



Commitments of a Captain

In the 2 months I have been School Captain I can say I am ready for the October Holiday, **writes Maddy Hume.**

It is a lot of hard work, a lot of it is herding! The head team meet on a Wednesday and discuss what is going on in our year, the school, committees and new things to introduce to the school.

A lot of my job is to link the teachers to the pupils and give opinions of everyone not just me, and trying to get more chairs for the common room.

Being a Captain means you have to be organised; there is so much going on all at once that it can be hard to keep on top of it.

It is a great opportunity though and has made me closer with my whole year and people from other schools.

Being School Captain has given me a lot of responsibility and expectations which I am trying my hardest to live up to. I want Hawick High School to be a happy and welcoming environment for everyone.

Pupil of the month

In the languages department the teachers have set up something called pupil of the month, **writes Connor Mitchell.**

At the end of every month, one pupil from each class who the teachers think have worked hard and concentrated all month are chosen as the pupil of the month and receive a certificate to show this. It also goes on Facebook with all the other classes. It aims to recognize pupils work and achievements.

The languages faculty believe that it is good thing to have in class because it gives the pupils a

target to work to and it makes people work harder and boosts their confidence.

They also use it because they get a lot of "I can't do languages" so they believe that pupil of the month shows that languages are not impossible and that everyone can do it if they put in the effort. It also gets people to help out in class and encourages good behaviour.

Just remember that languages are not impossible and you can do it. And if you work hard and you could be the next hard-working pupil of the month.

Hawick High Sport overview

One of our biggest strengths at Hawick High is our sports programs run by multiple teachers, **writes Michael Imray.**

Sports like Basketball, Rugby, Football, Netball and Hockey all have after-school programs.

In football we have had three training sessions with 30 boys and girls turning up. We also have fixtures upcoming for them against Jed and Earlston which will be in October/November.

Gemma Gibbons the Olympic Athlete also visited the school on 27 September to work with all S1-3 students.

Hockey practices are also up and running on the following nights and are open to everyone...

Tuesday - Seniors 4-5pm Astro

Wednesday - S1 - Grass 4-5pm, S3 - Astro 4-5pm

Thursday - S2 - Astro 4-5pm.

We have had matches against the following schools so far and the girls have done very well.

Selkirk High School, Kelso High School and Eyemouth High School.

Basketball has had really good numbers so far with about 18 players on the books at training. However games do not start until October/November.

In Rugby, news from the Scottish Cup as the U18 team had to withdraw from the competition this year due to not having a front row.

However, the U16s beat Jedburgh Grammar

School 41-12 to progress to round three where they played Earlston High School on 26 September.

S1/2/U15s teams have played games against Galashiels, Jedburgh and Selkirk, and played Berwickshire High School recently.

U15's are unbeaten so far, the S2's got their first win against Selkirk last week, and the S1 team have won two games and lost one against Gala.

The life of an S1

Turning up to the high school on the first day back to school for the first time was more than nervous, it was very scary seeing all the people from different schools all heading in the same direction and there was a lot of us unlike primary school, **writes Irvine Welsh.**

Most of my first two periods were in the assembly hall getting our time tables and having a quick assembly about how we do it at Hawick High School.

It was very boring because we had the same assembly on the two day visits before the summer holidays, even though it felt a year ago.

Then we got our

buddies, I hoped I was given a boy but instead we got 2 girls who were very helpful.

My first class was science with Miss McArthur but we only had her for 20 minutes and then it was break.

At break time no one knew what to do, it was so crowded and everyone was so tall and I felt even smaller than normal.

Lunch time was funny because we got out 20 minutes early and I forgot more people had to still wait for the real bell to ring and when it did lots of people came pouring in.

There are lots of clubs every day except from Fridays because it is only a half day.

Talking to Teachers

This section of the Paper is called 'Talking to Teachers'. Every so often we interview teachers and find out what the teachers think about the school, do outside of school and what they did before they started teaching. This month we interviewed Senora Gordillo who teaches Spanish. Jakub Raczynski is our interviewer.

1. Why do you enjoy teaching?

The best thing of my job is to meet people and the possibility of learning new things from them every day.

2. What is your favourite thing about Hawick High School?

The people

3. What made you want to become a teacher?

I used to be an

archaeologist, but I decided to become a teacher of Spanish to have the opportunity to travel and live in different countries.

4. What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

To spend time with my children, meet my friends and go out for a walk!

5. What was favourite subject when you were in school

History

6. What are some of your favourite Spanish words and what do they mean?

Aventura

(adventure), regalo

(present)

and payaso (clown).

The life of an S2

Returning to the High School after the first year isn't the same, **writes Zoe Imray.**

Returning for the second year you lose all the excitement and nervousness and it's once again its back to waking up early, dragging yourself out of bed at stupid o'clock in the morning and being tired after not listening to my Mum's advice and going to bed early.

One the biggest differences between S1 and S2 is that now, I

don't get lost in the building anymore. I know where all my classes are and I know what my teachers expect of me. I'll be honest though it is very funny watching all the S1s running around and getting lost.

That was me last year! I can neither confirm nor deny the rumours that I supposedly gave some S1s the wrong directions on more than one occasion. Please contact my lawyer if you want to discuss this further.

Musical Preparations Are Coming Along Brilliantly

Another year, another musical. This year our drama group is attempting the Jr.

version of Aladdin the musical, **writes Lucy Brennan.**

Preparations are well under way, with Andrew McGillvray and Natalie Darcy playing the leading roles Aladdin and Jasmine. Rehearsals are a little noisy and frantic but I am just chalking it up to nerves and excitement.

Mrs Holliday is one of the teachers involved in the production of Aladdin and I asked her a few questions about how she feels. "I think the show rehearsals are going well" she revealed. "We have been really trying

some new ideas this year to make the show the best yet and the entire cast have really stepped up to the challenges."

From my point of view this has definitely been the case in rehearsals; they are between one to two hours long and they are always PACKED with singing, dancing and acting of the highest quality.

Our school show will be taking place from the 30th to the 31st of October in the Assembly Hall.

Tickets are on sale now from the school office and we hope that our audiences enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed creating it.