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Parental Employment Support

Impact Arts are holding an employability programme in Craigshill financed by access2employment. They are looking for Single parents or Ethnic minority parents who are out of work. This will be a program based around the arts getting parents to chat about employability whilst taking part in Arts and crafts. It runs on Tuesdays, 09:30 to 14:30 at Almondbank Centre in Craigshill.

Care Experienced Christmas Hot Chocolate

Mrs Webster would like to invite any care experienced young people, and their friends, for a Christmas hot chocolate on Friday 6th December at break time. This is a chance to check in with your new care experienced lead, have a chat and a hot chocolate.

SQA: Your National Qualifications

The latest resource from <https://x.com/sqanews> has everything you need to know about completing coursework, from word counts and deadlines to using A.I. It also covers important information about #SQAexams. Download Your National Qualifications: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/yourNQ>



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Graduate Apprenticeship Opportunities

Heriot Watt are having a GA Recruitment Fair (and you can also register for their 'Talent Bank on their GA pages on the website). Thursday 20 February 2025. From 5pm to 7pm at the James Watt Centre on the Heriot-Watt University campus.

Who should attend the event:

- School pupils who have achieved or are on track to achieve at least 4 Highers or equivalent at level B or above
- Parents/carers
- College leavers who have an HNC/HND (in a relevant discipline)
- Anyone looking to enhance their career opportunities now and in the future
- Those looking to change career with relevant work experience and/or qualifications

You can secure your place early on this link > <https://lnkd.in/eJTmpEGc>

There you'll find more information on the event and the employers attending.

Scottish Schools Indoor Track & Field

Entries are now open for the Scottish Schools Indoor Track & Field Championships On Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th February at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow. If you are interested in entering the competition, please see Miss Livingstone in PE.



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ICHS Careers Fair 2024

Our recent annual careers fair was a fantastic event, with over 50 stalls representing a diverse range of industries, organisations, and educational institutions. Our school departments also showcased the exciting opportunities available to students. This event provided our students and their families with a valuable opportunity to:

- Explore various career paths and employment options.
- Learn about training and further education opportunities.
- Receive expert guidance and advice from industry professionals.
- Engage directly with representatives from different sectors.

We are committed to providing our learners with the knowledge and support they need to make informed decisions about their future career destinations.

A special thank you to all the organisations and individuals who attended and supported the event. Your participation helped make the careers fair a truly valuable and inspiring experience for our students. We appreciate your support in helping young people explore their future possibilities.



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E-Sgoil Free Study Support Webinars

E-Sgoil have 51 online webinars available each week covering 27 subjects. Click the following link for more information and to sign up. The website includes webinar timetables, registration information, frequently asked questions and help guides and additional resources. Please be aware you must be logged into Glow before accessing the registration form or links to webinars. We strongly encourage our young people to make the most of these sessions. <https://bit.ly/490FIhT>

ScotRail - 2025 Modern Apprenticeships Now Live

We are pleased to announce that ScotRail have advertised their Modern Apprenticeships that will commence in August 2025. The closing date for the roles will be 1st February 2025. This year, they are offering a fantastic opportunity for young people to join their teams, with 24 Engineering Maintenance vacancies available across depots in Scotland. These apprenticeships will provide individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to build a successful career in the railway industry, from maintaining and repairing trains to ensuring their safe and efficient operation. Details of vacancies and where to apply: <https://tinyurl.com/3tsbh62m>

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>



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Following the auditions, we will choose the Top 5 Young Musicians, who will then perform in the Expressive Arts Showcase in February. An adjudicator will then decide the winner for ICHS, and this person will perform in the West Lothian Final in March.

Skills Development Scotland

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) work closely with our young people within school and the community where they explore roles, develop skills and support young people in their career journey.

SDS are at the stage of the year where they are collecting feedback from our Parents and Careers – this has been one of their main priorities this year and we are keen to collect feedback against last year. Could you please offer your feedback by clicking on the link below.

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The Promise

Scotland made a promise to care experienced children and young people: you will grow up loved, safe and respected and by 2030 that promise must be kept. Mrs Webster is the current Care Experienced teacher to check in with if you have any questions, concerns or comments about the Promise or anything related to your experiences both in school and outside of school. If you want to talk to Mrs Webster at any point, please scan the QR code and fill in the MS form and she will arrange a time to see you.



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.



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Upcoming Events

02/12/24 to 06/12/24 - S3 into S4 Learner Pathways week

11/12/24 - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

11/12/24 - S1 ChriSTEMas Spectacular

17/12/24 - House Assemblies

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

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Volleyball Club with Mr Taylor in the PE department



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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.

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

Option 2 - For all other enquiries

Thankyou.



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Any questions or concerns please get in touch ☺





S1 ChriSTEMas Spectacular Invitation

Get ready to add a dash of holiday magic to STEM! Bring your curiosity, family, and festive spirit to our **S1 ChriSTEMas Spectacular**, where pupils and parents can team up to explore Christmas-themed experiments.

From dazzling chemistry creations to electrifying circuits, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

And to keep the spirit cosy, our Home Economics department will be serving delicious Christmas snacks and hot chocolate. Don't miss this festive evening of STEM, discovery, and seasonal treats!

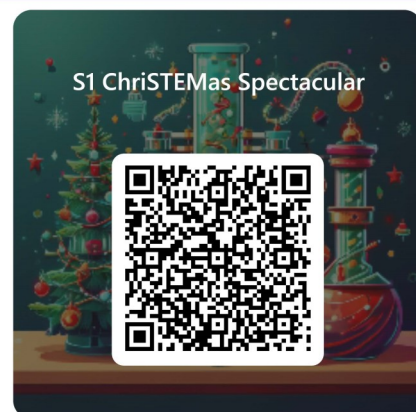
Register to attend this event by using the QR code.



Our **S1 ChriSTEMas Spectacular** is open to all S1 pupils and their families.

- Wednesday 11th December
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Please come and join us



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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.

Facebook: West Lothian CLD Youth Services
Twitter: @CLDyouthWL Instagram: @youthworkwl



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



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.

