

#### Children in Need Fundraiser

There will be an optional dress down day on Friday 17 November in aid of Children in Need. Pupils are not required to participate, but if they wish to, they should put their donations in the buckets on arrival in school. There will also be a 'Soak the Teacher' challenge at break time in the S1 area, if pupils wish to participate there will be a cost of £1. Sweetie cones will also be available for sale in Dining Hall for £1. All proceeds will be donated to Children in Need.

#### Secondary School Menu Choices

There is a short survey for pupils to complete to seek views on what pupils would like to see on their school canteen menu. This survey will close on Friday 17th November. Please take the time to have your say and express your preferences.

Survey link: <a href="https://bit.ly/40zFgDc">https://bit.ly/40zFgDc</a>

#### Rainbow Alliance Group

Please note that the Rainbow Alliance Group now meets in Miss Jackson's classroom in Music (G112) on a Wednesday lunchtime.

#### Library Stocktake

The Library will be closed from 29th November until 1st December to allow a stocktake to take place. In order to make this as accurate as possible all Library books with a due date of 8th of November or earlier should be returned as soon as possible. Please check bags, lockers, and at home and return any ICHS Library books no matter how overdue.











#### **ICHS Career & Employment Evening**

ICHS will be holding a Careers & Employment event on Monday 27 November from 4pm to 7pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about all the different pathways available to you after you leave school. There will be dozens of employers, universities, colleges, and support organisations attending, including Leonardo, Cyberhawk, Shin Etsu, Aamer Anwar Lawyers, Sky, Wyman-Gordon, the NHS, the Armed Forces, the Police, the Fire Brigade, and many more.

This is a chance to talk to people from all walks of life and find out about the different jobs and careers that are available. It's also a great way to get advice on how to apply for jobs and prepare for your future. So come along to the Career & Employment event and to help you planning your future today! This would be a valuable experience that will help you explore potential future pathways.













#### First aid qualification

An additional qualification, a lifesaving skill and an opportunity to improve your job prospects! The first aid qualification will be delivered over four days in November to **ALL S4's** and target groups of **S5/6**. This course could improve your chance of getting a job as it's a qualification many employers look for.

The first aid qualification will also provide you with important life skills that could help you save lives. You never know when you might need to put lifesaving skills into practice. Pupils who once attended ICHS have saved lives as a result of gaining their first aid qualification! It is therefore so important that you attend this course. Keep an eye out for important information detailing when you should attend.

#### **Evaluation of approach to National Qualifications**

SQA is carrying out a large-scale evaluation of the 2023 approach to National Qualifications assessment and they would like to hear from as many learners as possible. The evaluation covers all parts of the assessment process in 2023, including the appeals and exam exceptional circumstances consideration services.

The survey can be accessed at <a href="https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/">https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/</a> s/2023NQAssessmentLearners/

It will remain open until Friday 1 December. We would encourage you to take the time to share your views with SQA.

















#### November History Quiz

Thanks to everyone who took part in the October quiz, make sure to see Mr O'Callaghan to claim your prize if you've won, it's posted on Teams for you to check. Attached is the November History quiz. As always prizes for the top scorers as well as a selection of the other entries. Prizes include books, DVDs, jigsaws, stationery and anything else Mr O'Callaghan can get his hands on, he's even got some picture frames just now! The quiz will run until 5pm Thursday 30th of November. If you've not tried it before why not give it a go? You might be lucky! Any questions please let Mr O'Callaghan know. Thanks and good luck! <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2mabre3y">https://tinyurl.com/2mabre3y</a>













#### Lockers

Can any student who has a locker key, but has not paid for the 2023/24 session, please arrange payment or return their key to Mr Murphy in room G1A (next to school office).

#### Young Scot Survey

Share Your voice. This survey takes only 5 minutes to complete and young people will receive 100 Young Sot Rewards points for completing it. <a href="https://t.co/0xCFaCg5N5">https://t.co/0xCFaCg5N5</a>

#### EMA Applications 2023/24

Education Maintenance Allowance is an allowance of £30 per week, depending on household income, and subject to terms and conditions. To apply, please click on the following link and complete both an **application**, and **learning agreement**.

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ema

Closing date for Winter intake applications is 29/02/24

#### **Upcoming Events**

16/11/23 - Geography Trip

22 & 23/11/23 - First Aid Course

22 & 23/11/23 - Music Practice Exams

27/11/23 - Careers Fayre

28/11/23 - First Aid Course

28/11/23 - PE practical Assessments

















#### Design a Christmas Card Competition

We would like to pass our congratulations to S3 student, Emily Roy, who was the winning artist of the design a Christmas Card Competition.

Emily has won a £50 voucher and her beautiful Christmas card (below) will now be printed and sent to over 4000 care experienced young people at Christmas time.

There will still be an internal competition in school to allow 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be awarded. Winners to be announced in December.



















# Construction Challenge

West Lothian College





Inveralment Pupils competed against St Margret's Academy to secure the victory to go on to compete in the final at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh









On Friday 17th November, come to the Siplayground at break to SOAK YOUR TEACHER for £1! Feel free to bring your snack along. There will also be sweetie cones sold in the lunch hall at break time for £1.

Teachers included: Mr Shipton, Mr Dunlop,
Mr Dewer, Mrs Callaghan, Mr Varty, Mr
Strange, Mrs Moran, Mr Bremner, Mrs
Dunlop, Mrs Thorborn













#### School Clubs and Activities



Monday: 13:15 to 13:45 Model UN Club with Mr Pinder in F71

Monday: 13:20 to 13:50 Just Dance Club with Mrs Scott in G132

Monday: 13:25 to 13:50 Guitar Group in room G116 in Music

Monday: 13:25 to 13:50 Instrumental Ensemble in room G112 in Music

Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Juggling Club with Miss Shand in HE

Tuesday: 13:20 to 13:50 S1-S3 Science/Stem Club with Mrs Lee in room G216

Tuesday: 13:25 to 13:50 Vocal Group in room G116 in Music

Tuesday 15:30 to 16:30 Dungeons and Dragons Club with Mrs Drummond in ASN

Wednesday: 13:10 to 13:45 Simpsons Club with Mr O'Callaghan in F73

Wednesday: 13:10 to 13:45 Taylor Swift Club with Miss Waddell in F86

Thursday: 13:20 to 13:45 Rainbow Alliance with Miss Jackson in room G112 in Music

Wednesday: 13:25 to 13:50 BGE Music Club (S1 to S3) in room G112 in Music

Wednesday: 15:30 to 16:30 Dance Club with Mrs Wemyss in the dance studio

Thursday: 13:20 to 13:50 Karaoke Club with Mrs Dunlop in F83

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Basketball Club with Mr Dewar

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:30 Music Tech Club (S4 to S6) in G112 in Music

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Volleyball Club with Mr Taylor

## MUSIC CLUBS





## VOCAL

Tues 13:25 Miss Holroyd's Class

## Wind Ensemble

Mon 13:25 Miss Jackson's Class





## GUITAR GROUP

Mon 13:25 Miss Holroyd's Class

#### BGE Music club

Wed 13:25 Miss Jackson's Class



### SENIOR MUSIC TECH CLUB

Thurs 15:30-16:30 Miss Jackson's Class