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HIGH SCHOOL

Parent and Carer Fortnightly Update

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New Timetable



We began our new timetable and new timings for the school day on Monday 13th May, and it has gone very well so far. Pupils in the new S5 and S6 are encouraged to start attending their new timetable as soon as they have completed their final exam. Level 5 courses have already started to be taught, and level 6 and level 7 (including Higher and Advanced Higher) courses will officially begin on 3rd June.

All pupils now go to 'House Class' every morning between 8.30 and 8.40, to be registered by their House Class teacher and receive any important updates/information. From August onwards, the House Class teacher will be following up on any absences from class from the previous day, and checking pupil uniform (and directing those who do not to our Pupil Support Officer, who will be able to provide items to those who require them, and will be in touch with families).

Our pupils undertake a range of activities during the 10-minute House Class time, and they access the activities via a MS Team that all pupils and staff are members of. Your child will be able to show you that MS Team on their iPad.

The next slide gives an overview of what they are covering this term, in terms of activities that they engage with and discuss in groups/classes, to develop their general knowledge and use their social skills, and to provide them with a routine that gets them into the mindset of learning for the day ahead. These were selected based on pupil views and feedback during the first week, when they were given various resources to explore.



House Class Activities – May/June 2024

'MEDIA' MONDAYS	'Viewpoint' TUESDAYS	'WORDLE' WEDNESDAYS	'THOUGHTFUL' THURSDAYS	'FAMOUS QUOTE' FRIDAYS
Current News • Word of the day • Joke of the day • Flag quiz • On this day	Daily Referendum • Word of the day • Joke of the day • Flag quiz • On this day	Wordle (<i>for House Points – enter via MS Form – every correct entry wins a point</i>) • Word of the day • Joke of the day • Flag quiz • On this day	Thought of the day (discuss with neighbours) • Word of the day • Joke of the day • Flag quiz • On this day	Famous Quote • Word of the day • Joke of the day • Flag quiz • On this day

We use the website [FormTime Ideas - Tutor group activities](#) for many of these activities, and we use the website [Wordle - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#) for the Wednesday wordle.

Uniform Update

Our new hoodies and sweatshirts have arrived, ready for our new uniform launch in August. Our Pupil Support Officer will be visiting PSE classes in the coming weeks with samples for pupils to try on. Pupils will be issued with their free hoodie or sweatshirt (their choice) in their size on Wednesday 14th August by their House Class teacher at 8.30am.

If families would like to purchase more, our branded uniform is now available from Border Embroideries on their website, on the following link:

[Search results for: 'liberton high school' \(border-embroideries.co.uk\)](https://border-embroideries.co.uk/?q=liberton+high+school)

(equally, plain black with no logo, from any shop, is also part of the uniform policy – your choice!)



Top Half – Outer Layer

Either

- Plain black jumper, hoodie, zipper, sweatshirt, cardigan (*from any shop*)
- or
- Black LHS logo sweatshirt, hoodie, zipper (*from our designated supplier*)

Top Half - Inner layer

Either

- White shirt and LHS school tie
- or
- Plain black or white T-shirt or Polo Shirt (**no crop tops that show off midriff**)

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

LHS UNIFORM POLICY (from August 2024)

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)

Mobile Phones



We consistently communicate our expectations that we have of all members of our school community, in relation to our three values 'Ready, Respectful, and Responsible'. We focus in on a value during each monthly assembly.

With regard to mobile phones, a reminder of our approach (which we launched last August) is outlined on the next two slides. Pupils have been working well with this when in class.

However, we have noticed a 'loophole' which is that, when pupils are given permission to leave class to go to the toilet during a lesson for example, we are finding various pupils walking slowly from their classroom to other areas of the school whilst 'glued' to their phones during the middle of class time, often on social media such as Snapchat or TikTok.

From August, in order to maximise learning time and encourage pupils only to ask to go to the toilet if they do need to go, and to get there and back as quickly as possible, we will be introducing the need for pupils to leave their mobile phone on the teacher desk in the classroom if they leave the room for any reason during a lesson. As soon as they return to the room, they will be able to remove it from the teacher desk and place it back in their bag or pocket, so that it is out of sight and not distracting them from their learning.

I will be speaking to pupils about this during our June assemblies, and have already given them advance notice of it via a bulletin during House Class time, but also wanted you to be aware of it. If you are able to speak to your child about this and reinforce the importance of them making the most of their learning time, that would be brilliant. Thank you!



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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)



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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



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

Friday 31st May – Leavers' Event for S4/S5 leavers (families welcome to attend ceremony at 11.30am)

Thursday 6th June – Summer Concert (7pm, Assembly Hall)



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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 for a range of achievements. Keep up the brilliant work!

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