



Liberton
HIGH SCHOOL

Family Fortnightly
Update
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L2 Above Main Entrance Looking West

Inside the new campus
New photo - May 2025

READY * RESPECTFUL * RESPONSIBLE



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Celebrating Success – well done to all of you who were celebrated in our Assemblies at the start of April for being nominated for pupil or class of the month for March..... (see next slides) 😊

Pupil of the Month Nominations - March



S3F (Miss Bird and Miss Mackinnon's S3 English Class)

1FB Social Subjects

2FA in PSE (Mr Mackie)

Mrs Nicolls 2.5 art and design class

2.1 Miss Gilfillan's Art and Design Class

1DB - Ms Binnie's PSE Class

Mr Galbraith's House Class (1FB)

S1 - 1.8

Mrs Wellman's AH Chemistry Class

Miss Lea's S3 badminton core class

2TA

Mrs Maguire and Mrs Liu's S4 Spanish class.

Mr Russell's 3D Chemistry class

Gabby Davie

Declan Bryce

Jude Elliot

Evie Duncan

Abbie Keith

Celina Kita

Tasnim Bint Khan

Katrina Alderi

Declan Bryce

Kya Hannah McCann

Aseel Abdulrahman

Alex Nelson

Coen Wolstenholm

Orla Scott

Roeb Olabode

Hasan Qais

Sara Madaci

Chloe Douglas

Nicole Melrose

Rylie Wood

Darcy McCallum

Andie Brown

Farrah-Leigh Clark

Thandiwe Hay

Katie Reid

Darcie Syme

Samantha Williams

Kaitlyn Murray

Lee McLennan

Peter Corkhill

Cedar Udabor

Cain Campbell

Dean Watters

Katie Reid

Katie Reid

Ethan Zhen

Sanjay Nair

Wanya Tucker

Abhi Ravikiran

Jakariya Ali

Monthly Awards – March

S1-S3 Pupil of the Month

Orla Scott (Forth) – 30 points

S4-S6 Pupil of the Month

Darcy McCallum (Tay) – 30 points



Monthly Awards - March

S1-S2 Class of the Month

1DB (30 points for Dee)

S3-S6 Class of the Month

3F (Miss Bird and Miss Mackinnon's English Class)



Music Competition

1st place = 100 points
2nd place = 80 points
3rd place = 60 points



Junior S1-S3

1st Place: Jenny William S3 (Forth)

2nd Place: Filip Cellary S1 (Forth)

3rd Place: Tamara Mukora S2 (Forth)

Senior S4-S6

1st Place: Faith Sinclair S5 (Forth)

2nd Place: Hayley Marko S5 (Forth)

3rd Place: Lewis Boyd S5 (Forth)





1FB

1FA

4FA

2FA

6F

3DB

3TB

2TB

1TB

Our House Classes have been growing sunflowers since our Eco month in March. Here are some of them as of just before Easter. At the end of May, they will be submitted to the Eco group and measured (some are well over 30 cm now at the start of May!) – with 1st place winning 100 house points, 2nd place 80 house points, and 3rd place 60 house points.

Interhouse Cup: Totals at 4th April (two months left to go)!





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THE LIBERTON LESSON



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This session, we have been working hard at sharing information about our 'Liberton Lesson' with our learners. We have been doing this through posters in every classroom which are referred to by teachers, and at our monthly year group assemblies where we focus on a different feature each month.

We have also now completed Faculty Focus days in each of our 8 faculties, whereby members of our Senior Leadership Team, accompanied by the Curriculum Leader, a teacher from another school, and a peer teacher from elsewhere in our school, have observed lessons of each teacher. Part of each of these 8 days have also been our pupil focus groups, where a group of 10 pupils from each faculty have met with our school captains and provided their views and feedback about their learning experience in that faculty. These pupil views have helped to shape the next steps identified for each faculty and for the whole school in terms of learning and teaching, and will be included in our improvement plan for next session.



