

# SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD: SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

THE latest from behind the scenes at Selkirk High School...



Shaun completed wheelchair training skills in Edinburgh

### Training skills

Congratulations to Shaun McIntosh for completing wheelchair training skills in Edinburgh last week. A very enjoyable programme for both Shaun and Gwen Bradley. Many thanks to Go Kids Go charity for running this programme and for working with Shaun.

### Graphics

Higher Graphics are developing their knowledge on the elements and principles of design using Adobe InDesign to create a layout for a magazine and Advanced Higher are producing orthographic drawings of a CAD model of a mounting bracket for a camera to fit to a mountain bike.

### Making mirrors

The S3s have been making mirrors using simple rebate joints. They

have been developing their tool skills as well as developing the different techniques of finishing.

### Horticulture

Our horticulture department, under the banner of 'Byethorne Market Garden' put on a fantastic display of items for sale during the S3 parents' evening on Wednesday, October 25. With a range of vegetables, carved pumpkins, succulents, jams, houseplants, eggs, bees, wax candles and bedding plants. The jams in particular were a big hit and the stall made of £50 of sales from some very generous customers. This follows the proud announcement that we have achieved the highest award for school gardening from the Royal Horticulture Society. We are now a level 5 school garden which is about gardening through the year, gardening with members of our local community and keeping

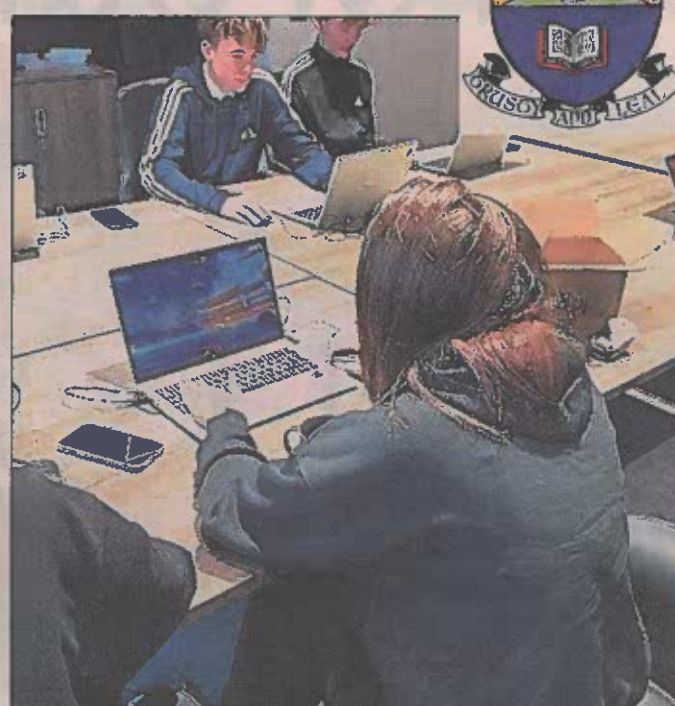
gardening at the heart of our school. A huge well done to all the staff and pupils over the years who have made this possible.

### Digital Enterprise

The S3 Digital Enterprise class were asked to create an app that would help with a social issue. They could choose from three categories: health and well-being, cost-of-living crisis or the environment. They increased their knowledge and used their creativity skills to create some fantastic apps.

### Employability and Enterprise

Students in Employability and Enterprise have launched their first products under the business name 'Gifted'. They decided to start with Christmas-style bottle lights and then move on to resin-based gift ideas. After cleaning the bottles and using a bit of elbow



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grease to remove the labels they now some stunning wintery decorations for sale. They managed to get them ready on time to be on display for the S3 parents' evening. Please contact the school if you are interested in purchasing these.

### Esports

Last week was a first for Selkirk High School and indeed the entire Scottish Borders. We have officially joined the world of competitive Esports! Six of our students completing the NPA in Esports were given the opportunity to spend the afternoon at the Inspire Tweedbank building test proofing the concept of competitive gaming. Not only did they assist in setting up the gaming laptops and trialling the kit by playing against each other on a private server, but we also hosted our first fixture in the British Esports Student

Champs Open! Playing Rocket League, we came up against Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG Tigers), last year's champions! So this was always going to be a daunting task... Clearly they have some highly skilled gamers and they managed to win the best of five fairly convincingly. However, our students showed great resilience as the skills and strategy of our players improved along with the scoreline in each game. Following this proof of concept this should allow us to organise tournaments within the school, arrange competitive leagues between schools and of course compete in regular fixtures in the British Esports Championship.

### Choir

Come along and join the Community Choir. Open to everyone aged 12+.



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