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Parent and Carer Fortnightly Update

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Liberton Community Campus

An update has been issued to all parents and carers yesterday with important information about the beginning of the construction phase of the new Liberton High School and Community Campus, which starts on Monday. You can view a copy of the letter on the following link if you have not yet seen it:

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link.



Unblocking the School Phone Number

Recently, through meetings with a few parents and carers, it has come to light that some pupils have been choosing to block the school number on their parent or carer's mobile phone. This means that when the school texts home to inform the parent or carer about truancy or any occasions when the Duty Head has required to be sent for in relation to the pupil's actions and behaviours.

We have looked into how parents and carers can ensure that the school number is not blocked on their mobile phone. Information is provided on the following slide for you!



For parents and carers with iPhones:

1. Select Settings - phone - blocked contacts.
2. If the number is blocked it will appear here.
3. To unblock it click edit in the top right corner.
4. Click on the red circle next to the number and 'unblock' will appear.
5. Click this to allow calls and messages to be unblocked.

For parents and carers with Android phones (eg Samsung):

1. Select phone icon from the home screen
2. Select the three dots in the top right corner
3. Select settings, and select block numbers – scroll and search for the school's number (0131 664 7514)
4. If the school number is there, press the red line/grey 'X' to remove from your blocked numbers. You will get a notification stating that you can now receive calls and texts from this number.



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National Parent and Carer Survey on Learning for Sustainability

Connect ([Home :: Connect](#)), which is the national body for Parent Councils in Scotland, currently has an online survey available for all parents and carers to feed their views and experiences into, in relation to Learning for Sustainability. If any of our Liberton parents and carers are able to spare a few minutes to contribute towards this and are happy to do so, please click the following link to complete the survey:
[Connect's Parent/Carer Survey on Learning for Sustainability](#)



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Liberton High School – Working in Partnership with Families

We currently have a group of staff working on Parent and Carer Engagement and how the school can best support the families of our pupils. We would really appreciate it if as many of you as possible could complete this very short survey in order to help us plan our next steps in working effectively alongside you to support your child's learning and wellbeing:

[CLICK HERE TO ADD YOUR IDEAS AND VIEWS](#)

Thank you!



Efficient Timetable and Curriculum Delivery (info for S6 parents only)

In preparing for the winter months ahead to ensure that we are running our timetable efficiently and are able to provide teachers to cover all classes of any colleagues who may be absent over the winter period, the school has been evaluating a range of different aspects of the current timetable and the way that it is run, alongside looking outwards to other schools in the city and beyond.

We have identified a range of things, some of which we have already put in place (which do not have any effect on day-to-day timetables of any pupils), and things are working well so far. One thing that we have identified as a potential change that would directly impact current pupil timetables (that we may or may not require to enact later in the session depending on need), would be the potential reduction of direct teaching time for pupils in our four single level Advanced Higher Classes (Biology, Chemistry, English and Maths), who currently receive 6 full periods of direct teaching from their teacher (as opposed to the majority of other schools where the number of direct teaching periods tends to range from 5 periods to 2 periods per week, depending on pupil numbers). This would not impact upon our other Advanced Higher subjects, where classes are already running as 'bi-level' along with Higher pupils for 6 periods per week. We will of course keep pupils and parents informed of any planned changes should the situation be required at any stage in the session.

Assemblies on Wednesday 1st November

There will be pupil assemblies next Wednesday as follows:

Period 2 – S3 Assembly
Period 3 – S1 Assembly
Period 4 – S2 Assembly
Period 6 – S5/6 Assembly
Period 7 – S4 Assembly

The content of the Assemblies will be:

- Welcome and Value of the Month (Responsible)
- Construction phase of new school
- Fire Safety and Community Safety (delivered by PC Gillie)
- Input about Interhouse Events
- Info about Scottish Youth Parliament Elections (and about candidates visiting the school on 2nd November)
- Input on the current Israel and Palestine conflict and showing respect for all of our school community (delivered by Dr Al-Azzawi) (except for S3 – this will be covered in the December Assembly for S3)
- Celebrating Success (UKMT Maths Challenge Award Winners) – S5/S6 Assembly only



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Upcoming Calendar Dates

Dates for the next month are:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30/10			Year Group Assemblies		S2 Report 1 Issued
06/11		S2 Parent Evening			
13/11	Parent Council Meeting, 7pm		School Photographs (day 2 – S4-S6)		
20/11			S2/S3 Coursing Assemblies (S2 per 2, S3 per 3)		S3 Report 1 Issued (including recommended levels for S4 study)
27/11				S3 Parent Evening	

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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.

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