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Dear Parent/Carer

It's incredible to believe that we only have one week to go until the October break although it does look and feel like Autumn has arrived!

It's been a very busy week in school, and pupils from all year groups have been participating in trips and workshops enhancing their learning experience out with the classroom.

We have all been encouraged to embrace and celebrate National Poetry Day by our English faculty staff. Please have a look at twitter (X) to see what's been happening.

Around school and throughout the curriculum, we celebrate Black History Month. The chosen theme for this year is 'Saluting Our Sisters' - honouring the exceptional contributions and ideas of Black women. The celebrations will continue into next week and beyond the October break.

Family Support Sessions

We would ask that all S1-3 parents and carers respond to the MS FORM by Friday 27 October so we can plan a session to support you and your child:- <https://forms.office.com/e/xS8trmsma3V>

Little Shop of Horrors

On Thursday 21 October, our pupils excelled in an incredible school show with fabulous performances all round in Little Shop of Horrors. It was great to see so many families in attendance with a packed Assembly Hall. Well done to all involved – staff and pupils.

The Cast

Sophia Lioia as Audrey

Marcel Wloka as Seymour

Orla Lang as The Dentist

Unathi Lumphala as Mrs Mooshnik

Natalia Wicher, Tosia Krolikowska, Emily Black as the Three Ronettes

Lachlan Rodgers as Audrey II

Chorus :-Lily Szymankiewicz, Charlotte Watson-Higgs, Lauren Brown, Louise Wilson, Eilidh Wallace



John Muir Trip - S1

S1 pupils had a great time whilst working towards the John Muir Award during a full day trip which also included a visit to East Links Farm Park. The other half of S1 will be out of school on Monday 7 October. Thanks to Social Subjects Faculty for leading this great learning experience which really enriches pupils' learning.

Hall of Fame – S2

Pupils in Maths voted Dr Alper Yildirim from the University of Edinburgh as the winner of the Hall of Fame and on Thursday 5 October he gave an in person talk to S2 pupils about his research. Dr Yildirim gave an inspirational and thought provoking session which invited pupils to consider how maths applications can be applied in the real world.

Loch Eil Trip– S2 and S6

S2 and S6 pupils arrived back from Loch Eil last Friday after an amazing time and lots of stories to tell about their new skills and outward bound experience. We are hearing from staff that the pupils who attended were wonderful and fully engaged on everything on offer.

Strange Town Performance – S3

This week S3 pupils studying Expressive Arts were treated in school to a production of “And, And, And...” by the Theatre Production Company, Strange Town. The theme of the play was the impact of climate anxiety and the mounting pressures on young people today, with an emphasis on climate change and sustainability.

After the play, the pupils participated in a Q&A with the actors and the production team, gaining hints and tips for acting skills and asking questions about the script and climate change.

Tree of Knowledge – S4 Workshop

On Monday 2 October all S4 pupils had the opportunity to engage in an interactive workshop with Andrew from Tree of Knowledge. The focus was on preparing the mind to adopt positive study habits in the run up to Prelims and National qualifications. This was done in a fun way which enabled pupils to gain an understanding of how our brains work!

DYW Roadshow – S5/6

Over 100 S4-6 pupils attended the DYW Roadshow at the Corn Exchange on Wednesday 4 October. With over 120 exhibitors, it was a great opportunity for pupils to plan for the future by engaging with employers and training providers as well as college and university staff.

S4 In Person Parents' Evening – Tuesday 10 October

We look forward to welcoming S4 parents and carers to the S4 Parents' Meeting which will take place in Holy Rood. All Parents' Meetings will be in person for the coming year.

If we can support you or if there is any aspect of your child's learning or health and wellbeing you wish to discuss, please contact your child's Year Head or Admin@Holyrood.edin.sch.uk

Please follow our school twitter page (rebranded as X) to see what we've been up to @HolyRoodRCHigh

A reminder that the school, will break for the October holidays next Friday, 13 October and re-open for pupils on Tuesday 24 October.

Yours sincerely

Joan M Daly (Mrs)

HEAD TEACHER