

Liberton High School Parent Council Meeting- 1st December 2025

Chair: Lynsey Kilgour

Clerk: Megan Crawford

Attendees: Alison Humphreys, Fiona Baillie, Lynsey Kilgour, Carrie Thomson, Jeni Rowe, Alex Ramage, Mairead Butler, Rhoda Barclay, Olivia Johnson

Apologies: Sarah Buchan, Jocelyn Hammer, Lesley Nicol, Derek McNeil, Lindsey Murphy

Approval of Minutes	Actions required
Alison Humphreys	
- Welcome! - Actions from previous meeting- Lynsey to complete letter with School Header.	LK to obtain header letter.
Head Teacher Report (Alison Humphreys) Staffing Update - PSL – interviews Thursday 11th - PSW – interviews Thursday 4th - History – interviews Wednesday 3rd - Maths – interview Wednesday 10th - CDT Tech – appointed. - Computing Fixed Term post – appointed (Mr Saad) New Campus Update - Fortnightly meetings with Vince Spicer, Alison Humphreys and Malcolm Pendreigh. - Monthly progress meetings with CEC/Balfour Beatty/Arcadis (first Thursday of each month). - ISG Meetings – 3rd week of each month. Senior members of Edinburgh City Council attend to give official go ahead for any queries. - Whole school staff Teams page for staff questions around the new campus.	



PE Block- remaining after new campus opens

- Maintenance and remedial works in the large Games Hall (October-November 2025) – closure for 9 school days (re-opened 3rd November and works continued at weekends until mid-November). The current Fitness Suite will be repurposed. A need to make sure that the PE building is on a par with the new school campus.
- Dance Studio, Fitness Suite will be in New Campus Building. In the evening, these spaces will be used by the community.

Safety Considerations

- Took to CEC after last PC meeting
- Being looked at by Health and Safety Team



- Need to consider bins around the new campus

Recent Events

- Over 400 former pupils
- Over 50 former staff



Coursing

- In December, in PSE, young people will complete a 'Straw Poll'. This data will then influence the final course choice sheet. Young people will be reminded that they need to consider their current working grades when choosing courses.
- All young people who are to be coursed for the next academic year will attend a Pathways interview. Their family will also be invited to this.
- S3 for new S4 – Current Pupil Support Lead
- S4 for new S5 and S5 for new S6 – With Ms Hand
- Pupil Support Leaders, in Dec, gather data about young people who are looking to remain for the next academic year. This information is then shared with our colleagues in the school office who then text families. However, there are some young people who may be considering their options, they will not be allocated a time via text until the options are discussed.
- Senior pupils also have to sign a contract.

You also require to complete the below if going into S5/S6 only, regarding core PE (because all of S4 will automatically receive 2 periods of core PE):

Pupils going into S5/S6 please circle one option only:

PE Option 1	PE Option 2	PE Option 3	PE Option 4	Supervised study class instead of PE (S5 only)	Volunteering period instead of PE (those going into S6)	Self-study period instead of PE (those going into S6)
Badminton	Basketball	Volleyball	Fitness			

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G
English (S3, 1A, 1)	Media (S4)	ESOL (S3,1A,1S, 1S)	Fun and Media NP4 (S3, 1A)	English (S3,1A, 1S, 1S)	English (S3, 1A, 1S)	Maths (S3)
Media (S3,1A,1S)	Maths (S3, 1A, 1S)	English (S3, 1A)	Maths (S3, 1A, 1S)	Application (NP4) (S3)	Biology (S3)	Applications of Maths (S3, 1A, 1S)
Biology (S3,1A,1S, 1S)	Applications of Maths (S3,1S)	Biology (S3)	Personal Finance (S3) with 14 days of Maths	Applications of Maths (S3, 1A)	Chemistry (S3,1A,1S)	Physics (S3,1A,1S)
Chemistry (S3,1A,1S)	Literature Science NP4 (S3)	Health Sector (S3)	Chemistry (S3, 1A, 1S, 1S, 1S)	Biology (S3,1A,1S)	Playwork and Children (S3)	History (S3,1A,1S)
Human Biology (S4)	History (S3,1A,1S)	Human Biology (S4)	Scientific Technologies NP4 (S3)	Chemistry (S3,1A,1S, 1A)	Art and Design (S3,1A,1S)	Design and Manufacture (S3,1S)
Geography (S4)	Physics (S3)	Physics (S3)	Psychology (S3)	Physics (S4)	Spanish (S3,1A,1S)	Computing (S3,1A,1S)
Modern Studies (S3,1A,1S)	Practical Woodwork (S3,1A,1S)	Physics (S3,1A,1S)	ESAPP (S3,1A,1S, 1A)	History (S4)		Practical Cooking (S3,1S)
Design Engineer Construct (S3, 1S)	Computing Technologies NP4 (S3,1S, 1S)	Geography (S3,1A,1S)	Graphic Communication (S3,1S, 1S)	Psychology (S3)		
Engineering (S3)	Administration (S3,1A,1S)	Modern Studies (S4)	Practical Woodwork (S3,1A,1S)	Practical Woodwork (S3,1A,1S)		
Practical Woodwork (S3,1A,1S)	Business and Information Technology NP4 (S3)	Psychology (S3)	Business (S3,1A,1S)	Engineering (S3)		
Computing (S3,1A,1S, 1A)	Art and Design (S3, 1S)	Business (S3,1A,1S, 1A)	Animation NP4 (S4)	Music (S3,1A,1S)		
Music Technology (S3)	Photography NP4 (S3)	French (S3,1A,1S, 1A, 1S)	Art and Design (S3,1A,1S)	Volunteering (S3) (S3 and 1S)		
Practical Education (S3,1A,1S, 1A)	Photography (S3)	Practical Education (S3,1A,1S)	Art and Design NP4 (S3)	Talent and Recognition (S3,1S)		
Health and Food Technology (S3,1A,1S)	Physical Education (S3, 1S)	Exercise and Fitness (S4)	Music (S3, 1S)	Practical Cooking (S3,1S)		
ESOL Volunteering Award (S3 only)	Practical Cooking (S3,1S)	ESOL Services, Children and Young People Foundation Apprenticeship (S4)	Practical Cooking (S3,1S)	Spanish (S3,1A,1S, 1A, 1S)		
	ESOL Volunteering Award (S3 only)	Health Development NP4 (S3 only)	ESOL Volunteering Award (S3 only)			
		Construction Foundation Apprenticeship (S3)	ESOL Volunteering Award (S3 only)			

