



Liberton
HIGH SCHOOL

Family Fortnightly
Update: Issue 4
24th October 2025

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Our School Captains, on the roof of our new campus during their site tour at the start of October!

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Staffing Update

- This Friday 24th October we say farewell to **Susan O'Sullivan**, who has been with us since August as our fixed term Teacher of Computing. Susan is moving on to a permanent post at St Augustine's RC HS.
- Over the October break, a new SSA (Welfare/Office) has been recruited. Her name is **Darja Kutselepa**. Darja will be starting in the office in a few weeks as soon as all of the recruitment paperwork and PVG paperwork has been completed (likely 24th November).
- We have recently recruited a new PSA called **Michael Phillips**. Michael is due to start in the coming weeks.
- We will be interviewing at the beginning of November for a full-time **Teacher of Mathematics** (fixed term until summer 2026). The post has already closed.
- An advert went live this week for a full-time **Teacher of Computing** (fixed term until summer 2026).
- We will be recruiting a new permanent **CDT Technician** in the coming weeks.

New Pupil Support Leader



- Mrs Mary Hand – currently a Pupil Support Leader at a High School in Midlothian
- Mrs Hand will be the S5/S6 Pupil Support Leader (the same role that Mr McGuinn had)
- Mrs Hand will start with us on **Monday 17th November 2025.**
- Until then, S5/6 pupils will continue to be supported by our House Pupil Support Leaders (**Mrs Binnie-Tkacz for Dee, Mr Mackie for Forth, Miss Jacobs and Mr McGill for Tay**)

Battlefields Trip to Belgium (October 2025)



- 43 pupils (S3-S6)
- 5 staff (led by Mr Gilmore, Acting CL of Social Subjects and RMPS)
- 4 nights
- Lots of fun and memories made! 😊



S4 Trip to China (October 2025)

- 12 pupils from our S4 Mandarin Class
- 1 teacher from LHS (Mr Marbach) and a group of pupils and staff from Queensferry HS.
- Xi'an (on bullet train of 217mph!) to see Teracotta Warriors
- Beijing
- Great Wall



Outward Bound

46 pupils from S2-S4, plus 4 staff members, spent 4 nights at Loch Eil for our annual outward bound trip in September. A great time was had by all, with our pupils working so hard to challenge themselves to do new things and conquer their fears!

It looked like so much fun from the photos you posted on 'X'.

Information about next year's Outward Bound trip will become available in the coming weeks 😊



Reimagining Spaces Class – Event Last Month



- Our S3 pupils doing the Reimagining Spaces course with Kim Nicoll visited Holy Rood RC HS last month. They met with Anna Campbell Jones via Teams, and with representatives from a range of companies, learning about numerous roles within these companies and their individual career pathways.
- They will be working with some of these industry partners throughout the year to reimagine the interior and exterior space at Gracemount Mansions.

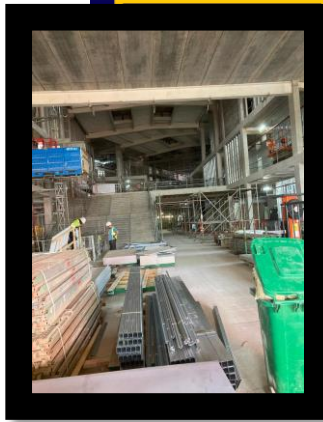


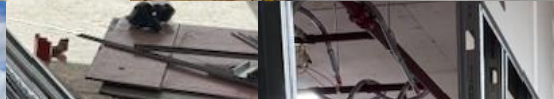
New Campus Update

Mrs Humphreys completed a recent tour (3rd October) with the School Captains and Vice Captains.

The interior is coming along really well! Some photos are on the next slide.

Some of the vinyl flooring has now started to be fitted.







Phases of The New Build...

- **Phase 1** creation of new main building, and multi-sports pitches (we are looking to be moving into the new by the start of the 2026/27 session next summer)
- **Phase 2** sealing off of the current buildings, and closure of Malbet Park pedestrian entrance (the Mount Vernon Road pedestrian entrance will re-open instead) while Balfor Beatty then spend a year demolishing our current building gradually, in a safe way.
- **Phase 3** creation of new outdoor playing fields where our current buildings are, after they've been demolished.

Mount Vernon Road



Mrs Humphreys and some senior pupils undertook a Health and Safety walk in the Malbet Park, Lasswade Road, and Mount Vernon Road area of our catchment this week, along with Health and Transport officers, to assess the walking routes to school that pupils would take when the Malbet Park Gate closes next year. They took notes of feedback to be taken back to the council as a result, so that preparations can be made to ensure that arrangements are in place for safe pedestrian travel to and from school on that route when the volume of pedestrians using it at the same time is likely to grow as a result of the Malbet Park Gate closure.

