

# Emergency response day at James Gillespie High School



Police in Edinburgh have taken part in a multi-agency emergency response day with local secondary school pupils.

The event was held at the Meadows on Tuesday 3 May with around 120 pupils from James Gillespie High School.

Road policing officers went through scenario-based incidents such as a simulated road traffic collision, and what information is vital when calling 999.

Officers also discussed safety advice and the main causes of collisions.



Police Constable David McCurdy, who is based at Fettes, said: "The aim of this event was to educate the students on what we, as emergency services, are looking for from them if they witness or come across a road traffic collision.

"It was important to get the students to interact and show them what they could do to help any casualty before we arrive.



"It also showed how the police, fire and ambulance service work together and how labour intensive these incidents can be.

"We discussed what emotions the next of kin may have, and what emotions officers may have when dealing with these kind of incidents.

"Hopefully it leaves a visual impact on what could happen, and it should have them thinking a bit more and be prepared should they come across this in a real-life situation."