



Liberton

HIGH SCHOOL

**Family Fortnightly Update
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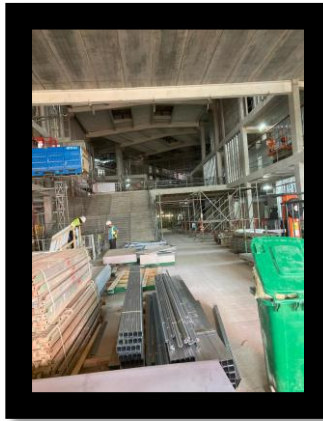
Staffing Update

We recently appointed a new Fixed Term (until June 2026) Teacher of Computing. His name is Mr Ferouz Saad. Many of our pupils already know Mr Saad, as he was also previously a teacher here for the 2024-25 session in our computing department.

New Campus Update

We continue to have fortnightly meetings with Vince Spicer from The City of Edinburgh Council, in addition to monthly progress meetings with CEC/Balfour Beatty/Arcadis (first Thursday of each month)

Many of our staff team, in addition to some members of our Parent Council, have now had the opportunity to have a tour of the new campus, which continues to progress well.





PE Block – remaining after new campus opens

- Maintenance and remedial works in Games Hall (October-November 2025) meant that there was a closure of the hall for 9 school days (it re-opened 3rd November and works continued at weekends until mid-November)
- A brand new Dance Studio and Fitness Suite will be included in the New Campus Building



Recent Events

- Over 400 former pupils attended
- Over 50 former staff attended



GOODBYE OLD CAMPUS!

Say goodbye to our old campus by attending our farewell event.

Former Pupils / Wider Community Event

21st November 2025

Current / Former Staff Event

28th November 2025

Join us for a delightful experience featuring displays, tea or coffee, and a tour of the campus.

Take a stroll through the school corridors one last time and cherish the memories this building has gifted us.



Scan the QR Code to Sign Up or [Click Here](#)

GOODBYE OLD LIBERTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

Opened in 1959

House Councils at LHS – Where all views matter



- Our House Councils have representatives from every House Class across the school and have been meeting monthly.
- They are an opportunity for all pupils to have their voices heard and their feedback and ideas to be fed into decision-making.
- They are chaired by the House Captains, who then meet monthly with Mrs Humphreys to share the views of the councils.
- Decisions are then made about how to take forward any ideas or concerns
- Senior pupils then do a short presentation at our year group assemblies every month for each year group, called 'You said.....we did' so that pupils can see that their views are listened to and acted upon.



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Coursing for 2026/27

Week beginning	Year Group	Who
Week Prior to Winter Break	S4 and S5	Text messages sent regarding pathways interview timeslots for Feb.
12 th and 19 th Jan	S2 (new S3)	Pupil and PSL
2 nd , 9 th and 23 rd Feb	S4 (new S5) and S5 (new S6)	Pupil, Ms Hand and family
9 th and 23 rd Feb	S3 (new S4)	Pupil, PSL and family

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

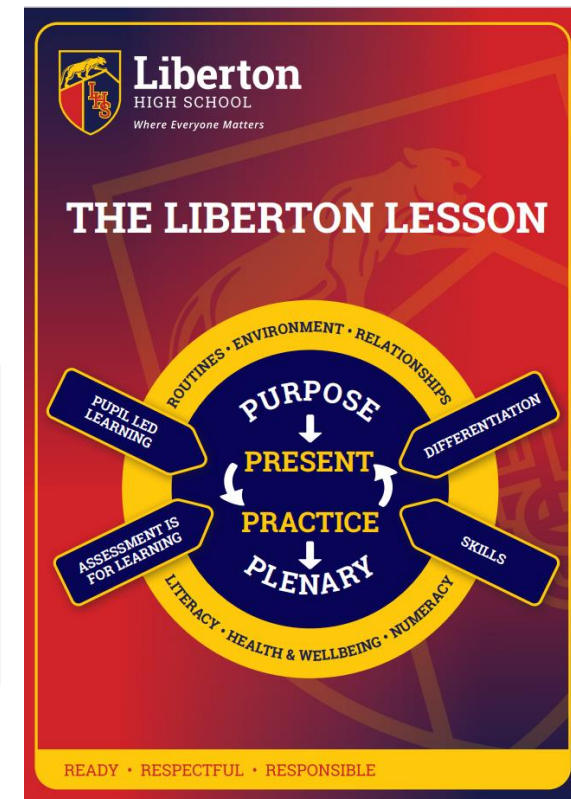
Pupil Support Leaders, in Dec, gather data about young people who are looking to remain for the next academic year. This information is then shared with our colleagues in the school office who then text families. However, there are some young people who may be considering their options, they will not be allocated a time via text until the options are discussed.

