like to extend a special note of thanks to our technician, Mrs Morna Leask, without whom our event would not have been possible.

### P6 Challenge Days...



Already this year we have welcomed over 90 P6 pupils to Wallace and look forward to welcoming more again in January. The P6s have taken part in the very exciting and popular ‘spaghetti tower challenge’ and Maths ‘group relay challenge’ as well as taking part

in a range of activities including: cooking in Home Economics, taking part in the first rounds of the K'nex Challenge in Science and making monsters in Modern



Languages. Feedback has been very positive and we can't wait to welcome them back again later in the year.

### Family Learning Event - Numeracy...

In October we held our first ever Family Learning event in the Maths department. This gave parents a snapshot of the teaching that is happening every day within the Mathematics classrooms. The workshop was well received and parents highlighted that some of the strategies young people are using to solve problems are different from the ones they were taught at school!

### Maths Champions...

This year has seen the start of the Maths Champion Programme. Nineteen S6 pupils have been working with S1 and S2 pupils to support and challenge using a 'Paired Maths' approach. The aims are to increase confidence in Numeracy and basic Maths skills. The Champions are also working with a group of pupils to provide more of an opportunity to experience challenge in Maths. Working through ex-



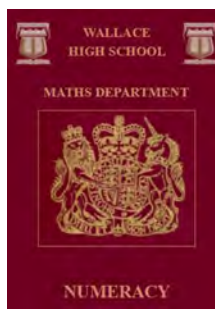
tension work and UKMT Maths Challenge questions, lots of number discussion and debate has been generated.

### Numeracy Passport

S1 pupils were issued with a Numeracy Passport in September this year allowing them to highlight the importance of Numeracy across the curriculum and,



more importantly, how they themselves use Numeracy in all subjects and in their everyday lives. Pupils were asked to complete their passports each time they used their Numeracy skills. SIX pupils were chosen by the Maths Department as the inaugural Numeracy Passport Winners: Sophie Lafferty, Evie McKenzie, Daniel Mackin, Tom McKay, Katie Smith and Oliwia Rzesotarska.



### Kelvingrove Visit...



Senior pupils visited the Kelvingrove Art Gallery for a critical workshop on Alfonse Mucha. This was a fantastic one-off experience for the pupils to actually see the art work in real life. This experience has stimulated the pupils and given them a great insight into this famous artist's work.

### The Clothes Show...



25 of Wallace High School's 'fashionistas' attended the Clothes Show in Birmingham, an amazing experience for the pupils and staff. There were talks from industry experts, textile workshops, career advice, trend presentations and this culminated in a spectacular Fashion Show. Everyone had a fantastic time. We were also lucky enough to meet and talk with Caryn Franklin one of the founders of the Clothes Show, she was an inspiration to listen to and she spoke with our pupils about their fashion and textile work within school.

### Higher Photography...

At the start of October pupils from our Higher Photography class had the opportunity to work with staff from Stills, Scotland's Centre for Photography on a day-and-a-half workshop at the National Museum of Scotland. They were able to access clothes from the museum's clothing collection, set up photo shoots within the museum and experience using professional lighting and digital editing programmes to produce photographic work which was then exhibited at the museum. The results were impressive! We hope to attend this workshop again next year. (See photos below)







Winter Fayre: Saturday 10th December...

Wallace enjoyed another fantastic Winter Fayre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, with significant numbers of pupils, parents, staff, community partners and families coming along to support the school and enjoy a range of activities, including: Santa's Grotto, various stalls, café, golf simulator, bouncy castle and games, birds of prey, photo booth, magician, live festive music, supervised crèche and our prize draw, which had stunning prizes, including: a brand new mountain bike, iPad and Apple Watch.

We would like to thank all of the many pupils and staff who supported this excellent community event. Additionally, Wallace would also like to say a huge thank you to the following partners for their support: FES FM, Whyler Photos, Rock & Road Cycles, Gleneagles Hotel, Barrhead Travel (Falkirk), DS2 Scotland, Corrieri's, Co-op, Highland Spring, Blairdrummond Safari Park, Stuart Milne PGA and, of course, our PTN.





**Shakespeare Schools Festival...**

Wallace High School took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival which was held at Falkirk Theatre on Monday 14th November.



