



# Liberton

## HIGH SCHOOL

Parent and Carer Fortnightly Update

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# Staffing Update



Last week, we recruited a Fixed Term Teacher of Mathematics (until September 2025, backfilling for Mr Barker who is currently seconded to the role of Curriculum Leader of Mathematics and Numeracy). The successful candidate is Mrs Sandra Gillespie, who is due to start with us full-time in August, and is also due to start with us on Mondays and Tuesdays from April, while she continues Wednesdays-Fridays at her current school until summer. Our thanks go to Mr Ross Clark who has been providing cover to our Maths department, and to Mr James Melvin, who is already a part-time member of our Maths department but has worked additional days in recent months.

Next week, we will be interviewing for our Acting Curriculum Leader for Science, to cover Mrs Pittman's Maternity Leave which will begin at the start of May.



# Wellbeing Survey

- Our Pupils will be undertaking the annual City of Edinburgh Council Wellbeing survey during their guidance classes between Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- Full detail about the survey can be found in the attachment that accompanies this fortnightly update.

# Exam Leave Arrangements 2024 - Reminder



The City of Edinburgh Council have shared the exam leave guidance for 2024. At Liberton High School, the arrangements are as follows at Liberton High School:

## **All S5 and All S6 Pupils**

Last day of school before exam leave is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. First day back after exam leave is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Any pupils sitting exams on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April are entitled to 3 school days of exam leave prior to their exam date, therefore they may choose to undertake exam leave from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April respectively if they wish.

## **S4 pupils presented for 4 or more qualifications at level 5 or above**

The same arrangements as for S5 and S6 pupils (above) applies.

## **S4 pupils presented for 3, 2, 1 or 0 qualifications at level 5 or above**

Pupils are entitled to three school days prior to each exam that they are sitting, plus the day that the exam takes place. For example, if the exam takes place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the pupil is entitled to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and then attends school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to sit the exam (but not to attend any other classes that day).

**Further information regarding our exam arrangements will be issued in the coming weeks, including the timetable of learning and activities for those pupils who do not receive exam leave or receive partial exam leave.**



# Leavers' Events for S4, S5, S6

## S6 Pupils and their Families

We will be holding a day of S6 celebrations on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** for our entire S6, which will include a Leavers' Ceremony/Celebration to which families of our S6 pupils are warmly invited. The ceremony will begin at 11.15am in our Assembly hall, and will be followed by tea/coffee and cake for all.

## S4 and S5 Leavers

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** is the official leaving date for our S4 and S5 pupils who are leaving school this year to move on to higher or further education, training, or employment. We are holding an event that day to which their families are very welcome to attend. **We can now confirm that 11.30am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May will be when the families of our S4 and S5 leavers are very welcome to join us for a ceremony in our Assembly hall, followed by tea/coffee and cake for all.**



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## Celebrating Achievement at Liberton High School

This is just a reminder that 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 over the past few weeks for a range of achievements. Keep up the brilliant work!

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

**\*please note that the Spring Concert that was scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March has now been moved to a Summer Concert on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, as per the e-mail sent to all families this week**

**The last day of spring term is THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH, and school will finish at the usual time of 3.25pm that day.**

**School will resume on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am.**