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Dress Down Day

Friday 11 October will be a dress down day. Pupils do not require to wear school uniform, however clothing must be appropriate for school. Football colours and logos, crocs, and crop tops should not be worn to school. Collection buckets will be available for donations. Money will be given to school-based charities.

Jobs Fair

Access2Employment are holding a Jobs Fair, this Wednesday 9 October, at the Howden Park Centre, from 11am to 2pm. The event is free and will provide attendees the opportunity to speak to a wide variety of employers from public and private sectors. Employment advisers will be on hand ready to provide advice to anyone thinking about taking the next step on their career path.

National Qualification Survey

For the attention of S5 & S6 students. SQA is carrying out research about National Qualifications assessment in 2024 and they would like to hear from as many learners as possible. The survey will remain open until Friday 11 October and is available at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DDE7GR/>

It's important for SQA to understand how well the assessment process worked and for them to develop an understanding of the views of learners. They hope that the findings of this research will be published in early 2025. We would encourage you to take the time to share your views with SQA.



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Parent Health and Wellbeing Champions

We are looking for parents to work with the school and education authority as a Health and Wellbeing Champion. Please get in touch with Mr McFarlane to register your interest in supporting the school community with the Health and Wellbeing agenda.

Mobile Phone Consultation Survey

We are looking for parental views on mobile phones in schools and would be grateful if as many parents as possible complete the survey below by following the link or scanning the QR code.

As explained in the Head Teacher's update last month, after the October Break, we will be piloting new mobile phone procedures in the Modern Studies department. With the new Scottish Government guidance on mobile phones in Scottish Schools, we would really like your opinion on mobile phones in schools and would be grateful if you can please complete the below form to help us during this period of consultation:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gSrUD8dxqT>



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e-Sgoil Study Support for Senior Phase Learners

Registration is now open for e-Sgoil's weekly evening Study Support webinars, which run during term time. These sessions cover a wide range of subjects and levels, helping Senior Phase learners working towards National Qualifications. The webinars begin the week of October 28th, offering valuable guidance and resources to boost your success.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3aucxxyt>

Timetable: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/media/2stcy5op/master-tt-sept-2024-2.png>

SQA Exam Timetable Video

The SQA has produced a short video outlining how they produce the National Qualifications exam timetable. This explains the processes they use and the guidelines they follow in compiling the timetable each year. The video is available on their YouTube channel and their website at www.sqa.org.uk/timetable. This video will help to answer any questions that you may have about the timetable.

S1 Break Times

S1 are to remain in school during break and lunch time. They are advised they should only be at the Astro turf park during lunch if attending the S1 Football Club.

Football Pitches - Lunch/Litter

Please be reminded that all food should be consumed in the dining hall. No lunches should be taken to the pitches and pupils should have their lunch before going there. If there is a build-up of litter then there will be no access to pitches at lunchtime.



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Alternative Assessment Arrangements

Some learners may need support when accessing an assessment or exam. Class teachers are asked to monitor the specific needs of the learners who may need assessment arrangements for each subjects and level. This is because each learner is different - even if a learner has the same additional support need or difficulty as their peer, they may not need the same type of support. We operate a "learner centered" approach. Please see the ICHS Initial AAR letter on the following webpage and if you have any questions, please contact the House Leader initially for your young person.

<https://inveralmondchs.westlothian.org.uk/article/20773/Parent-Information>

EMA 2024/25

Education Maintenance Allowance school applications for the 2024/25 academic year are now open. **Please note that a fresh application must be submitted each academic year. To apply you'll need to complete both the application form and a learning agreement.** All information can be accessed here: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ema>

Lockers

Anyone who would like to purchase a locker should see Mr Murphy. The lockers are £5 per year or £15 for four years. Any student that currently has a locker they no longer require should return their key, and anyone who wishes to renew their expired locker should arrange payment asap.