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S3 Pathway Choice Form 2026-27
Pupil Name: _____

All Liberton High School, our learners study a range of subjects throughout the Broad General Education (S1-S3). In S3, all learners continue to study English and Mathematics, and they also receive the national entitlement of:

- Personal and Social Education (1 period per week)
- Religious and Moral Education (1 period per week)
- Physical Education (2 periods per week)

All pupils also undertake 1 period of Employability per week.
Pupils then choose a further 6 subjects. Pupils are encouraged to choose one subject from each of the areas (sections) on the right:

- Social Studies
- Languages
- Expressive and Creative Arts
- Technologies
- Science
- One additional choice

All pupils will receive a cursing interview with their House Pupil Support Lead (PSL) to discuss their planned pathway. Their PSL will support them to select the subjects that best meet their needs.
Every young person's needs are different, and this will result in different combinations.

Subjects relating to Science include:		Subjects relating to Technologies include:		Free Choice:	
Biology		Administration		Administration	
Chemistry		Art and Design		Art and Design	
Computing Science		Design, Engineer, and Construct		Business	
Craft and Engineering		Business		Biology	
Geography		Computing Science		Chemistry	
Physics		Craft and Engineering		Computing Science	
		Design and Manufacture		Craft and Engineering	
		Food, Health and Textiles Technology (FHTT)		Creative and Critical Thinking	
		Media		Dance	
		Music Technology		Design, Engineer, and Construct	
		Physics		Design and Manufacture	
				English for Speaker of Other Language (ESOL)	
				Food, Health and Textiles Technology (FHTT)	
				French	
				Geography	
				Graphic Communication	
				History	
				Languages for Life and Work	
				Media	
				Modern Studies	
				Music	
				Music Technology	
				Physical Education	
				P.E. Rugby Pathway	
				P.E. Tennis Pathway	
				Photography	
				Physics	
				Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMAPS)	
				Spanish	

LHS Uniform

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

Chair (Lynsey Kilgour)

- Support for Christmas concert- 17th December, Wednesday, needed from 8pm to help with tea and coffee. Rhoda and Fiona happy to help.
- Parental Engagement meeting 28th January 2026 with Donna Murray at 6:30pm at Liberton High School. Meeting with cluster group of schools to hopefully build better communication. Lynsey and Alex both attending. Message Megan or Lynsey anything you would like brought up at the meeting.
- March Parent Council to have primary schools in attendance and invited. Will ask Balfour Beatty to come to this meeting too.

LK to check with Kim Nicoll what supplies are needed and timings. Ask S6 if they want to do their tuck shop.

AOCB

- Limited car parking spaces at the new school campus. People forced to park in the local community. A big concern for community users for the GP if they are unable to walk any distance.
- Trouble in appointing Maths teachers. This is a national problem.
- Outward Bound Family Fundraising Event- a Burns Ceilidh in January, Liberton Kirk as an option? Make it a community event. Speak to Christine about a venue. Ex pupils willing to help?

MC to speak to Christine Babbs, Steven Peat and Paul Galbraith about details.

• Library and health centre opening at the same time as the school. • The School App- no dates on it. Hilary was posting on the School App around health and wellbeing. Not many people were accessing the App. The school website was launched in August and has everything on it. The App is good for notifications. Could we send a survey out to parents to find out how they would like to receive information? Where are families looking? • Communication around the pantomime- the request for payment came before the letter. • Some exams were particularly noisy, especially with the music department underneath. Clocks being put up on YouTube livestream that were interrupted with adverts every five minutes. • How do the school prepare students for long exams if in their prelims they are split up over multiple periods? Some subjects will do it at the end of the day and then with parental permission, will run on. The onus is on the students to practice the past papers in a timed environment. • Alternate Learning Space- some classes being disrupted by a student who has been brought in from another class. Students being moved to an ALS should be regulated as to not disrupt the senior class. • Recording from the last locality meeting: youtube.com/watch?v=B3sxT73nCBA&feature=youtu.be • Alex has stepped down from Edinburgh Parent Council Network. • The next CCWP meeting is on the 10th of December, which Alex is attending.	
Next Meeting: 21st January 2026	