This year's entry was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by English Acting Principal Teacher, Mrs Pirie. The cast began rehearsals in August, and worked to a tight rehearsal schedule. The result was a performance that was witty and vibrant. Mrs Pirie, Miss Doran (who supported rehearsals) and the cast were delighted and encouraged by the support of so many Wallace High School pupils and staff in the audience.



Afterwards, the cast were praised for a flawless and energetic performance and, indeed, have been invited by Glasgow Council to perform for their Secondary Head Teachers as an excellent example of how this project can enhance young people's school experience.

**Kirsty McCallum, Saltire Award...**

EIGHT young adult carers have received a Saltire Award for their work to develop a map of Stirling's visitor attractions, including S5 Wallace pupil, Kirsty McCallum.



Kirsty had been taking part in the The John Cowane Wellbeing Project, run by the Cowane's Hospital Maintenance Trust CHMT).

The carers, all aged between 16 and 24, were asked to create the A3 prototype for a tourist information map that would act as a guide to some of the area's many highlights.

Kirsty is a member of the Stirling Young Adult Carers and Stirling Young Carers groups, both of which are for young people who devote a great deal of time looking after another person – often a parent, brother or sister with an illness or disability.

Well done Kirsty!



Lessons from Auschwitz....



In September, we were chosen from a group of pupils to represent Wallace High School in the Lessons from Auschwitz project. To start we had to attend a seminar in Glasgow, where we found out about what we would be doing as part of this experience. It was here that we also heard a testimony from a Holocaust survivor, Eva Clarke, and were told of her family’s struggle and her upbringing before and during the war as a result of anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany.

Hearing Eva speak about her early life in a concentration camp and how only her mother and her survived from her entire family, allowed us to reflect on the horrific events of the Holocaust and reminded us of the significance to not think of the Holocaust as a statistical horror, but remember that each life lost had a story to be heard.

The next stage of this experience allowed us to go to Poland and visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, a death and concentration camp which saw the deaths of thousands of not only Jewish, but disabled, Romany gypsies and homosexual Europeans. Visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau in person was a harrowing yet rewarding experience, as it allowed us to comprehend the scale and horror of these death camps, and try to understand the atrocities that took place there. As part of our lessons from Auschwitz project we will be holding whole school assemblies from 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 to raise awareness of the events of the Holocaust and to ask people to reflect on its relevance in society today.

This was an incredible experience for us and we would encourage other seniors to get involved with the project in the future.

Ellie Wilson and Amy Turnbull

“It’s all about me” Mental Health ...

Since returning back after summer, our young people and staff have been continuing to work hard developing our mental health initiative, “it’s all about me”. Here is a snap shot of what we have been doing to end the stigma of mental health and to support our young people.

Mental Health Champions...

40 pupils have volunteered to become *Mental Health Champions* for the school. Their role is to help end the stigma of mental health, be the pupil voice, work with *See Me* and help fundraise for *SAMH*. In the coming months, the Mental Health Champions have planned to carry out some research, with their peers, to find out about specific issues affecting young people in each year group.

See Me resources...

As a pilot school for *See Me*, we have been trialling new mental health lessons and resources called “*What’s on your mind?*” with our S9/0 pupils. The feedback about the lessons has been very positive. The young people feel more informed about what mental health conditions and are becoming increasingly confident asking questions and seeking support.

Launch See Me national campaign for young people at Wallace High...



Our Mental Health Champions were asked to launch the new *See Me* young people’s campaign “*It’s Okay*” from Wallace High. Our pupils had previously been involved in pre-testing the campaign materials, so were more than happy to be the stars of the show!



Follow us on Twitter...

Keep up to date with our mental health activities and initiatives by following us on Twitter: [@WHS\\_HWB](https://twitter.com/WHS_HWB). If you have any ideas or suggestions for us, please get in touch.



## SAMH Lunch with Sir Chris Hoy & 'Walk a Mile'...



In recognition of the work we are doing at Wallace, our Mental Health Champions were invited to a SAMH charity lunch, hosted by Sir Chris Hoy. Not only did our young people enjoy meeting Chris (and getting many selfies!), but they relished the opportunity to speak to the Chief Executives of SAMH and See Me about our anti-stigma work and the support available for our young people. We also took part in a 'Walk a Mile' event around Murrayfield.

## Mental Health First Aiders...

A number of our staff trained as Scottish Mental Health First Aiders. The MH 5<sup>th</sup> Aiders are available every day to support our young people and staff. These posters are displayed throughout the school to remind people that support is always available.

