



ICHS Newsletter

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Updated Immersion Calendar and ICHS Exam TT

We are pleased to let you know that the Exam Support section of our school website has been updated to include the latest Immersion Calendar, which is now available to view here: <https://inveralmondchs.westlothian.org.uk/article/85221/Exam-Support>

Additionally, the SQA and Study Leave Information section has also been updated with the official ICHS Exam Timetable for this year's examinations. This is now available here: <https://inveralmondchs.westlothian.org.uk/article/85222/SQA-Study-Learn-Information>

To avoid any confusion and the potential risk of missing an exam, it is essential that pupils and parents refer directly to the Inveralmond CHS Exam Timetable rather than relying on the generic SQA exam timetable. The ICHS version reflects specific timings and arrangements relevant to our school community.

Livingston Road Closures

Please refer to the following link in case any of these road closures across Livingston will affect travel to and from Inveralmond.

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/31085/Livingston-Road-Closures>



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Stills Photography School

Stills School is an alternative photography school for 16-25 year olds who face barriers to accessing the arts. The school is free of charge. All materials and equipment are provided, and we can cover travel expenses too.

Contact is an introductory 8 week photography course that will teach you basic photography skills as well as encourage you to develop your own projects. You don't need any experience in making photographs, just a passion for photography. In a small group you will learn about different photographers and be supported to find your own style. Whether you prefer analogue or digital, we'll make sure you feel confident using your new skills. Everyone will have prints to take home or download at the end of the course.

Who should apply for CONTACT? This is for young people aged 16-25 who face barriers to accessing the arts. We are looking for young people who are keen to try something new.

Should you be interested, please see Mrs Neave for further information.

S1/ASN Area Gates

Access and egress via the ASN department and S1 Area should cease as this is not a school entrance, and infringes school security. Students should use the main pupil entrance or main reception entrance going forward. All visitors to the school must enter through the main reception entrance. The S1/ASN gates should be kept closed at all times.



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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 click on the following link and fill in the MS form and she will arrange a time to see you.

<https://tinyurl.com/ywc72uks>

Hot Chocolate Friday - CEYP

Hot Chocolate Friday will run twice a month. All pupils who are Care Experienced can come along, with friends, and join us for an informal check in. Please see Mrs Webster for details and let her know if you have any dietary requirements.

<https://app5.campus-site.com/public/e/click/z1832ngjqw/j8mnpe0xn6/>

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

25/04/25 to 30/05/25 - SQA Exams & Study Leave

05/05/25 - May holiday

06/05/25 - Staff In-Service day

09/05/25 - S1 Reports Issued

School Clubs and Activities

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

Monday: 13:20 to 13:45 Craft Club with Mrs Fleming & Miss Christmas in room G207

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

Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Model United Nations Club with Mr Pinder in room F71

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 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

Wednesday: 13:20 to 13:50 Rainbow Alliance (LGBTQ+) Group in the HE childcare room

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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May Immunisations

HPV and MMR Vaccines coming on May 22 May 2025. These are for students in S1 and also offered for S2 to S6 students who have never received the vaccine.

Evidence shows the HPV vaccine helps protect people from HPV-related cancers. The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is offered to every S1 pupil in Scotland.

Getting the vaccine now protects you against future risks. HPV can lead to cancers like:

Head and neck cancers

Cervical cancer

Anogenital cancers – for example, anal, penile (penis) cancer, cancer of the vagina, and cancer of the vulva

A recent study looked at cases of HPV-related cervical cancer in women living in Scotland. It found that there have been no cases in fully vaccinated women who got their first dose of the HPV vaccine at 12-13 years old.

The HPV vaccine also protects you against over 90% of genital wart infections.

Please see the website for more information:

https://www.nhsinform.scot/hpv?trk=public_post-text



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Changes to Pupil Entrance

All pupils were recently informed at an assembly that the pupil entrance door times would change. This change relates to school security.

Our pupil entrance will continue to open at 08:00 as before. At 08:40 the pupil entrance will now lock securely and there will be no further access to the building from the pupil entrance from this time.

All young people should aim to be on time for school, which begins at 08:35. Any pupil arriving at class after 08:35 is considered to be late. Any young person arriving at school after 08:40 should now report to the Community Entrance where a member of staff will sign them in. At this point a groupcall message will be sent to all parental contacts to inform them that their young person has arrived in school, has signed in late, and indicate how late to school they are.

As per our policy, if a young person has an appointment, please inform the school of this in advance if possible so we are aware of this.

