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Parent and Carer Fortnightly Update

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Staffing Update

The Liberton High School Permanent Headteacher post is currently advertised (the advert closes Monday 5th February). Two Parent Council representatives involved in recruitment and selection process, and we will keep you informed of progress.

A Fixed Term Pupil Support Leader (Tay House) post is currently advertised (closes Thursday 1st February) to cover Miss Jacobs' maternity leave (post starts after Easter)

We are re-advertising our Fixed Term Teacher of Mathematics post (to backfill Mr Barker, who is currently our Acting Curriculum Leader), as our previous advert did not yield a successful candidate. In the meantime, Mr Melvin (who already works part-time in our department) will continue to work an additional day (Tuesdays), and Mr Clark (our Science NQT from last session) has joined us in the Maths department to teach a variety of Maths lessons on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



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Partners from The City of Edinburgh Council, Balfour Beatty, and JM Architects, attended our Parent Council meeting on Wednesday night, and delivered an interesting and thorough presentation to all. They also answered a range of questions and expanded on information about the outdoor spaces, indoor layouts, and site safety.

They indicated that as things stand currently, we are on track for completion of phase 1 of the process (which is the completion of the new campus) by the end of January 2026, with our school community moving to the new building in February 2026. They are also on track for phase 2 of the process (the demolition of our current school and the completion of new outdoor sports facilities) for the following year.

We will keep you updated.

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Physical Education Classes

During the period of construction of our new campus, our previous playing fields are of course unable to be used.

For that reason, our PE department are using a range of venues outwith our campus in order to be able to deliver physical activities to our learners.

If your child's year group/class will be involved in undertaking blocks of learning at other venues during their timetabled PE periods, the department will let parents and carers know in advance.

Pupil Toilets

At break times and lunch times we continue to monitor the main pupil toilets to try to prevent pupils from gathering there socially in groups, so that all of our pupils feel confident and safe to use the toilets, as we recognise that large groups of older pupils can be offputting for many of our young people.

When we carry out the toilet checks, we disperse any groups so that the toilets are clear. However, we do still encounter groups in the toilets when we arrive there.

I would very much appreciate it if, as a parent or carer, you are able to speak with your own child(ren) to discourage them from meeting with friends in the toilets or gathering in the toilets (aside from the reason above, this is also for hygiene purposes, as we often also find groups of pupils consuming food and juice in the toilets)

We will begin to be in touch with the parents of individuals who are regularly found to be gathering in the toilets with friends, in the hope that we can work together to ensure that the toilets are a place that all pupils feel able to access.

Many thanks!

Structure and Timing of the School Day

Many thanks to those of you who fed your views into our consultation on the timings and structure of our school day. The following slides provide information on the feedback that was gathered from families, pupils, and staff.

As a result of the feedback, **I am letting you know that the structure and timings of the school day will be changing when our new timetable begins. This is scheduled for Monday 13th May 2024.**

- Instead of 33 periods of 50 minutes in length, **we will move to 32 periods of 50 minutes in length, plus a 10-minute slot at 8.30 each morning** for Guidance classes to meet as a tutor group with a consistent adult.
- **For S1-S4**, the 50-minute period that will no longer exist in the week will be the current 'Guidance' period (instead, they will still see their Guidance teacher for 1 period per week, as their PSE period will be taught by their Guidance teacher instead of our PE team)
- **For S5 and S6**, the 50-minute period that will no longer exist each week is one of the two periods of core PE that S5 and S6 pupils currently receive (Education Scotland guidance for 2 periods per week of physical activity applies to S1-S4 only)
- School will still begin at 8.30am
- School will end at 3.30pm on Mondays-Thursdays, and 12.15pm on Fridays
- Lunchtime will be shortened to 45 minutes from the existing 50 minutes

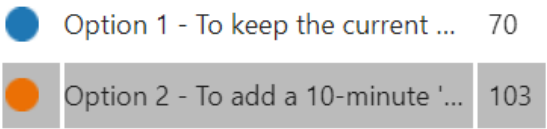


Survey Responses on Structure and Timings of the School Day:

Pupils (173 responses) – 60%/40%

1. My preference for the structure of the school day from May 2024 onwards is (please tick one) (0 point)

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Parents (84 responses) – 75%/25%

1. My preference for the structure of the school day from May 2024 onwards is (please tick one) (0 point)

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- Option 1 - To keep the current ... 21
- Option 2 - To add a 10-minute '... 63





Staff (55 responses) 87%/13%

1. My preference for the structure of the school day from May 2024 onwards is (please tick one) (0 point)

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● Option 1 - To keep the current ... 7

● Option 2 - To add a 10-minute '... 48



Break and Lunch

- Option C Overall



Monday to Thursday

Period	Tutor	1	2	3	Break	4	5	Lunch	6	7
Time	8.30- 8.40	8.40- 9.30	9.30- 10.20	10.20- 11.10	11.10- 11.25	11.25- 12.15	12.15- 13.05	13.05- 13.50	13.50- 14.40	14.40- 15.30

Friday

Period	Tutor	1	2	Break	3	4
Time	8.30- 8.40	8.40- 9.30	9.30- 10.20	10.20- 10.35	10.35- 11.25	11.25- 12.15



Upcoming Calendar Dates (for full parent and carer calendar [CLICK HERE](#))

Thursday 1st February – S4-S6 Parent Evening

Friday 2nd February – House Music Competition (afternoon – parents and carers welcome)