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS**

Mrs McFarlane	Mrs Harris	Mrs Horne	Miss Lester	Mrs Gray	Mrs Lane
			Mrs Waters	Mrs Steel	Mr Gracie
					Eileen Claffey
					PC Brown

## Mental Health Week – “Elephant in the room”...

In October, the school came together and created a week dedicated to ending the stigma of mental health. The week themed around the elephant in the room”. Here are just some of the things we did:

- Selfie with Elphie – pupils to take a selfie with our giant elephant ‘Elphie’
- Anti-stigma Twitter challenge

- All subjects discussed mental health or had mental health activities in every class
- ‘Elephant in the room’ activities in every Tutor Group
- Fundraising for SAMH - Charity football tournament, bake sale, dress down day, live juke box
- Health & Wellbeing Fayre
- Staff wore “Talk to Me” T-shirts and badges to encourage young people to open up





Modern Languages...



Recently, some of our S3 French classes got the chance to go to the Macrobert Arts Centre to see a French movie called 'Le Nouveau'. It is about a boy who moves from the south of France to Paris. The movie focuses on how the boy fits in at his new high school, the challenges he faces and the friends he makes. It was a very funny, light-hearted and relatable movie. I enjoyed it very much and would highly recommend it.' Carla, S3



'Je suis allé au cinema avec mon college. Le film s'appelle 'Le Nouveau' et c'est un film comique. J'aime les personnages principaux qui s'appellent Benoît et Joshua. Mon opinion est que le film est drôle et amusant.' Josh, S3

Modern Languages Open Doors Event...



The Modern Languages Department held the annual Modern Languages Open Doors Event on Friday 23rd September. This event allows pupils to find out more about how learning a language can enhance life and job opportunities beyond school, and was attended by S3 pupils who are soon to make their S4 course choices.

The workshops and presentations give pupils the chance to find out about the ways in which learning a language can enhance their life and job opportunities beyond school.

The event was attended by representatives from the Spanish Embassy, L'Alliance Française de Glasgow, and Scottish Centre for Information on Language Teaching, the Confucius Hub from Stirling High School and Language Ambassadors from the University of Stirling. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities that included Salsa dancing and making crêpes.



We are very grateful to Sainsbury's for supporting us by donating the crêpe-making ingredients!

Future Textiles Workshops – Design a dress in a day and Interior Design ...



Following on from the fantastic opportunity some of our S5 pupils had at Dumfries House in June we had two groups of S4 and S5/6 pupils taking part in day-long workshops this term. The S5/6 took part in 'design a dress in day'. This was a great experience for the pupils for their Higher Design units as they are all designing and creating dresses.

The skills they learned were fantastic and this has really improved their knowledge on sewing machines and understanding of pattern cutting for fashion design. The S4 pupils took part in a Cushion Design workshop where they enhanced their skills and knowledge from the classroom. They were able to create new surface decorations and improve their knowledge of the sewing machine. Both groups created final products and did a fantastic job of working in a professional context.





### Scottish Poppy Appeal...



During the month of November the Social Subjects Faculty were honouring the fallen Service men & women killed in conflict. The event was marked by whole school assemblies led by the Social Subjects Captains, silent reflection and a poignant display.

### Geography Residential...

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> October Advanced Higher Geography pupils attended a residential trip to Arran. Over the weekend, students took part in various fieldwork to gather data for their Advanced Higher Geographical Study.



### English speaking Union Competition...

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November Junior Debaters Laaraib Shah and Jamie Winters took part in the ESU competition at Beaconhurst.



Laaraib delivered a well prepared, confident and convincing argument. Well done!

### BBC Radio World Service...

Higher Politics pupils were interviewed regarding their thoughts on Brexit and the future of the UK by BBC Radio World Service.



### Parliament trip...

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of October: Higher Politics & Modern Studies students enjoyed a trip to the Scottish Parliament. The pupils and staff enjoyed a tour of the building and learned about the history and work of the Scottish Parliament.



### Young people to take part in the democratic process...

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> November, the Social Subjects Faculty hosted a whole school Mock Presidential Election, pupils and staff were invited along to cast their vote.





Modern Apprenticeships Insights...



