



ICHS Newsletter

End of term information

It is essential that all young people keep up good attendance until the end of term. Staff will continue to deliver courses until the second last day of term. Staff will be delivering essential content, for young people undertaking SQA courses, so that course delivery is on-track.

The last day of term will be a dress down day, and there will be activities. Full uniform is required until the last day of term.

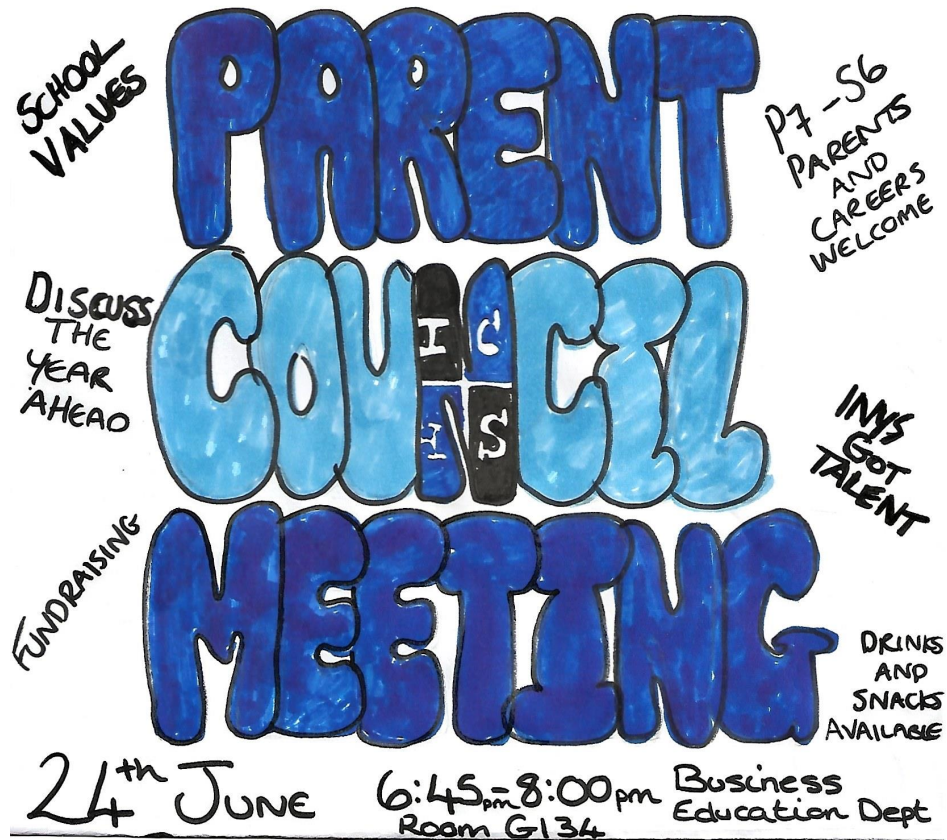
This week, you will have the opportunity to sign up to take part in various activities on the last day of term.

Final Parent Council of the Year

Our final Parent Council meeting of 2024-2025 will take place on Tuesday 24th June in our Business Department at 1845.

All are invited. An invitation is also being extended to parents/carers of the incoming S1.

YOU'RE INVITED TO INVERALMONDS



Get into Summer 2025

Get into Summer offers a wide range of free activities for children, young people and families including: day trips, sports, arts and crafts, music, drama, team games, digital media, STEM, cookery and outdoor learning.

The programme is in collaboration with children, young people, families, partner providers and West Lothian Council.

Click on the following link for details: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/get-into-summer>

Reconnect Theatres - Summer schools

Reconnect Theatres have two great summer schools happening that may be of interest. The summer camps are suitable for those aged 8-12 years old.

Summer Art Camp – Reconnect Howden Park, Livingston

Ever wanted to try out different arts techniques with a range of materials? Join our summer art camp to do just that. The theme of the week will be nature inspired art and will include a visit to the walled garden behind Howden House to explore the outdoor space and the local environment. Finish the week with several pieces of art work to take home. Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th July - 10am to 4pm. Suitable for age 8 – 12yrs. Call box office on 01506 34700 or book here:

<https://www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk/events/summer-art-camp/>

Drama and Musical Theatre Summer School – Reconnect Regal Theatre, Bathgate

Join us for an exciting week this summer, learning all about performing arts and musicals! Participants will explore acting, singing and dancing through engaging workshops led by industry professionals. Building confidence, developing skills and covering material from hit musicals like The Greatest Showman, Matilda and more. The week will culminate in an informal sharing for family and friends at Reconnect Regal Theatre, Bathgate. Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August, 10am to 4pm, Suitable for 8-12 yrs. Please book through Class for Kids:

<https://reconnect-stage-school.classforkids.io/camp/2>

Summer Family Art Sessions

Impact Arts are running free family art classes with lunch provided over the summer holidays at the following dates & times:

Wednesday July 9th - Whitburn Partnership Centre

Thursday July 10th - EH49 Hub (Linlithgow)

