



ICHS Newsletter

WC 16/12/24

End of Term Information

Please be aware that young people will continue to work right up until the end of term. Friday 20th December (the last day of term) will be a dress down/Christmas jumper day, please support us by ensuring your young person is in full uniform until this date. There will be rewards activities on the last day of term. Young people who meet the school's rewards criteria need to be in attendance to take part. It is essential that young people continue to attend right up until the end of term.

S2 and S3 are currently having pathways meetings and these will continue through the last week of term and into January; it is therefore essential that young people continue to attend right up until the end of term.

S4 to S6: Your young person is undertaking SQA courses this year and staff will continue to provide feedback on practice exams, deliver courses, and work on time-sensitive coursework in the last week of term. Thank you for your support with this.



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School College Courses

Please be advised, the last day of delivery for all School College Partnership courses prior to the Christmas break will be Tuesday 17th December 2024. Students should attend on this date as normal.

There will be no delivery on Thursday 19th December or Friday 20th December. Students should NOT attend on these days.

All courses will resume from Tuesday 7th January 2025 after the Christmas break.

Healthy Respect Drop in session

Healthy Respect are offering a Christmas drop in on Friday 20th December, 13:30 to 16:30, at the 101 Youth Project hub at the Almondvale Centre. Chat with nurses and youth workers, eat mince pies and snacks, and enjoy fun games and activities. Their flyer is also attached later in the newsletter.

Free Jigsaws

From break time Tuesday 10th December onwards Mr O'Callaghan in room F73 will have jigsaws to give away for free, about 50 in total including some Christmas ones. If you want one just come and see him, or if he teaches you ask in class. You don't have to do anything apart from come to collect, don't be shy! All to be given away!



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Scottish Apprenticeship Opportunity at Sky

Looking for your next step after school? Sky is offering a Business Administration Apprenticeship in Livingston. This is a great chance to:

Earn while you learn.

Gain experience in a leading media and technology company.

Achieve a Business Administration Level 6 qualification.

Start date: August 31st, 2025.

Pay: £23,400 per year.

Find out more and apply online:

<https://careers.sky.com/earlycareers/apprenticeships/business-administration>

National Apprenticeship Show

Considering an apprenticeship? The National Apprenticeship Show is coming to the SEC in Glasgow on 4th-5th March 2025. This is your chance to explore different career paths and discover exciting opportunities.

Meet over 40 employers and training providers from various industries.

Explore apprenticeships in everything from engineering to finance.

Get expert advice and guidance on your next steps.

See Mr Higgins for more information.



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Heriot-Watt University Youth Panel

Are you interested in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics? Heriot-Watt University is looking for young people to join their first youth panel on AI and Robotics. This is an exciting opportunity to share your thoughts and learn from experts in the field.

What's involved? Attend three Friday afternoon sessions in Edinburgh (travel costs covered and lunch provided). Take part in exclusive tours, workshops, and discussions with PhD students, researchers, and lecturers. Earn Young Scot Reward Points and Saltire Award volunteer hours.

Dates: Friday 21st and 28th February, and Friday 14th March, 2-5pm. Sign up by Tuesday 14th January! <https://young.scot/get-involved/opportunity-join-heriot-watt-universitys-ai-and-robotics-youth-panel/>

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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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

- 18/12/24 - S4 to S6 Tracking Reports Issued
- 20/12/24 - Dress down/Christmas Jumper/Rewards day
- 06/01/25 - Students return

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
- Tuesday: 15:30 to 16:30 Table Top Gaming Club with Mr MacConnell in room G184
- 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 Basketball 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.

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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ICHS TOP 5



YOUNG MUSICIANS

JACK PLLU

ALISTAIR CAMERON

SOPHIE HOPE

RHYS GRANT

ELLIOT ROBERTSON

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO AUDITIONED.
THE TOP 5 WILL PERFORM AT THE SHOWCASE IN
FEBRUARY, WHERE OUR WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN!

Come along to our Healthy Respect + Christmas open day

Meet the
HR+ Nurses
and Youth
Workers

Eat mince
pies and
snacks

Chat
about
keeping
safe

Get
safety
Santa
prizes

Fun
games
and
activities

101 YOUTH PROJECT 1:30PM-4:30PM

**healthy
respect**

Community Learning
& Development
**youth
services**
make work happen first

NHS
Lothian



Livingston.
We need
people
just like you.

Date: Monday 23rd December 2024

Venue: Inveralmond Community School

Time: 2pm - 4pm & 5:30pm - 7:40pm

Book your appointment now at scotblood.co.uk

or give us a call on 0345 90 90 999

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CREATIVE EMPLOYABILITY COURSE

TUESDAYS 9.30AM – 2.30PM

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TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID

ARE YOU A SINGLE
PARENT WHO WANTS TO
FIND A JOB, RETURN TO
EDUCATION OR
START A TRAINING
PROGRAMME?

WEEKLY CREATIVE ARTS
EMPLOYABILITY COURSE

YOU CAN BE CREATIVE,
GAIN QUALIFICATIONS &
EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
& MAKE NEW FRIENDS



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SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO HELP WEST LOTHIAN RESIDENTS INTO WORK



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

no  one
left behind

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



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.