Wallace High School, in partnership with Stirling Council, is piloting a ground-breaking Apprenticeships Insights programme. Following our year-round discussions on intended future pathways, a group of young people who have expressed an interest in undertaking a Modern Apprenticeship have explored a range of opportunities within Stirling Council.

Following a detailed introduction to the features and benefits of a Modern Apprenticeship, participants have visited departments such as Facilities Management, Housing Repair and Road Engineering.

During each visit, experienced colleagues from Stirling Council share their experiences and offer personalised ‘hands on’ experiences. Nathan Binnie, S5, has found the programme really useful. “It’s been great to get out and see what happens in so many different Modern Apprenticeships. I’m really keen to get in to construction, and I have already talked about what I have learned at my careers advisor appointment” he said. With strong initial feedback from young people, teachers and employers, it is proposed that the pilot will extend to explore an even wider variety of Modern Apprenticeships.



Careers and Apprenticeships Fair...

On 7 November Wallace High School hosted 30 employers, apprenticeship providers and training organisations at the 2016 Careers and Apprenticeships Fair. Mr Smith (Employability and Partnerships), Mr Kerr (Pupil Support) and Fiona Lafferty (Skills Development Scotland) ensured that a wide range of both local and national exhibitors were present.

Over 400 young people from S3 through to S6 attended the event during the afternoon, with parents and carers visiting in the evening. For junior pupils it was an early opportunity to discover the value of apprenticeships and training, whilst senior pupils had the chance to further their knowledge of a diverse mix of industries. It was the wide range of local and regional exhibitors which made the event so popular. Emma McMaster, an S6 pupil, praised the event for this and felt that “the Careers and Apprenticeships Fair gives everybody the chance to meet with employers, to find out what they are really looking for from young people.”

The visiting companies also commended the event as John Mott from the Institution of Civil Engineers stated that the knowledge gained from a brief conversation is highly beneficial. “This is an excellent way for pupils to get first hand expertise on careers”, said John.

Mr Smith summed up the energetic atmosphere by saying “It’s great to see so many young people and employers along with college and training providers having so many conversations to develop the young workforce.” Wallace High School actively promotes employability as part of the wider curriculum, and our Careers and Apprenticeships Fair is just one example of our work in this area. This is backed up by our employability Twitter feed (@WHS\_Futures) which promotes aspirational employability opportunities for Wallace High School pupils. These include insights into college, university, apprenticeships, volunteering, skills and careers.





Family Learning Event...



A key aspect of our commitment to Developing the Young Workforce is supporting all families, so that they are fully informed about career and training opportunities. The way that people work is changing; it is estimated that many young people today will have upwards of ten jobs in their working lives. In November, an Employability Family Learning Event was held to provide parents and carers with a valuable opportunity to discuss their child's future employment.



Our long-standing supporter Gavin Rennie, a senior human resources manager with Prudential, gave an informative account of what employers will *really* want from the workforce of the future. Fiona Lafferty, our Skills Development Scotland careers advisor, continued the session by showing how a range of digital resources (including the My World of Work website) can be accessed at home. Mr Smith, Acting Principal Teacher of Employability and Partnerships, concluded the session by showcasing Employability Family Learning Packs which contain lots of practical resources and activities. These are designed to be used by all families, and will be available at school events throughout the year. This information was also shared with visitors at the successful Cornton Family Learning Event in December, and many positive discus-

sions were held. Family support makes such a difference to our employability strategy, and we fully would appreciate feedback from parents and carers as to how we can continue supporting young people's futures.

Prudential Practice Interviews ...

Twenty senior pupils who are studying Enterprise and Employability undertook a series of practice interviews, to better prepare them for the world for work. Five experienced recruitment experts from our award-winning Prudential partnership gave insights into the employer's view of interviews, and offered useful advice on answering questions by using clear examples. Each interview lasted for ten minutes, and required candidates to answer a series of questions based on a career pathway that they had previously researched in class. Individual feedback was given, before the pupils led a discussion on the impact that this experience had made.

Anne-Louise McTaggart, Customer Service Leader, felt



that this had been an enriching experience. "I'm impressed with the amount of preparation that pupils and teachers at Wallace High School put in to preparing for the outside world", she said. Leona Brown, S5, learned that the interview process can be made easier with practice. "Although I had thought about this, I was still a bit nervous, but talking to somebody who was interested to hear about my ambitions made a difference", said Leona.





