

## Gobi comes to NBHS!

S1 and S6 pupils enjoyed meeting Dion Leonard and his furry friend Gobi on Wednesday of this week.

Dion told us about his upbringing in Australia and how he developed a love of running. He is an ultramarathon runner and often runs up to 155 miles at a time! It was during an ultramarathon in the Gobi desert that Gobi the dog made an appearance. The stray dog started to run alongside Dion during his race and a strong bond was created! Gobi would wait all day for Dion coming across the finishing line. Gobi and Dion were now firm friends and Dion decided that he would like to take Gobi back to Edinburgh with him. Then something awful happened... Gobi disappeared in the huge, crowded city of Urumqi. A worldwide search ensued and after a few weeks Gobi was found safe and well. Dion faced a lot of red tape in bringing Gobi home, involving him being in quarantine for 4 months. After his previous disappearance, Dion took leave from work and stayed with Gobi in China, not wanting to let him out of his sight!

Dion's book about his experience "Finding Gobi" has been a huge success, currently being on the Sunday Times bestseller list and also having a children's edition. It has been published in many languages around the world. Dion told us yesterday how his story is set to hit the silver screen!

I'm sure everyone at NBHS will be excited when the film is released and we can say that we met Dion and Gobi in person.

