

Liberton High School Parent Council Meeting & AGM
Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Liberton High School Parent Council Meeting	
Chair: Lynsey Kilgour Clerk: Megan Crawford Attendees: Alison Humphreys, Olivia Johnson, Alta Mene, Rhoda Barclay Fiona Baillie, Lynsey Kilgour, Derek McNeil, Lesley Nicol, Carrie Thomson Apologies: Jeni Rowe, Sarah Buchan, Alex Ramage, Jocelyn Hammer	
Approval of Minutes	Actions required
Lynsey Kilgour	
AGM -Welcome! It is the AGM this evening. -AGM minutes form last year approved. -Chair and Treasurer report in last minutes. -The RBS account is £4888.44 -Parental Engagement is £3777.27 -TBS want letter on headed paper (only £150 in that account). Committee member appointments -two-year office appointments. -Chair- Lynsey (nominated by Derek and seconded by Fiona) -Treasurer- Jeni (nominated by Lynsey and seconded by Derek) -Co-opted member- Alex Ramage and Derek McNeil (nominated by Lynsey and seconded by Fiona) -Clerk- Megan Crawford (nominated by Lynsey and seconded by Derek) -Deputy Chair- Fiona (nominated by Lynsey and seconded by Derek)	LK emailing AH for the banking for her to put on headed paper
Head Teacher Report (Alison Humphreys) Staffing update- -This Friday 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, likely mid-November.

-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 today for a full-time **Teacher of Computing** (fixed term until summer 2026).

-We will be recruiting a permanent **CDT Technician** in the coming weeks.

New Pupil Support Teacher

-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 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 October 2025

-43 pupils

-5 staff

-4 nights

-Lots of fun and memories made!

China Update (so far)

-Xi'an (on bullet train of 217mph!)

-Beijing

-Great Wall

New Campus Update

-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 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

-a Health and Safety from CEC, a Safe Travel Team from CEC, A Humphreys and 2 Senior Pupils walked on the 21st October the journey from Malbet park round to Mount Vernon Road.

-4 mins 35 from Lasswade Road junction with Malbet Park to Malbet Park school gate

-9 mins 10 from Lasswade Road junction with Malbet Park to Mount Vernon school gate

Safety Considerations

-No marked crossings (school to report to CEC – needs attention)

-2 crossings required for pupils as no pavement at certain points in road

-Go back and look to see whether Mount Vernon can be closed to traffic during school opening and closing hours.

LHS Uniform

-New T Shirts Added to BE Website ([Search results for: 'liberton high school'](#))



The poster is titled "Liberton Listens! S1 Pupil Mentoring Program". It features a central illustration of a student sitting on a stack of books, with another student standing behind them. To the left is a speech bubble icon, and to the right is a lightbulb icon. The text "Matched with S5/S6 pupil as mentor!" is on the left, and "Weekly meetings to catch up and meet personal goals!" is on the right. A large orange button at the bottom says "Application form will be shared in House Class!". At the very bottom, contact information is provided: "If you feel you need more details/information before applying, please get in touch: 140694460@ea.edin.sch.uk (Sarah Kidd, member of PLT)".

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Chair (Lynsey Kilgour) Donna Murray (Head of Education for North West and Parental Engagement) Meeting -Meeting with all high schools and cluster primary schools. -Meeting on 28th of January, both Lynsey and Derek attending. Will be held at Liberton High School. -Speak at the next two meetings about points we would like to raise with her.	
AOCB Meals -Have the school meals changed? -Not as far as we are concerned. -Some inconsistencies in the charging of the meals. Toilets -The closure of main toilets during class time. There are toilets available, but we have this heavily supervised to limit vandalising in the toilets. Do not want students to be worried about going to the toilets and becoming ill from not going. Students can come ask SLT to clear out toilets during break or lunch if they are feeling uncomfortable. New School Building -will have 4 break out spaces for students. -study spaces includes the library and S6 could use the community café in their free study periods.	

Next Meeting: 1st of December 2025	