Wednesday July 16th - Fauldhouse Partnership Centre

Thursday July 17th - Strathbrock Community Centre (Broxburn)

Wednesday July 23rd - Almondbank Library (Livingston)

Thursday July 24th - Kirknewton Village Hall

Wednesday July 30th - Armadale Partnership Centre

Thursday July 31st - West Calder Community Hub

Wednesday August 6th - Winchburgh Community Centre

Thursday August 7th - Voluntary Sector Gateway (Bathgate)

(All sessions run from 11am-2pm)

If you're an unemployed or underemployed* lone parent or ethnic minority parent**, then come along and enjoy this free art class with your children. We're providing fun activities to suit all ages and you can take your artistic creations home with you. You'll get to meet other parents, experiment with creative art activities and learn more about how our Impactful Parents creative employability programme could help you get into work, training or further education.

Spaces are limited so reservations in advance are mandatory. Participants can reserve their place at these sessions by emailing fin.russell@impactarts.co.uk.

Update to dining hall procedures

QR Payment:- Our dining hall recently introduced the use of QR codes for payment. This is an alternative to the payment card which pupils currently used. Staff are sharing a unique QR code with pupils which can be put onto their phone. This links to their existing account and allows them to pay for food. This secure method of payment is significantly increasing the speed of service at tills.

Queuing System:- From Monday 9th June, all pre orders will be collected from the separate servery on the right of our dining hall. All queues at the main servery will be QR, card and debit card payment. This will improve the efficiency of our queues.

S1 Area Update

The S1 area will be out of bounds for pupils who have recently moved into S2 and all other year groups.

Our new S1s join us soon so we need this space to be ready and available for them. If you have any concerns about this please speak to your House Teams.

School Clothing Grants & Free School Meals

School Clothing Grants & Free School Meals applications opened on Monday 2nd June 2025 for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Here is a link to the web page which has all the information and a link to the online application:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/mealsandclothing>

This link to the Cost of Living Hub West Lothian may also be of interest to you:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/costofliving>

EMA 2025/26 Applications

Applications for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for the 2025/2026 academic year opened on Monday 2 June 2025.

Please note that a fresh application must be submitted each academic year.

The application form can be completed by either the student or their parent/guardian, and includes an eligibility checker at the start. College students should contact their college directly to apply for EMA.

Once you've submitted your application, you also need to complete a learning agreement. This should be completed by the student, and is an agreement between the student and the school.

To complete an application, and learning agreement form, click here:

<https://westlothian.gov.uk/ema>

Registration/Groupcall Texts

We are currently still working without access to our networks, our attendance team are working hard on pupil registration with the limited resources available. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused by incorrect attendance texts sent during this time.

Lunch Time Timekeeping

There has been an increase in pupils coming back from lunch quite late for classes in recent weeks. The pupil doors will lock automatically at the end of lunch (lunchtime ends at 13:50, pupils should be in their period 6 class for this time). Pupils entering into school after this time are late and will need to enter via the main entrance where a Family Link Worker will record their entry and send a groupcall home to update parents.

Inveralmond Uniform

In Inveralmond Community High School our aim is to work together to achieve excellence and equity for every young person. We want all young people to aspire to the highest possible standards and to achieve their best. We believe that high standards of uniform are part of our aspirational culture.

Full details can be found on our website:

<https://www.inveralmondchs.westlothian.org.uk/article/78965/Uniform-Policy>

Building Security - Reminder

Pupils are reminded they should not let anyone in the building, this includes, Other Pupils, Parents and Wider Community.

All visitors should enter via the main School Office Entrance.

When the pupil entrance is closed, pupils should not let each other in the building and all pupils should enter via the main entrance.

The pupil entrance is locked for safety during school class hours.

Please do not open doors around the school to give access to anyone for security and safety.

Your Med Future

Your Med Future is a guide to support anyone thinking about applying to study medicine in Scotland. It was created by NHS Education for Scotland in collaboration with the 5 Scottish medical schools and the Medical Schools Council.

If you're looking for a career that's both meaningful and focused, medicine delivers! Unlike some undergraduate degrees, it leads directly to an established career path. Applying to medical school requires lots of planning and preparation. But don't worry, Your Med Future will help you navigate the medical school application process.

Explore your pathway to medical school in Scotland with Your Med Future.

See link here: <https://www.careers.nhs.scot/shape-your-future/your-med-future/>

Changeworks: Sustainability Work Experience for S5/S6

After a great success and feedback from previous years, we are very excited to announce that Changeworks, a charity dedicated to decarbonising Scotland's homes and a just transition to net zero, is offering a week-long work experience opportunity for twelve S5/S6 aged students from across Scotland.

It will take a hybrid approach in their Edinburgh-based office. This programme will give students the chance to:

Gain insight into how the organisation operates

Learn what it's like to work in the environmental charity sector

Explore the wide range of services and projects delivered

It's a fantastic opportunity for any young person interested in sustainability, environmental work, or the third sector. Applications are open now and will close on 31st August 2025.

