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GAME ON: Pupils excelled during an esports competition at Tweedbank. Images: Selkirk High School

Courtroom learning

THE travel and tourism class visited Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom as part of their unit on Scottish tourism.

The visit was incredibly insightful and showcased a wonderful, local attraction.

The pupils were impressed with the courtroom and enjoyed asking questions and looking at the exhibits.

Farm visit

SENIOR phase students visited two farms recently, Carterhough at Bowhill and Standhill near Hawick.

Thank you to Sion Williams, Kerry Shanks and RHET Scottish Borders Countryside Initiative for giving up their time to talk to our students and show them around the farms.

This is valuable information needed for the mandatory rural business research unit of the course.

Esports success

TEN pupils from Selkirk High School travelled to the Inspire building in Tweedbank yesterday to take part in a hotly contested esports tournament, competing for a place in the Phase esports finals at Murrayfield Stadium on September 27.

The students, representing S1 through to S4, played Rocket League in teams of three against other Borders schools — many of whom fielded senior phase competitors.

Selkirk's three teams got off to a strong start, with all finishing the first round in the top three places of their pool.

In the final match, however, they suffered narrow defeats which denied them an automatic qualification spot.

Despite this, hopes remain high that at least one Selkirk team will progress once other results are confirmed.

Two S4 pupils, who are

completing the NPA in esports, also gained valuable experience by assisting with the running of the tournament, helping with game administration and refereeing.

Their new skills will prove useful later this year when they organise Selkirk's inter-house esports competition.

A particular highlight came from the S1 team, who impressed with several excellent wins against much older and more experienced opponents.

Staff accompanying the group said: "The standard of play was incredibly high, but our pupils rose to the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

With strong performances both on and off the digital pitch, Selkirk High School's esports talent has shown great promise — and Murrayfield may yet be on the horizon.



OUTDOORS: Pupils during the visit to two Borders farms.



ORDER: Pupils during the visit to Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom.