We will provide you with further updates/progress over the coming months. We continue to discuss all aspects of the New Campus and travel routes at our Parent Council Meetings (all parents and carers are welcome – the next meeting is on Monday 1st December at 6.30pm. You can find more information about our Parent Council, including minutes from our previous meetings and all dates for our meetings this session, on our website by clicking the following link: [Parent Council – Liberton High School](#).





Liberton Listens!

S1 Pupil Mentoring Program



*Matched with S5/S6 pupil
as mentor!*



*Weekly meetings to catch
up and meet personal goals!*

Application form will be shared in House Class!

If you feel you need more details/information before applying, please get in touch:
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Celebrating Success!

The following slides show our September nominees for pupil and class of the month, whom we celebrated at the start of October at our year group assemblies. They also show our winners of each award (Amazon vouchers are awarded to the pupils of the month and tubs of treats are awarded to the classes of the month).

Well done to all – brilliant work!



The next assemblies are week beginning 3rd November, and we will announce and celebrate our October winners and nominees then.

Pupil of the Month Nominations - September



S1-S3

Abi Campbell (Forth)
Lennon McMillan (Tay)
Robert Nowak (Forth)
Lacey Smith (Dee)
Findlay McManus (Tay)
Robbie Logan (Tay)
Anania Mekuriaw (Dee)
Iona Murphy (Dee)
Tola Igandan (Forth)
Elijah Ajibolorunrin (Tay)
Christopher Watson
(Forth)
Nico Tammara (Forth)
David Mene (Tay)

S4-S6

Darcy McCallum (Tay)
Daisy Malone (Forth)
Orla Glendinning (Dee)
Abigail Tait (Tay)
Morgan Handren (Dee)
Bridie McLean (Forth)
Wealth Osanebi Clement (Dee)
Beth McVittie (Tay)

Classes

1.5
1FB
1TA
1.8
1TB
2.9
3FB
Miss Crawford's S3 Craft
Mr Fox's S3 English Class
Mrs Maguire's S3 French Class
Mrs Liu's Column B S3 Spanish class
S3 Achieve Award Group
Mrs Grant's N5 English class

Monthly Awards – September



S1-S3 Pupil of the Month

Christopher Watson 30 points to FORTH

S4-S6 Pupil of the Month

Beth McVittie – 30 points to TAY



Monthly Awards - September

S1-S2 Class of the Month

1.5

S3-S6 Class of the Month

Mrs Grant's N5 English Class





Other notable successes.....(thanks to colleagues for sharing these in September)

Abi Campbell – Coming 35th in SSAA Road Race (out of 164) - a national competition.

Ivan Scott-Kuku - signing for the over 18s at Hibernian

Rachel Thomson - has been asked to coach a team at Edinburgh South.

Abhinav Ravikiran and Hajra Khatib - striving to attain additional awards - both have signed up for the L7 stem award in addition to their full columns of subjects, even though they are in S5

Mason White and Alastair Nisbet - selected to be Sports Ambassadors for the school. Completed training last week

S2 football team for a 100% start to their season , scoring over 20 goals in 2 matches!

For representing LHS so well at the recent **Climate Ambassadors and Model UN Conference**.

Dalila Smail 1DA

Iona Murphy 1DA

Lily Watterson 1TA

Evelyn McKeen 1DA

Ema Mene 1TB

Zuzanna McCasper 1TB

Leya Thomson 1FB

Wisal Shahid 2FA

Simina Stroe 2TB

Adam Dewar 2FA

David Mene 3TB

These pupils also received
praise postcards and
house points at assembly
prior to October break.
Well done!



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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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LHS Pupil and Family Calendar 2025-26



Please see the calendar attached to this e-mail for full information about the following for pupils and families for 2025-26:

- House Assembly Dates
- Year Group Assembly Dates
- Parent Evening Dates
- Parent Council Meeting Dates
- Issue dates for Pupil Reports
- Family Learning Sessions (our pupils are very welcome to attend along with their parent or carer too)
- Weeks when coursing meetings take place (families are welcome to attend their child's meeting slot with them)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our full calendar on our website to keep up to date with things that are coming up!

Liberton High School Uniform



Top Half – Outer/long-sleeved 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) from any shop, or LHS logo polo shirt or T shirt (*from www.border-embroideries.co.uk*)

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.