You can apply via the following link, or see Mr Higgins for further information:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5Dw5SfRKLL>

Traditional Skills Modern Apprenticeship pilot

Historic Environment Scotland's Craft Your Career team is addressing the skills gap in building conservation through the new Traditional Skills Modern Apprenticeship pilot. Apprentices will be employed across Scotland and seconded to micro-firms that use traditional construction

methods but haven't hosted apprentices in over five years. Their training will include hands-on work, formal study, specialist conservation courses, CPD opportunities, and expert support from The Engine Shed in Stirling.

We'll advertise our Apprenticeships in June 2025 and again in Summer 2026.

See one of the vacancies here: [Traditional Skills Modern Apprenticeship pilot](#)

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What will Historic Environment Scotland do?

The Apprentice will be employed HES on a 4-year contract and paid a starting salary of £25,770 in 2025. We will work with partner organisations to arrange their SVQ and PDA, and will ensure they are supported in this by covering the costs of tools, PPE, travel, and other expenses. A dedicated Project Officer will ensure administrative compliance as well as provide mentoring, line management, and frequent visits for the Apprentices to keep them engaged.

What will the Host Business do?

We have selected micro-firms across Scotland who offer safe working environments and will demonstrate traditional methods of their Apprentice's specialist trade, whilst enabling them to complete their college course alongside this. They will supervise the Apprentice's day to day employment.

What will the Industry and Regulatory Bodies do?

We are working in partnership with SDS, the CITB, and the Scottish Government to ensure this project is suitable, practical, compliant, and meets quality markers. We will continuously develop our offer with new and existing stakeholders to improve our model for future take up.

"It's nice to go home knowing that you're keeping our traditions alive. It's key to being part of a team that is going to conserve the stunning heritage that we have in Scotland."

- Scott, a previous HES Stonemasonry Apprentice



To get in touch with us, email technicaleducation@hes.scot and include "MODERN APPRENTICE" in the subject

Results Day: What Next? Explore Apprenticeship Options with QA!

As the school year draws to a close and thoughts turn to exam results, we wanted to share an exciting opportunity from QA for those considering their next steps.

QA is hosting two "Apprenticeships Clearing Week" events in August, perfect for exploring live apprenticeship options. These are particularly helpful for pupils who might be reconsidering their plans after results day.

Event Details:

Results Day: What Now? Explore Apprenticeship options with QA! (Online)

- Date: Wednesday, 6th August 2025 Time: 15:00 – 16:00 Secure your spot (Online Event): [Eventbrite Tickets | Results Day: What Now? Explore Apprenticeship options with QA!](#) Online Results Day: What Now? Explore Apprenticeship options with QA! (In-Person in Glasgow)
- Date: Friday, 8th August 2025 Time: 11:00 – 14:00 Location: QA Glasgow Office Secure your spot (In-Person Event): [Eventbrite Tickets | Results Day: What Now? Explore Apprenticeship options with QA!](#) What can pupils gain from attending?

Meet Real Apprentices: Hear directly from young people who have chosen the apprenticeship route and learn about their experiences.

Application Support: Get guidance and support on applying for current apprenticeship vacancies.

Discover Positive Destinations: Explore how you can "earn while you learn" with practical careers in growing fields such as IT, Software Development, Cyber Security, Digital Marketing, Data Analytics, and Business Administration.

Skills-Focused: QA emphasises that their apprenticeships focus on skills and interests, not just qualifications – so if results aren't what you hoped for, this is a fantastic alternative.

These events are a great way to understand the hands-on career paths available through apprenticeships, offering a route to success without student debt, focusing on real experience and qualifications.

We encourage pupils to look into these events before the summer break to be aware of all the options available after results day.

Results day not what you expected?
Don't worry! University or college
isn't the only path to success.

Apprenticeships with QA offer a
paid, hands-on alternative to
kickstart your career in tech,
software, digital marketing or data
analytics - no student debt, just real
experience and qualifications!

📍 **QA Glasgow Office**

📅 **Friday, 8th August 2025**

🕒 **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

What to expect:

Meet real apprentices

Hear their stories & career journeys.

Application support

Get expert guidance & support with
your apprenticeship applications.

No grades? No problem!

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and interests, not just qualifications.

Register now



Explore Your Future at the National Careers Event

Figuring out what's next after school? Head to the National Careers Event at Scottish Gas Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh on Thursday 4 September 2025.

It's a great chance to meet employers, universities, colleges, and training providers all in one place. You can learn about apprenticeships, jobs, and different educational paths.

- Chat directly with loads of exhibitors (over 40 expected!)
- Get advice on modern and graduate apprenticeships
- Explore different courses and training options
- Try out some hands-on activities and attend talks by top businesses
- This is a fantastic opportunity to get ideas and make connections for your future

Best of all, it's free to attend! Book your spot at <https://nationalapprenticeshipevents.co.uk/>

Upcoming Events

24/06/25 - Parent Council meeting

26/06/25 - Alton Towers trip

27/06/25 - Dress down day

27/06/25 - ICHS Activity day

30/06/25 to 08/08/25 Summer holidays

11/08/25 & 12/08/25 - Staff In-Service days

13/08/25 - Pupils resume

Contact Us

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