

#### Dance taster session - NU MOVES

Interested in dance? Come along and try out different styles, taught by dance teachers from NU MOVES dance school!

When? - Tuesday 5th November - Lunch time (1.15pm)

Where? - Dance studio

Who? – All years

What? - Come along and try out different styles of dance with dance teachers from 'NU MOVES', a local dance school

If you enjoy yourself and would like to do more dance, speak with the dance teachers from 'NU MOVES' at the sessions.

#### West Lothian Swimming Trials

The West Lothian Schools Swimming Trials are on Sunday 10th November at St Margarets Academy. If you are interested in entering, please come & see Miss Livingstone in PE. Closing date for entries is Friday 1st November.

#### October History Quiz

Please enter to have a chance of winning jigsaws, books, DVDs and just restocked stationery. To see if you have won previously please check Teams or your email, make sure to come claim your prize from Mr O'Callaghan! Quiz runs until 5pm October 31st. Thanks and good luck!

https://forms.office.com/e/FRCWarL7yE











#### Deloitte Insight Evening for S5/S6 Students

Deloitte is hosting an in-person event in Edinburgh on Monday, November 4th (5pm-7:30pm) for S5 and S6 students interested in business and accounting careers. Attendees can learn about graduate apprenticeships, work experience, and network with Deloitte professionals.

Deloitte is a global leader in professional services, providing comprehensive expertise in audit, consulting, tax, risk advisory, and technology solutions. With over 400,000 professionals operating across more than 150 countries, Deloitte partners with businesses, governments and individuals to drive meaningful and lasting impact. In the fiscal year ending 31 May 2024, Deloitte reported an impressive global revenue of US\$67.2 billion, showcasing its extensive influence and reach worldwide. Deloitte are part of the Big 4 and sit at number one as the largest firms in the world for business & accounting.

Event Title: Insight to Deloitte Event - Edinburgh

Date: Monday 4th November 2024

Time: 5pm - 7:30pm

Location: Edinburgh Offices (full details provided upon registration)

Apply here: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Deloitte-Edinburgh">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Deloitte-Edinburgh</a>











#### S1 Break Times

S1 are to remain in school during break and lunch time. They are advised they should only be at the Astroturf 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.

#### 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: <a href="https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ema">https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ema</a>











#### **Upcoming Events**

29/10/24 - Parent Council meeting

30/10/24 - S2 Careers Hive trip

01/11/24 - S1 Tracking Reports Issued

06/11/24 - Senior Phase Reports Issued

07/11/24 - S1 CAT Tests

#### 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

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 S1 to S3 Dance Club with Miss Moffat in the Dance Studio











#### **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.















## Stop your area from becoming a fireworks hot-spot.

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#### Misuse includes:

- Giving fireworks (except F1 fireworks like sparklers) to anyone under 18
- Using fireworks in any public place, including public parks and beaches
- Setting off fireworks in a private place that go into a public place
- Using fireworks outside permitted times

Fireworks can only be used between 6pm and 11pm except for Bonfire Night when the cut off is midnight and New Year's Eve, the night of Chinese New Year, and Diwali, when the cut off is 1am

For more information on the laws on Fireworks in Scotland scan here:

0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org/giveinfo

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#### **WE ARE RECRUITING**

FOR OUR GIRLS TEAM
WEDNESDAYS
6.30 - 7.30
VERALMOND COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL

Come along and give it a try All abilities welcome U12-U18 The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is an important, legally binding agreement signed by 196 countries (as of 12 July 2022) which outlines the fundamental rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

The Convention has 54 articles that **cover all aspects of a child's life** and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The convention is universal—these rights apply to every child and the convention entitles every child to claim them. As a school we consider the articles in our values and everything we do.

Each week we will look at a different article and how it impacts you.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Steel

## INTRODUCING ARTICLE 12

Article 12 – respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.



## REFLECTION

Give yourself some time and try to find a space where you can be quiet and think...

- How does it feel when you know you are being listened to and your views are respected?
- When has your voice and your views made a difference?
- If adults are not creating a space for your views to be heard, how can you respectfully claim this right? Who could help you?
- Are there more things you could speak up about in your own life or in the wider world? How might you do this - on your own or with friends?
- Our Pupil parliament gives us all a voice so if you are interested in joining still please let us know or feed issues your rep so they can raise them at parliament.





## ICHS Career Fayre & Learner Pathways Invitation



We will be holding our Careers Fayre on the 13th of November between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Careers Fayre is open to families of all year groups.

During the evening, there will be an opportunity to speak with some of our teaching staff, employers from local and national businesses, and representatives from colleges and universities.

If your child is in S2 - S5 and will be making course choices for the next school year, we would love to see you at our Careers Fayre, as there will also be Learner Pathway presentations during the evening.

Register to attend this event by using the QR code.



Mr Hamish Shankland Headteacher Learner Pathway presentation times:

- S2 into S3 4:30 pm 5:00 pm
- S3 into S4 5:30 pm 6:00 pm
- S5 into S6 6:30 pm 7:00 pm

Please come and join us









Time:

4pm - 7pm



## Careers Fayre











## **New Inversimend Youth** Blub

Only £1 per week!

Friday 20th September for a registration session only

**Fridays** 

1 - 3pm

3.30 - 5.30pm

in Inveralmend

**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





@youthworkwl

### 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

