



Bell Baxter Diary

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Eat your heart out competitors..

FutureChef 2012 is a national cookery competition open to all aspiring chefs at high school, but under the age of 16. This year was the first time that Bell Baxter had entered this prestigious, and hospitality industry recognised competition. In the summer term of 2011 all pupils undertaking the Intermediate 1 Hospitality course were invited to try out for the preliminary heat. Twenty five students decided to have a go at cooking Spaghetti Bolognese, under strict competition conditions. From the initial participants, school judges whittled the number of competitors going through to the knock-out heat to a dozen, in what was a very close and highly fought round. In the knock-out heat, the Competition Chef, Mr Martin Luti of Elmwood College, came to Bell Baxter to meet the remaining competitors and with Mrs Corlett - a teacher of Home Economics at Bell Baxter - questioned and judged the candidates' work, skills and knowledge. Again it was exceptionally close, but it was agreed that the most promising competitor was S4 pupil, Hannah Fricke. In January Hannah spent some time with Chef Luti whereby a two course meal was designed for 2 people within a budget of £6. Hannah observed Chef Luti making the dishes and she went home to practise them. The two chosen dishes were: marinated pork loin steaks with sweet potato mash, confit shallots, roast carrots and a Parma ham crisp; and for pudding flourless chocolate brownies with chantilly cream, Amarena cherries and shards of homemade caramel. On Wednesday 18th January, Hannah went to Adam Smith College at Glenrothes to represent Bell Baxter High School in the Fife Regional Heat. Although her dishes were technically very complex, Hannah performed brilliantly and was narrowly pipped into second place by a seasoned competitor. As a result of Hannah's magnificent performance it has encouraged the Home Economics department to look to other competitions for its pupils to enter. Well done Hannah!

D.A.S Football

Bell Baxter DAS welcomed Madras College DAS to take part in an inter school football match on Thursday 19th January. The match took place on the school astro turf pitch and was played with great enthusiasm in a friendly and happy atmosphere. Both teams gained invaluable experience, both socially and physically from this encounter. Madras came out the victors on this occasion, however bridges were built and a return fixture is soon to be arranged with BB to travel to St Andrews. Many thanks to Mr Runciman for officiating!

Dance of the Dolls

Drama Teacher Mr Robb will be treating Bell Baxter to a theatrical spectacle in June 2013. He is the playwright of "Dance of the Dolls", a completely original musical. The ghost story will star Bell Baxter pupils and auditions will begin after the summer holidays. At the moment the production team is developing ideas and a team of pupils are in the process of composing music for the show.

After the success of last years "Little Shop of Horrors," this musical is guaranteed to be excellent viewing. We will bring you more information as and when we have it.

Stewart Ivory Foundation

S6 Pupils have been visited by the Stewart Ivory Foundation in their Social Education lessons over the last fortnight. Pupils have been given an insight into the importance of budgeting and managing their finances as they move on to Further Education.

Burns Supper

The school Burns Committee wishes to advise that the Burns Supper will now be held on Thursday 22nd March 2012. Tickets will be available from 22nd February. More details will be published nearer the time.

Keeping fit and active

As the pupils return after the Christmas Break, so too do the various clubs and activities organised by the Health and Wellbeing Faculty. . Training has begun again for the ever popular football, hockey and badminton, for all every year group. There is also the return of S1 and S2 hockey. Bell Baxter as a school prides itself on its high sporting attainment and the high participation in all its groups and organisations. One of the more recent clubs to have begun are the Zumba group, on Monday afternoons, and a Pilates group has also started, giving activity opportunities to just about everyone. The football and hockey teams will begin playing matches again in the next few weeks and there is also a badminton championship coming up in which Bell Baxter will be represented. The Health and Wellbeing Faculty are confident of another successful year in sport at Bell Baxter.