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Upcoming Events

08/10/24 - Modern Studies Scottish Parliament trip

10/10/24 - ICHS Parent Council Invy's Got Talent

11/10/24 - S2 Reports Issued

14/10/24 to 21/10/24 - October holidays

School Clubs and Activities



Monday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch

Monday: 13:20 to 13:50 Vocal Group with Miss Holroyd in the music department

Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch

Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 The Simpson's Club with Mr O'Callaghan in room F73

Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Juggling Club with Miss Curtis in Home Economics

Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Karaoke Club with Mrs Dunlop in room F83

Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch

Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 STEM Club with Mrs Lee in room G216

Thursday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch

Thursday: 13:25 to 13:50 Just Dance Club with Mrs Scott in room G132

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Basket Ball Club with Mr Dewar in the Games Hall



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School Contact

Our school is a very busy environment, and we aim to respond to queries as quickly as we can. In order to do this, staff will prioritise urgent issues. Where possible, please avoid turning up at the school without a prior appointment. Instead, please contact us beforehand so a mutually convenient time can be arranged to meet.

We aim to respond to phone and email queries within 2-3 days. When you contact by phone or email, please be ready to provide:

- Your full name and relationship to the pupil
- The pupil's full name
- The pupil's tutor class or house
- Details of what the query is.

If all of this information is provided in your email or in the initial phone call, it enables staff to direct your query to the right person and allows staff to prioritise urgent issues.

01506 280700

Option 1 - To report an absence or speak to the attendance team

Option 2 - For all other enquiries

Thankyou.



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New Inveralmond Youth Club

P3 - P7 1pm - 3pm
P6 - S2 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Only £1
per week!

Friday 20th
September for a
registration session
only

Fridays
1 - 3pm
3.30 - 5.30pm
in Inveralmond
Community High School
(Access via Main
Reception)
EH54 6HW



Our youth clubs, drop-ins and projects are safe spaces that you can come along to if you want to mix with friends, try new activities, engage with experienced youth workers and most importantly be yourself.

For more information on this group contact Mark Drysdale by emailing mark.drysdalewestlothian.gov.uk or contact our social media pages.

 West Lothian CLD Youth Services

 @CLDyouthWL  @youthworkwl



INVY'S

Got Talent



**10TH OCTOBER 7PM -
ASSEMBLY HALL**



**FREE TICKETS
DONATIONS WELCOME
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

Active Schools &
Community Sport

Coach Academy INVERALMOND

APPLY NOW!

OPEN TO ALL S5 AND S6 PUPILS



CAWL
Coach Academy West Lothian

Our new and improved Coach Academy West Lothian is **NOW OPEN** to senior pupils from all secondary schools as we look offer more pupils the opportunity to be involved in this successful and rewarding programme.

If you are:

- Motivated
 - Committed
 - Enthusiastic
 - Responsible
- ...apply now!*

You will develop your:

- Creativity
 - Leadership
 - Confidence
 - Communication
- ...and much more!*

Coach Academy pupils who are keen to pursue a career in sport will gain preferred entry to the *HNC Sports Coaching* course at West Lothian College*

**provided required SQA exam results are achieved*

Next Steps...

- Speak to Active Schools Coordinator Laura Livingstone
- Scan the QR code or visit www.tinyurl.com/CAI2425
- Closing date **Friday 11th October 2024**



PLEASE BE AWARE

**we are attempting to
maintain a nut free environment
in this establishment.**

*We are aware that we cannot guarantee a
nut free environment, but we ask that you are
aware and try to support us in reducing the risk
for our school community.*





**NO SMOKING
E-CIGARETTES
OR VAPING
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**



Sextortion is blackmail.

Don't panic. Don't pay.
Report it to police.

Criminals target you through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate you into sharing sexual content that they later use to demand money or more images under threats of public exposure.



More information about sextortion and what to do if you're a victim can be found here: [scotland.police.uk/
advice-and-information/internet-safety/sextortion](https://scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety/sextortion)