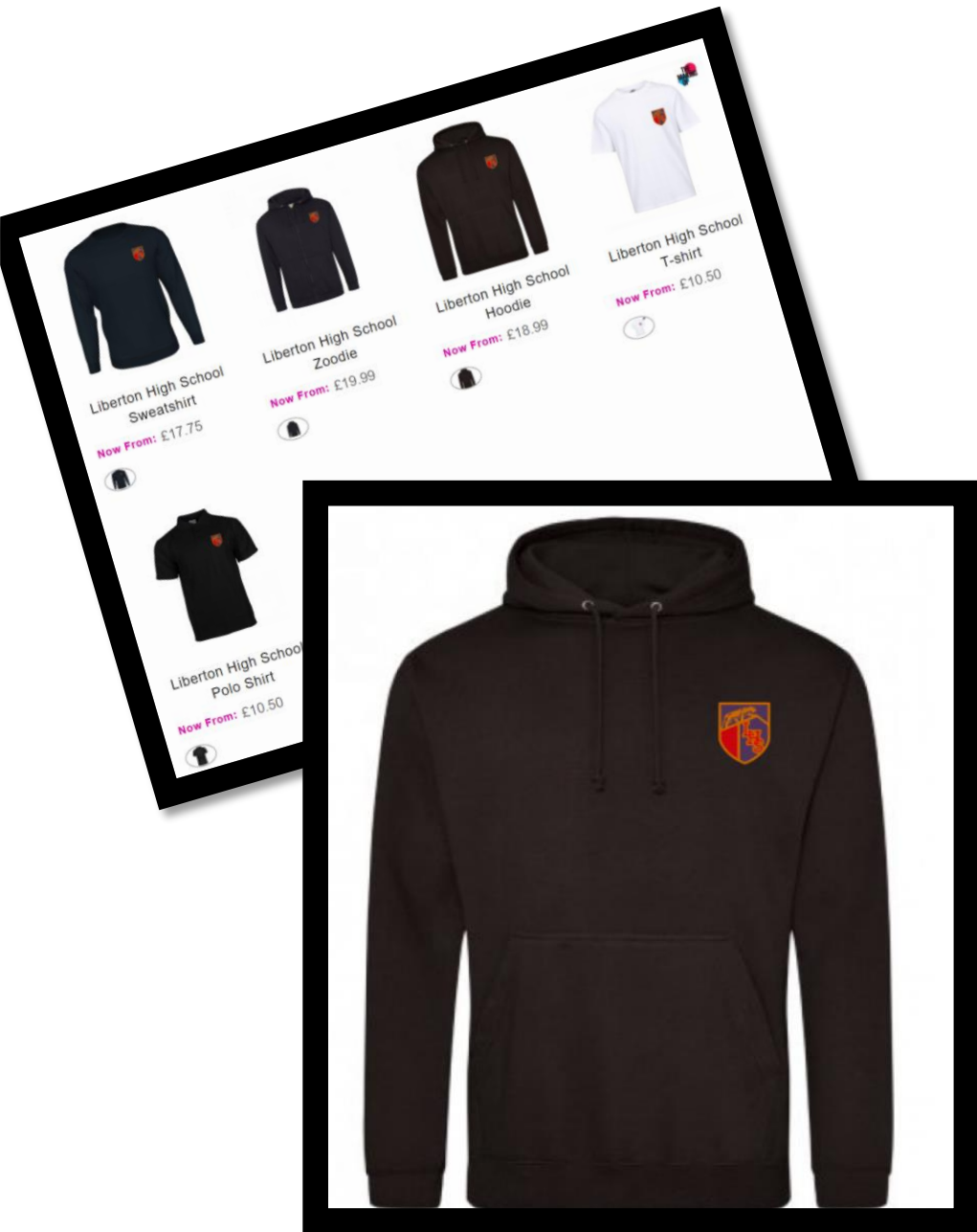
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LHS Uniform

- New T Shirts have been added to the BE Website too – click the following link:
(Search results for: 'liberton high school')





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A reminder of our mobile phone approach is on the following slides, for your information.

Pupils continue to do well with this in general, with any concerns being raised directly with families of pupils who find it difficult to follow our expectations, and for whom phones are therefore causing a distraction to learning.

Our Mobile Phone Approach at Liberton: Reminder



On the rare occasion where a pupil refuses to put their phone into the yellow box when asked to by the teacher:

The Duty Head collects the pupil from the class, and they take the pupil to the school office where the pupil will place their phone in the office yellow box. The Duty Head then take the pupil to the ALS.

**If this is during periods 1, 2, or 3 (1 or 2 on Fridays) their phone will stay there until break. If it is periods 4 or 5, the phone will stay there until lunch, and if periods 6 or 7, it will stay there until the end of the school day. This means that when the pupil goes to the ALS, they will not have their phone with them. If any pupil refuses, a member of SLT will support, and will contact home.i*

Not meeting expectations with MOBILE PHONES....