Building Security

Please be advised that students should not allow entry to the school to other pupils or adults. They should walk past the doors and if need be inform an a member of staff if anyone is looking to gain entry to the school. Pupils should enter the school via the main reception entrance after 9am if late or if out of school for appointments etc.



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School Contact

When calling Inveralmond Community High School, you will be asked to select an option so that you can be connected with the right team in the school. Our staff have been trained to ask you a few questions so that they can direct your call to the person or team who is best placed to support you with your query.

In line with our school values, please be patient and kind while they gather all the information they need from you. In order to direct your query staff will need to ask for your full name; if you are calling about a pupil they will ask for the pupils' full name and your relationship to the pupil. It would also be helpful if you could tell us the pupil's tutor class or house, and in order for us to prioritise calls we will need details of what your query relates to.

By telephone

01506 280700 Then select one of the following options;

1. Reporting an absence
2. School Office

By Email

wlinveralmond-chs@westlothian.org.uk



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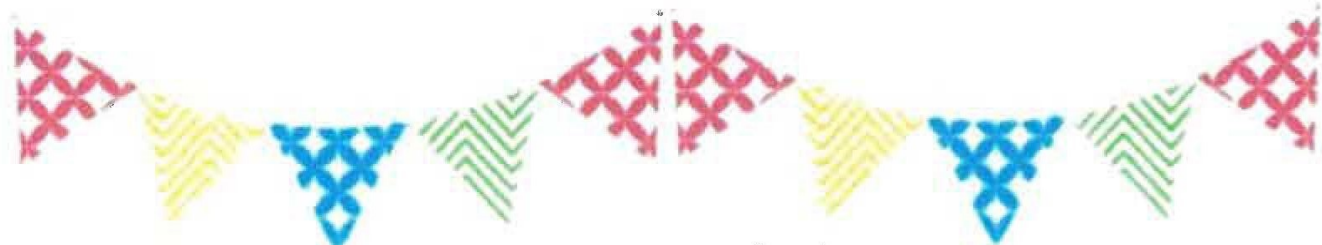
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Young Scot App

Message from Young Scot:

We're excited to announce the launch of the new Young Scot app, developed with direct input from young people to ensure it meets their needs. This app provides an easy and accessible way for young people to enjoy the benefits of Young Scot national services on the go.

The app gives young people access to Membership Services (Discounts, Rewards and Entitlements) as well as new exciting features including:

- * The ability to order a replacement Young Scot National Entitlement Card through the app.
- * A digital card within the app that allows young people to access show and go discounts in stores (young people will continue to use their physical Young Scot National Entitlement Card for free bus travel and proof of age).
- * A 'Near me' interactive map of discounts in their local area and beyond.

The app can now be downloaded from IOS and Android app stores.

We have created a [toolkit](#) with information, images and example comms. To support enquiries from young people please also see our [app FAQs](#).



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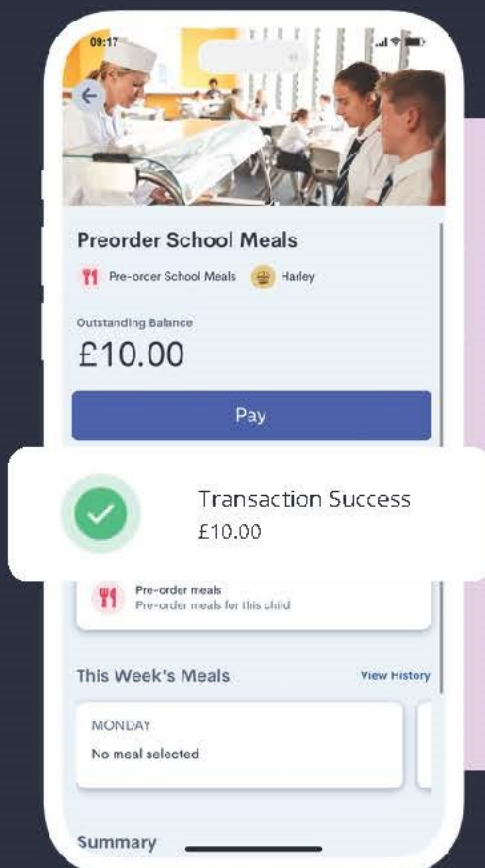
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The school payment app

Get ready for a better school payment experience with the iPayimpact app!

From simple purchases to quick top-ups, the convenient app makes it super easy to manage everything related to school payments directly from your mobile phone.



Make school payments anytime, anywhere.

- ✓ Pay for school clubs & trips
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- ✓ Purchase items from the school shop



One account, in one place

Browse all of your children's accounts in one convenient place.

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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



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.



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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.



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