



# Parent Council Headteacher Update

June 2026



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# A Year in Review: 2025/2026



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# August started with our best ever pupil results!

S4 Level 5	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
5@ SCQF	53%	61%	65%	66%	75%	68%	65%	67.01%

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S5 Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
5@ SCQF	32%	47%	45%	41%	43%	43%	37%	45.13%
3@ SCQF	53%	60%	59%	58%	58%	56%	54%	55.38%
1@ SCQF	70%	70%	78%	78%	89%	92%	72%	83.08%

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S6 Level 7	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
1@ SCQF	9%	5%	17%	13%	13%	12%	16/ 18%	22.33%

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S6 Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
5@ SCQF	36.76%	44.79%	53.06%	47.73%	46.15%	48.84%	46%	43.72%
3@ SCQF	44.32%	58.33%	61.73%	62.27%	60.51%	62.21%	57%	55.35%
1@ SCQF	69.73%	70.31%	71.43%	79.09%	78.46%	90.12%	91%	73.49%

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# We won awards!



**Vision Schools Level 1 Award:**  
We travelled to the Scottish Parliament to receive our Vision Schools Award from the Cabinet Secretary in recognition of our high-quality holocaust education programme.

**Reading Schools Silver Award:**  
We achieved our Reading Schools Silver Award in recognition of all our work to ensure that reading is values, visible and enjoyed by all.



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# We had success in competitions!

Young Musician of the Year: our expressive arts showcase and young musician competition was a great success.



West Lothian Dance Competition: both our dance clubs won at the WL Dance Competition.



S1 Football Team: our S1 football team enjoyed great success late in the season.



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# We went on trips!

Modern Studies London Trip: our S5 pupils enjoyed a busy few days in London.



Scottish Parliament Trip: Our National 5 Modern Studies pupils travelled to the Scottish parliament for a tour and questions with an MP.



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# We contributed to our community!

## ARTICLE 12:

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

Pupil Parliament: our pupil parliament were elected to represent their peers and take forward children's rights.

ICHS Mini-COP: our young people worked with community partners learning about how to look after their local and global environment.



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# We contributed to our community!



**Ladywell Regeneration Work:** our pupils joined the Ladywell Regeneration Group for a 'walkabout' with various community groups including: Ladywell Community Council, Ladywell Neighbourhood Network, and Scottish Woodlands Trust. Our young people made suggestions about how they could work in partnership with the community to improve our community

**Children in Need:** we dressed down, dressed up and soaked the teacher to raise over £500.



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# We thought about our careers and futures!

Career Ready Programme: a group of our pupils enjoyed huge success in the career ready programme, working with a mentor and engaging with a work placement.



How to Help Your Child Pass: parents and carers had an evening with staff getting strategies and tips for how to support young people with learning.



## How to Help Your Child Pass Information Evening



Mr Hamish Shankland  
Headteacher

We are excited to invite you and your young person to our How to Help Your Child Pass Evening on January 14th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Inveralmond Community High School.

This event is designed to support all our students to reach their potential, and we strongly encourage you to make the most of these sessions to ensure your child is fully prepared for the challenges ahead.

During the evening, we will cover a range of topics to help your child succeed.

### Session include:

- Growth mindsets and time management
- Progress tracking and support
- Accessing Achieve and E-Sgoil
- Subject-specific top study resources
- Effective study planning techniques
- Setting SMART targets for success
- Wellbeing support to ensure a balanced approach to studying

Please sign up here to join us on the 14th of January.



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# We thought about our careers and futures!

Careers Fayre and Pathways Evening: we were joined by over 50 universities, colleges, employers and training providers at our Careers Fayre and Pathways Evening.

Heriot-Watt STEM Day: our S1 pupils had the opportunity to learn about sustainability. This was part of our pupils' project-based learning in S1.



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# We tried out new ways of engaging with parents and carers!

ASN parent & carer cuppa and a chat: staff had a monthly informal drop-in for parents and carers of learners with an additional support need.



Parents Evenings: all of our parents evenings moved back to in-person following a consultation with all stakeholders.

Parent Seminars: we held parent seminars on: bullying, transitions, wellbeing and behaviour and relationships.



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## Reporting & Parents Evenings

### Parents' Evening Information

Parents' Evening Information: Working Together for Your Child's Success

### Parents & Carers: Online Tracking System

Parents and Carers: Logging into Didbook Progress Online Tracking System

### Students: Online Tracking System

Students Logging into Didbook Progress Online Tracking System



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# We had fun!

**How can I earn House Points?**

-  I have come to school in full school uniform.
-  I demonstrate good listening, I follow instructions, and I try my best.
-  I show aspiration in my learning and produce evidence of my progress and effort.
-  I always show kindness to others, friend or not.
-  I always show respect to others.
-  I am honest and open in any situation.

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**Boy Band Concert: Just the Brave Off performed a concert for our young people.**

**House Points: we launched our new house points system to recognise pupil success. Tiree House won a trip to Innoflate on Thurs 24th June!**



**Expressive Arts Showcase and Invy's Got Talent: the abilities and hard work of our musicians, dancers and actors were on display for all to enjoy.**



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# Lots of fun!

World Book Day: our S6 and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books for World Book Day, raising awareness of the importance of reading.



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# We made new partnerships, and saw all friends!

Cyrenians: our young people worked with the Cyrenians to test and provide feedback on a new learning programme about the teenage brain.



Spanish Link: we had visitors from Santander in Spain.



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# We made films!

New York New York: our pupils travelled to New York to take part in a film-making project with NYC schools.



Isle of Bute: a few of our film studies students travelled to Rothsay on the Isle of Bute for the Scottish National Screening of the New York films.



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# We said some farewells!

**S6: we waved off our S6 pupils at our 2026 Prom. The Hillcroft Hotel was full of well dressed Inveralmond pupils, celebrating the end of one chapter, and the beginning of the next. This year our prom featured post-dinner bingo and an Invy quiz, and some memorable dance moves from our staff – check out our socials!**

**Staff: a few of our staff are moving on to pastures new. Miss Burgoyne leaves at the end of her probationary year; Mr Taylor has been with us for a year and moves on; Mrs Rhodes leaves with 7 years service; Mrs Burrows with 8 years service; Mr Dunlop with 14 years service; and Mr Collin with 24 years service. A special mention goes to our head cleaner Moira. Moira has a total of 37 years service to Inveralmond – we wish her a long and happy retirement.**



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# We joined socials to celebrate our successes!



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• 8 posts

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@ichs.pupil.parliament

**5** Following | **923** Followers | **2,773** Likes



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# Things to look out for in August:

- Our school app will close down and the new xpressions app will come into use.
- Our calendar will be posted on the new app and website.
- Welcome to our new DHT: Mrs Dornan
- We look forward to welcoming our wonderful new S1 pupils.
- Our Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan will be published in September.
- All pupils return on Wednesday 12th August
- We will be welcoming 5 probationary teachers to our staff in August. We also welcome back Miss Quinn to the House Team.



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**Have a wonderful summer holiday!**



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