



Liberton
HIGH SCHOOL

Family Fortnightly
Update
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Staffing Update



As indicated in the letter issued on Wednesday 5th March to families, Mrs Jennifer Skene has been appointed as our permanent Depute Headteacher (and Head of Dee House).

Mrs Skene was Acting Depute Headteacher since November 2023, and her permanent role was that of Curriculum Leader of Mathematics and Numeracy here at Liberton. We will soon be advertising the permanent Curriculum Leader of Mathematics role (which Mr Barker has been fulfilling in an Acting capacity since November 2023).



Concern: 'Ten Ten' App

We would really appreciate your support with the following issue. Some schools have seen a sharp rise in the number of young people using the Ten Ten app on their phone. The Ten Ten app turns your phone into a live walkie talkie and can be used even when the phone is locked. This app has become disruptive to learning, and has had a negative impact on pupils' focus and engagement.

As yet, we have thankfully only seen one instance of it so far at Liberton, which has been dealt with. However, we want to flag this up to you all because it seems to be the latest 'craze' with many young people, and we want to nip it in the bud to prevent this from becoming an issue at Liberton.

If your child has this app on their phone, we would be very grateful if you would either consider removing it, or reinforcing the expectation with your child that it should not be used in class as it is not permitted and their phone will be removed from them and their family contacted if they disrupt learning with it.

As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

Introducing.....

Marion Wilkie

Marion is our new School Support Assistant for Equity (**Uniform and Breakfast Club**) – she was previously SSA for Dee House, so some of you may already know her.

Marion is based in our Pupil Support Base (the Guidance Base)



Our House SSAs (School Support Assistants – also based in the Guidance base)



**Jane
Chan**



**Laura
Szoke**



**Terri
Little**



Family Survey – LHS Hoodies/Sweatshirts

We would really appreciate it if all of our families could complete a short multi-choice survey with 2 questions, specifically about hoodies and sweatshirts. Many thanks!

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey 😊

Uniform - Reminder



A reminder that only the items listed on the next slide are part of our school dress code. Marion Wilkie, our School Support Assistant, supports our pupils and families with uniform on a daily basis, and will be in contact with any families where a pupil is wearing clothing that is not considered part of our uniform.

In particular, we have seen a few pupils wearing joggers/tracksuits that are black/grey, with large grey blocks/sections. These are not uniform (despite what some of your children may try to convince you!) and should not be worn to school at all. [Thank you very much for your support with this we really appreciate it!](#)

Examples of what is NOT uniform.....



Liberton High School Uniform



Top Half – Outer Layer

Either

- Plain black (no logos) jumper, hoodie, zipper, sweatshirt, cardigan (*from any shop*)

Or

- Black LHS logo sweatshirt, hoodie, zipper (*from www.border-embroideries.co.uk*)

Top Half - Inner layer

Either

- White shirt and LHS school tie

Or

- Plain black or white T-shirt or Polo Shirt (no logos) **or black LHS logo polo shirt**

Cropped tops which do not fully cover a pupil's midriff, and skintight vest tops with thin straps, are not appropriate and will not be permitted

Bottom Half

- Plain black leggings (not seethrough)
- Plain black skirt
- Plain black trousers
- Plain black joggers
- Plain black shorts (no hotpants)
- Plain black jeans (not ripped)

These items should have no logos

Footwear

- Comfortable trainers or shoes with a closed toe (no flip flops or sandals)
- We do not specify the colour of footwear and do not wish families to feel they have to purchase separate footwear of a specific colour especially for school.



Current S1 Pupils – moving into S2 in June

On Monday 2nd June, the whole school moves to our new timetable, and our current S1 pupils will begin S2.

When they move into S2, pupils will find that they are in **different class groupings** for their *practical set* to the ones that they are in this session (subjects such as Art, Music, Craft and Design Technology, Computing, Business, Science). These groupings will be created by our Integrated Pupil Support Team (eg our Guidance team, who have got to know our pupils well during S1) and will be based on the range of knowledge that the school now has about individual pupils and groups of pupils, taking into account everything we have learned about the pupils so far since they began S1 with us.

They will remain in **the same groupings** for their *House Class sets* as they are this session (House Class, PSE, Modern Languages, Social Subjects (Geography, History, Modern Studies, RMPS) and Physical Education) and they will still have the same Pupil Support Leader (Mrs Binnie-Tkacz for Dee, Mr Mackie for Forth, and Miss Jacobs, who is returning from maternity leave at Easter, for Tay). For English and Mathematics, S2 will be timetabled to each of these subjects as a year group, and these faculties will therefore have the opportunity to group pupils into class configurations that support their learning.

