

## ARD SGOIL A'PHLUIC/PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—Week ending Friday 11th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy week with S3 pupils sitting their assessments in the Hall in formal conditions which is all part of the preparation for their move into the Senior Phase which brings with it the SQA experience. Senior students have been undertaking SQA assessments in PE and in Music and we are starting to work with our Chief Invigilator as we plan for the start of the SQA exams at the end of April. All of these things are helping the school year to feel so much more normal and this really is very welcome. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

## Le durachdan, Susan Galloway

S3 PARENTS' EVENING: S3 parents have all received details of how to make appointments for the online S3 Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th March. Louise McFadyen in the School Office can provide help with this process if there are any problems. This is an important event as the discussion with subject teachers is part of the process of choosing subjects for S4 and moving into the Senior Phase.

**S2 Options:** S2 pupils will starting to make choices about their subjects for S3. There will be an S2 Assembly next week at which information will be shared with pupils and we will also be emailing an Options Presentation to S2 parents next week.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** got off to a great start this week with free toast and a hot drink on offer first thing every day before registration. Thanks to Ms Bennie for the use of the Home Ec room and to the staff who have volunteered to run this for the benefit of the pupils. . . although a few of them have also been spotted with a slice of toast in hand!



Artwork by Calum Hay, S2



Last weekend I was privileged to be joined by young people from Plockton High School, as well as a few Heaste friends and family who were brave enough to take on the national Rokman challenge with me. We ran or walked 2-3 miles every 4 hours over 48 hours, a marathon distance in total, to raise money to support people affected by substance misuse here and in Ukraine. I can honestly say that it was the energy and determination of these young people that inspired me to the end. Even at 4am when I didn't expect them to appear, out they came full of good humour despite the pain and tiredness. What an honour to be part of this team and raise over £2000 for charity. As the Rokman saying goes, we had 'nothing to lose and everything to gain' and we were all 'too stubborn to stop.' We at Living Hope Skye and Lochalsh are extremely proud of each and every one of them and the endurance they showed throughout this challenge along with qualities in team work and leadership.

Stevie Boyle, Living Hope.