Family Survey – LHS Hoodies/Sweatshirts

So far, we've received over 70 responses to this. Thank you if you've already completed it!

We would really appreciate it if all of our families who haven't yet completed this could complete a short multi-choice survey with 2 questions, specifically about hoodies and sweatshirts. Many thanks!

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey 😊 It closes at midnight on **Tuesday 6th May.**

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. We issue brand new, free, uniform to any pupil who requires it on any given day.

Also, some of our families are eligible for clothing grants to help with the cost of school clothing. If you would like to check if you are eligible and would like to apply, please click the following link for the form on the City of Edinburgh Council website: [Apply for free school meals, milk and clothing grant | Instructions – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

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.



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Reminder: 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

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

We are holding a Leavers' Celebration Event for the families of our S4 and S5 pupils who are leaving school this summer. Further information and invitations are being shared with the families of those pupils directly.



Positive Relationships and Behaviours

The next few slides are designed to share our approach to positive relationships and behaviours, linked to our three school values of Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

They show our expectations, and actions that occur when a young person acts in a way that does not reflect our values. They also show the ways in which we praise and reward pupils who live our values through their actions.

Our expectations for positive behaviours and relationships:

- Linked to our values
- Displayed in every classroom
- Referred to regularly by teachers
- Are referred to in assemblies every month



TOGETHER WE ARE READY • RESPECTFUL • RESPONSIBLE



READY TO LEARN

- I attend all timetabled classes on time
- I bring my school iPad and charger with me to school every day
- My mobile phone is silent and out of sight at all times during class and my ears are free from headphones/earpods (unless my teacher has asked me to get my phone out to use it for learning)



RESPECTFUL

- I use appropriate language at all times at school
- I treat everyone with respect (I am not rude or verbally abusive towards other pupils or adults)
- I respect the rights and views of others



RESPONSIBLE

- I speak to an adult if I feel I am treated unfairly
- I take responsibility for my actions, and when things go wrong I am prepared to try to make them better

Not meeting the Respectful expectation

(by being rude or verbally abusive):



1) Warning

2) Discussion with teacher outside room

3) Move to designated Alternative Learning Space

4) Duty Head Call

*(if pupil refuses to move to designated
Alternative Learning Space for class teacher)*



Ready - Not meeting expectations with MOBILE PHONES....



1) Whole class warning

(first person to have phone out in class)

2) Phone to teacher's desk until end of lesson

(if anyone has phone out after class warning)

3) Duty Head call and pupil re-located to an Alternative Learning Space (*another class*)

(if pupil refuses to put phone on teacher's desk)

4) Depute Headteacher speaking with pupil and with parent or carer

Celebrating Success

Praise postcards issued by faculties across the school to pupils

S1-S3 pupil of the month (Amazon Voucher and Certificate)

S4-S6 pupil of the month (Amazon Voucher and Certificate)

Class of the month (Tub of treats and Certificate)

Announced at monthly assemblies....

Nominations by adults from across the school for pupils who are role models to others by displaying one or more of our values.



House Points



- Tokens (enacting our values, going above and beyond, individual achievements)
- Monthly Interhouse Events (these are advertised in House Class time and at assemblies – organised by Senior Pupil Leadership Team)



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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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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).



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.



LHS - School App (Free)

All of our parent updates, and various other news, are also added to our School App – please see below for how to download the free App to your device....

School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.



Scan the QR Code or search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news and receive messages.



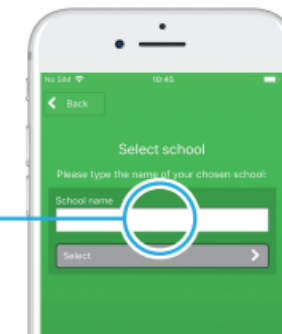
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House Class Time 8.30-8.40am

Get **READY** for
the day



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Register

E-bulletin

Attendance follow-up

Daily Task

Your Uniform

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