Senior pupils also sign a Senior Phase Contract.

Focus of this week for pupils: Ready – Some reminders (shared with pupils in bulletin)

- Ready means being ready to learn
- We are now in November, and **every minute counts** within lessons
- Attending every class that you are timetabled for, and being on time, is absolutely key to maximising your learning time and your success
- Ensuring that you have your iPads with you every day for learning will allow you to access all of the work set, including your OneNote files and Teams pages

“If you’re not sure which part of the ‘Liberton Lesson’ you are on at any point within any lesson, just ask your teacher which of the ‘4 Ps’ you are at!”



Focus of this week: Ready – Some reminders

- Mobile phones require to be out of sight **at all times** during lessons (including house class)
- This includes during double periods if your teacher occasionally decides to allow pupils in your class to have a 1-2 minute 'switch off' from the work as a 'brain break'. (eg a '**brain break**' during any lesson, which is at the discretion of the individual teacher, **does not mean using your mobile phone at all**)



DID YOU KNOW?.....

Research has found that it can take **around 20 minutes** for the brain to re-focus on a task after being distracted by checking a mobile phone.

Scary!

(Global Education Report 'Technology in Education', and studies from a range of universities)

As we move into winter.....

A reminder of our uniform expectations regarding **jackets and hats**....

- **Many of you are wearing these to school as the weather gets colder**
- **These can be worn on the way to school and at social times**
- **These should be removed in class**
- **All indoor wear should be free from all logos (except for out LHS logos) – teachers let Marion know about this and she sends for pupils and contacts home**

(exceptions occur for a very small number of pupils regarding hats (Pupil Support Leaders have provided a list of names of those who have permission to wear hats for medical needs or support needs))

This slide was also shared with pupils at recent assemblies...



Coming to school, and at social times..



In classes....



Celebrating Success!



The following slides show our October nominees for pupil and class of the month, whom we celebrated at the start of November 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 1st December, and we will announce and celebrate our November winners and nominees then.

Pupil of the Month Nominations - October

Classes

S1-S3

Amber Ross	Francesco Sanna
Rhys McCallum	Olivia Fee
Adi Al Tai	Callum Johnson
Tasnim Bint Khan	Chiara Chataigner Wightard
Muhanad Al Zain	Rhys Walker
Daniel Christopher	Daniel Ajibolorunrin
Myrcides Grassick	Daniel Della Ragione
Phoebe Luke	Eve Manning
Imogen Koe	Amber Hay
Jamie Neave	Jack McKechnie
Robert Nowak	Lexi Buckland

S4-S6

Wealth Osanebi Clement
Olly Nisbet
Adam Gibb
Ruby Chris-Ogbonna
Jay Graham
William Nicholls
Maia Tait
Max McGee
Leah Robertson
Jessica Thomson
Maya Brown
Murren Bain

Well done all – please stay behind at the end of assembly for your reward and praise postcard if your name is on this slide!

3TA RMPS

S3E Music

1DA Modern Languages

Mr Rose's S3 Business class

Miss Emmerson's Column A N5 class

1.9 Global Citizenship

Mrs Grant's Higher English class - column C

Mr Fox's N5 English Class

Dr Lawrence's Higher Human Biology class

1TA French

2.4 Business

1FB PSE

1.3 Science

Level 5 Health Sector

Mrs Nicoll's Column B S3 Art class

Miss McNeill's S3 Maths Class

Miss Henderson's Senior Practical Cookery class - Column D

1.4 Art and Design

Mr McNeish's Higher Physics class

Monthly Awards – October



S1-S3 Pupil of the Month

Jack McKechnie 30 points to DEE

S4-S6 Pupil of the Month

Max McGhee 30 points to FORTH

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Monthly Awards - October

S1-S2 Class of the Month

2.4

S3-S6 Class of the Month

Level 5 Health Sector Class



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Interhouse Cup: Current Totals



DEE

1073

Was 542



FORTH

2022

Was 858



TAY

1565

Was 863



LHS Uniform

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





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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 on our website 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!

Clubs and Activities, and Supported Study



Our calendars for extra-curricular clubs, and for Supported Study, are available on our website (click the link below to take you straight there), and pupils are able to access these activities any week that they would like to 😊



[Clubs & Activities – Liberton High School](#)

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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