# WHAT'S GOING ON AT CDHS?



## **Pupil Success At Edinbrugh Fringe**

On returning from the summer holidays we were delighted to find out that pupils Anna Fox and Tessa Hall had been part of a very successful production at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The girls were part of a play that was aimed at raising awareness of Autism. The girls performed superbly and were rewarded as the play won The Derek Award for Best Drama at the Edinburgh Fringe. The play was coordinated by the Fox and Hound Company. On the back of their success the girls have been asked to perform the play in front of the Scottish parliament.

The girls have spoken about their shock at winning the award and that it was randomly presented to them at the end of one of their shows. The word surreal was used a lot and shock that out of over 2000 plays they were the winners. Anna spoke about her character Laura who is a 12-year-old girl with undiagnosed autism and Tessa's character was Laura's teddy bear who tries to be the voice of reason as well as her imagination. One again a massive well done girls.





#### **Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council**

We are delighted to announce that two pupils from Castle Douglas High School have been elected to join the Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council. S3 pupil Mackinley Brown and S6 pupil Lindsay Thomson have been elected to represent the Castle Douglas and Crocketford ward. Mackinley and Lindsay have undergone training and will soon be meeting with the representatives of the 11 other wards to discuss the issues that have been raised. If you have anything you would like Mackinley or Lindsay to bring up, please don't hesitate to speak to them.

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#### **Rugby Competion**

# **Higher Education Convention**

Last week Mr Cathro and Miss Linton accompanied 45 S5 and S6 pupils to the annual Higher Education Convention at The Bridge in Dumfries. The event was attended by universities and companies from all over the United Kingdom with prospectuses on hand as well as face to face discussions. Pupils commented that they got a lot from the event and for many has given them a real focus for the year ahead as well as possibly opening a few new avenues for some. On the back of this event the SAAS meeting for S6 pupils going to University for next year has been arranged for before the Summer holidays. An exact date will follow soon.

#### **Uniform Reminder**

A reminder that uniform is a white shirt or polo shirt, tie, black or dark cardigan or jumper, black trousers/skirt and black shoes (black trainers are acceptable). Outdoor clothing or hooded tops should be removed in class without a teacher asking you. SLT will be carrying out uniform checks next week and if pupils are not wearing the agreed school uniform, a letter will be sent home.

## **School Equipment**

Whilst we do our best to provide resources for young people within our classrooms to ensure that their learning is not impacted upon we would appreciate if pupils could bring the correct equipment with them when possible. Examples of this are pupils coming to school with a pen, pencil, ruler as well as the correct equipment for their lessons that day. Please do not bring jotters / folders that you do not need that day but pack your back the night before to ensure who have the correct materials.

## **Hamburg Excursion**

A mixture of \$4 and \$5 travelled to Hamburg last week on our annual Art exchange with Gymnasuim Hochard. Speaking about her experience \$4 pupil Anya McCreadie said that 'It was really nice. All of the families were very nice. We also did a day trip to Berlin and visted the Reichstag. In Hamburg we also went to the Elbphilharmonie which was amazing and had great views of the city. In our free time we all met up together and went to the beach.' More information and pictures will be in next weeks newsletter.

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