1) Whole class warning

(first person to have phone out in class)

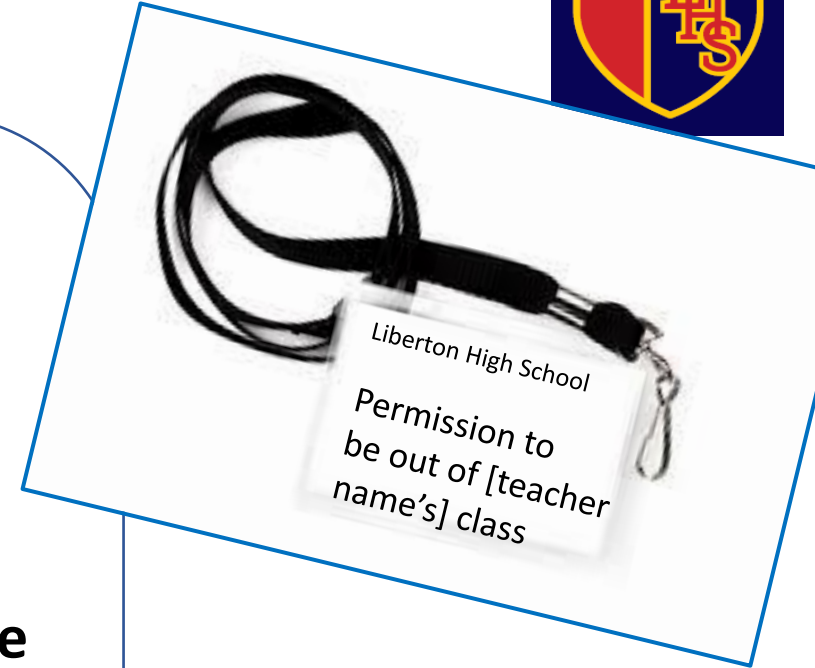
2) Phone to teacher's desk until end of lesson

(if anyone has phone out after class warning)

3) Duty Head call and pupil re-located to an Alternative Learning Space (another class) **after taking the pupil to place their phone in the school office, where it will remain until the next social time.**

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

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



Our approach at LHS

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Pupils leaving the class for anything.....

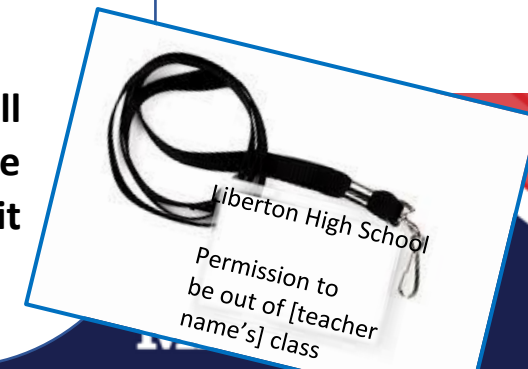


- 1) Pupil asks to leave classroom during class
- 2) Teacher gives permission and gives pupil the out of class lanyard or an out of class slip.
- 3) Pupil places their mobile phone on teacher desk.
- 4) As soon as pupil returns to class, they take phone back from teacher desk and put away out of sight.



***If pupil leaves the classroom during class without leaving phone on teacher desk, teacher phones school office to let them know. When the Duty Head or member of SLT locates the pupil outwith the classroom with their phone, the pupil's phone will be placed in the school office for the remainder of that class (eg the period or the double period) and the pupil can receive it after the bell has sounded.**

***If any staff members see pupils out in corridors during lessons who are using their mobile phones, they will let the office know, and when Duty Head or member of SLT locates the pupil, the phone will require to be placed in the office for the remainder of that lesson (eg period or double period) and the pupil can receive it after the bell has sounded.**



S4-S6 Pupils



The SQA has now published the calendar for the final exams for 2026, which can be viewed on their website: [CLICK HERE](#) to view it and to look at it with your S4-S6 child to see how close together or spaced out their exams will be for the different subjects they study. **PLEASE TAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES ONLY, NOT THE TIMES, AS EACH SCHOOL IS ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD/BACK THE START AND END TIMES BY UP TO 30 MINUTES TO TIE IN WITH THEIR SCHOOL DAY (so long as the duration is the same) AND MINIMISE DISRUPTION FOR CANDIDATES**, so we will be issuing the final timings in March to each pupil and sending you our final version of the calendar.

Our Liberton High School Senior Phase Assessment Calendar (which has been issued to all pupils and was issued to families at the start of September) also contains details of all in-school assessments for S4-S6 throughout the session.