

# HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 28 March 2023

## Holocaust Education

As a Vision Scotland School, we are committed to ensuring our young people know about the Holocaust and learn about tolerance, respect and justice. Every year Miss Andersson asks senior pupils to plan, lead and deliver lessons to S2 pupils as part of our Holocaust Education programme. It is always a very powerful learning experience. This year the theme is 'Ordinary People'. The lessons, prepared by seniors, got the pupils to learn about how ordinary people were victims, perpetrators and bystanders in genocides. Pupils engaged very well and enjoyed the experience.

## Young Musician of the Year Competition

On Wednesday 15 March, we held our Young Musician of the Year Competition. The performers were outstanding and there was a great variety of instruments and musical choices. Our adjudicators had a very difficult job. Worthy winners were, Edan Munroe (Jnr instrumental - piano), AJ Pritchard (junior voice), Ben Faulds (intermediate instrumental - trumpet), Lewis Gooding (snr voice). The overall winner was Jonathan Assur (snr instrumental) on violin. It was a lovely evening, organised by our Music department, and well enjoyed by staff, pupils and parents of the performers.

## LGBT Awareness Training

A number of staff participated in online training this month followed by an action planning session with Youth Scotland. This is part of our rights and equalities work and is mandatory for LGBT Charter status.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The DofE Awards Ceremony was held on 23 March for the first time since Covid. Kyle pupils were well represented at the event in all categories. Mathew Davis (S6 - Gold) compered the evening in style and Neve Watson (S3 – bronze) spoke about her volunteering section.

## Upcoming Events

**Easter Holidays** - closed Fri 31 March reopening on Mon 17 April

**SQA Exam diet for S4 to S6** – 24 April to 30 May

**Next Parent Council Meeting** - 25 April