By the time that pupils move into S3 the following year, they will have selected their S3 subjects, and will find that they are in completely new classes for almost every subject (apart from PSE, RMPS and core PE), so this move to alter the groupings in the practical sets in S2 is a stepping stone towards their classes being completely different when they reach S3, and aims to allow them to expand the number of pupils that they already know and work with, in a staged way.



Leavers' Events

S6 Leavers' Celebration Event – Wednesday 23rd April

A separate communication has been issued to all families of S6 pupils about this. Please remember to complete the following form if you are a family member of one of our S6 pupils, to indicate if you are attending our leavers' celebration at 11.45am that day: [CLICK HERE](#)

S4 and S5 Leavers' Celebration Event – Thursday 29th May

We are holding a Leavers' Celebration Event for the families of our S4 and S5 pupils who are leaving school this summer. Further information is going to be issued to families about this event.



Upcoming Calendar Dates

Our online version of the school calendar for families can be found on our website: [Parent-Version-Liberton-High-School-Calendar-2024-25.pdf](#)
[\(libertonhighschool.org\)](#)

Our menu of Family Learning events at Liberton for 2024-25 can also be found on our website: [Family-Learning-Calendar-2024-25.pdf \(libertonhighschool.org\)](#)
all young people are welcome to attend these events with their parent(s) or carer(s).

Dates this term



- Tuesday 18th March (Dee House S1-3 Assembly)
- Wednesday 19th March (Forth House S1-3 Assembly)
- Thursday 20th March (Tay House S1-3 Assembly)
- Friday 28th March (S2 Reports issued)
- Wednesday 26th March (SQA Assembly for all of S4, S5, S6)
- Monday 31st March-Friday 4th April (year group assemblies each morning, starting with S5/6 on Monday and going in reverse order, finishing with S1 on Friday)
- Friday 4th April (Last day of term – finish at 12.15pm. Non-uniform day)



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Celebrating Achievement at Liberton High School

We want to hear from you! You can [CLICK HERE](#) to tell us about any wider achievements your child has been involved in recently, including sporting achievements, achievements in music, dance and drama, or any other particular activities that your child is achieving in outside of school.

We have been enjoying issuing praise postcards and house points to lots of pupils for a range of achievements. Keep up the brilliant work!

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S1-S3	S4-S6	Class
Katrina Alderi	Finaly McGlashan	Mrs Maguire's N5 French class.
Lucy Larking	Holly Poomchai	Mr Russell's Higher Chemistry Class
Lennox Brown	Lucis Lindsay	1.7
Imogen Koe	Amelia Kirk-Hogg	1TB
Aayusma Aryal	Jonathan Abel	Mr Turnbull's N5 Playwork and Childcare class
Robert Kinghorn	Jasmine Davie	2.8 CDT
Anum Hamid	Moneer Jabani	Miss Crawford's Design and Manufacture class
Maya Holliman	Lina Borska	Miss Cullinan's 1.2 Business class
Fraser Bailey	Jamal Thomas	2DB
Mia Todd	Dean Watters	
Maya Holliman		
Daisy Malone		
Liam Ramsay		
Dawod Awadallah		



**February nominees
for pupil and class of
the month– well done
all!!**

Monthly Awards – February

S1-S3 Pupil of the Month

Fraser Bailey (S1)
(30 points for Forth)

S4-S6 Pupil of the Month

Lina Borska (S4)
(30 points for Forth)



Monthly Awards - February

S1-S2 Class of the Month

1TB (30 points for Tay)

S3-S6 Class of the Month

Mr Turnbull's N5 Playwork and Childcare Class





Contacting the school

- All of our families are able to contact our school by **e-mailing** admin@liberton.edin.sch.uk (and our admin team will be happy to direct your e-mail to the relevant member of our school staff)
- You are also very welcome to contact us by phone on 0131 664 7514 and press the following:
 - Press 1 to report an absence to our **attendance line**.
 - Press 2 if it relates to supports for your child in **DEE HOUSE**.
 - Press 3 if it relates to supports for your child in **FORTH HOUSE**.
 - Press 4 if it relates to supports for your child in **TAY HOUSE**.
 - Press 5 to speak to the main office about general school queries not specific to your child.