### Swimming...

The Wallace Swim Team had their most successful outing to date at the recent Central Schools Swimming Championships, held at the Peak Sports Village. The team, which included a 23 strong squad, finished as the second-placed comprehensive school across Central Scotland, as well as the Relay Team made up of Shona Laverty, Abbie Notman, Garth Eklund and Thomas De Nova finishing first-placed comprehensive school, which was an incredible achievement considering they will be together for another two years.



There were a number of fantastic performances individually, including:

- Shona Laverty**- 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle, medal 100m Butterfly
- Thomas Hanson**- Medal 100m Backstroke
- Struan McFarlane**- Medal 100m Butterfly
- Thomas De Nova**- 1<sup>st</sup> 200m IM, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 Freestyle
- Abbie Notman**- Medal 200m Freestyle
- Ethan Notman**- 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Freestyle
- Liam Brosnan**- 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Breastroke
- Lewis Rands**- 1<sup>st</sup> 400m Freestyle, medal 100m Freestyle
- Garth Eklund**- 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Butterfly, 6<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle

### Under 14's Football...

Mr Murray and Michael McPake's U14 Boys have done themselves proud again so far this season, picking up six wins from seven games, which sees them playing in round three of the Scottish Cup, as well as the league playoff finals in the new year. Goals are a plenty from this team having beaten: Dunblane 6-5, Balfron 5-0, St Modan's 8-1, Stirling 10-1, Lornshill 8-0 and St Margaret's 6-0 already. They will be looking to carry on this good form for the rest of the season.



*Front row from left to right- Dan Hughes, Robb Dryden, Larne Jones, Ben Dempsey, Michael Mailey  
Back Row from Left to right- Kyle Paeget, Cameron Jack, Fraser MacLellan, Lucas Williamson (c), Jack Brown, Tom Mitchel and William Kemp.  
Standing- Aidan Kemp (assistant coach)*

### Boys' Basketball...

The S1, U15A and U15B Boys basketball teams have witnessed a stellar start to the season having gone through all their Scottish Cup group games undefeated. This sees all teams through to the knockout stages in the New Year, where the boys will be confident against any potential opponents. The young senior team have also had a positive start and will be looking to go all the way in the Plate.





### Hockey Success...

A fantastic effort from the Wallace Junior Hockey team this term. They have attended numerous tournaments, playing against a variety of schools. The team have demonstrated great attitude and commitment to training, this has paid off with them winning the majority of their games.



### Girl's Football...

Wallace's S1-3 Girls football team have taken this term by storm, doing well in their Forth Valley Soccer 7s tournament. The girls have worked excellently as a team and their commitment to training has been outstanding. Keep up the hard work!



### Play Unified...



Wallace High pupils have been celebrating inclusion through Sport with the launch of the new Play Unified lunch club. The Play Unified initiative comes from the Special Olympics movement and gives pupils the opportunity to participate in an integrated sports club, aimed to build friendships and promote inclusion.

Pupils from our Ochil House department are buddied up with senior Sports Leaders and attend sessions led by Active Stirling staff, centered around Athletics.

The club has been up and running for six weeks and staff and pupils feel it is a huge success. One staff member commented 'It's amazing to see the relationships between junior and senior pupils develop and a fantastic opportunity to promote inclusion, through the medium of sport'. Today eight pupils from Ochil House, along with two of the sports leaders attended the Fun in Athletics event at the Peak, which saw pupils participating in run, jump and throw events.



The club will continue into the new term and all new members are welcome.





## Wallace High Tartan...



**Tartan #11,663 : Wallace High School**

Thanks to excellent work by our **Heritage Team** the past term, led by Mr Cavanagh, Wallace High is delighted to have registered its own tartan with the Scottish register of Tartans, part of the Scottish Government's National Records of Scotland.

Our tartan was officially registered by Mrs Draper (Art department) as number **11,663** in the national records with the following description:

*'Wallace High School is based in the heart of Scotland, near Stirling, very close to the Wallace Monument. The school decided it was time to have a tartan that not only reflected it as a community now but that reflected its heritage. The base colour is the purple of the school tie. Threaded through the design are silver, dark grey and two different tones of purple that reflect the school's uniform from previous eras.'*

We look forward to the tartan becoming an important part of the school's heritage. Full details of our tartan can be found at:



<https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/qResults.aspx?searchString=wallace%20high%20school>

