

Welcome to our final newsletter of the session.

The year just past has been one in which we have been open for all pupils across the full session. We have re-instated lots of extra-curricular clubs and have undertaken some school trips for curricular reasons. Planning is underway for many other school trips in session 2022-23 to London, Paris, Barcelona, New York/Washington as well as a water sports trip to southern France and a football trip to Spain. In addition, we hope to offer a trip to Florida to visit the Kennedy Space Centre and this is still under discussion. As well as these trips we hope to re-instate our S1 Residential trip as well as offering an array of one day non-residential trips at low cost. We are conscious that the cost of living will be challenging for many families over the coming months so we want to offer a variety of more affordable options in addition to those cited above.

This year our pupils sat SQA exams, the first exams since 2019, and we hope that all their hard work throughout the year is recognised when the results are released in August.

I hope you enjoy the content of the newsletter and on behalf of all staff within the school we hope you have a very pleasant and enjoyable summer break.

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School uniform

We had a blazer fitting evening on Monday 20 June where representatives from Stevenson's measured pupils and gave details for ordering blazers from them. If any parent / carer wishes to purchase a blazer from Stevenson's you can access their website. There is a free delivery service to the school in the first week in August when parents/carers can collect the blazer from the school. There are a variety of other suppliers that provide our blazer and parents / carers are of course at liberty to use them. As a school we sell school ties and the school office remains open from 09.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday throughout the summer holidays.

Staffing

As is normal at the end of a school year, we say farewell to a number of our staff who are leaving us. This year we say farewell to:

NQTs

- **Biology** – Ms Ballard
- **Business Education** – Mr McCombe & Ms Wilson
- **Computing** – Mr Azfal
- **Geography** – Ms Gilmour
- **Modern Languages** – Ms Edgar & Mx Said Hedouga
- **Music** – Mr Macdonald
- **PE** – Ms Fountain
- **Physics** – Mr White

Temporary staff

- **Biology** – Mr Crawford
- **Mathematics** – Mr Hamilton
- **PE** – Mr Lochhead
- **Support for Pupils** – Ms McKendrick

We thank all of our NQTs and temporary staff who have given great service to the pupils within the school through their dedicated teaching and significant involvement in taking clubs and organising school trips and visits for the benefit of our pupils.

Other staff changes:

- **English** – Ms Boardman who will take on an Acting PT Guidance role in Turnbull High School for session 2022-23. Ms Boardman should return to us in June 2023.
- **English** – Mr McGovern who is leaving to take up a permanent position at the Highland Virtual Academy
- **HFT** – Mrs McIver who will retire after more than 30 years of exemplary service to the Lenzie Academy school community.

New Timetable

Our new timetable began on Monday 6 June and ran smoothly through the month of June. We will issue confirmation details of arrangements for the new term in early August via year group team pages. In essence S1-4 pupils will start at 08.45 on 17 August whilst S5-6 pupils will come in at 09.35am to collect their timetables and start their new year.

Character Education

Before the pandemic impacted upon us all the school had embarked upon its journey towards accreditation as a school of intentional character education. This had to be stopped due to COVID lockdowns and thereafter a real focus on school recovery. This year we will be embarking on work to achieve the Association of Character Education kite mark. To do this we will embed aspects of character education within our curriculum and we will engage with Columba 1400 as well as recognising pupils' success through our 'Celebration of Character' evening in August (details included later in the newsletter). This is an important development for the school and Mr McNeil in PE will lead on this development. He will give updates on progress in the newsletter at various points next session.

Update on the new school

In June my SLT colleagues and I visited Boclair Academy, having previously visited in April 2022. There was a marked change in how it looked, albeit it is still a work in progress. We engaged with staff from Boclair to hear about their journey towards a new school. We also visited Bertha Park High School in Perth, which opened in 2018 and Harris Academy in Dundee, which has been open for six years. These visits were insightful for us both in terms of examples of really interesting design that we could see works well for the schools but also some things that have not been as positive as the schools had hoped they would be. The visits have certainly given us food for thought and firmed up certain things in our mind regarding the design of the new school.

To date we still do not know the actual site for the new school and this will be discussed at council level in the new session. Further details will be provided to all parents / carers when we are able to do so.

P7 / S1 Parents Meeting

It was great to be able to welcome the parents / carers of next sessions S1 into the school on Thursday 17 June. This was the first business meeting we have had since 2019 and there was a very large turnout on the night. The parents / carers heard from pupils about what life is like as an S1 pupil in the school; they heard about the support provided by S3 Mentors; they heard from Mrs Lennox, PT Support for Pupils, about supports for all youngsters and targeted support for pupils with additional support needs. Mrs Clyne, DHT with overall responsibility for Guidance, outlined how the guidance staff support pupils and Mr Farquhar, DT for S1 outlined the curricular and extra-curricular opportunities available for pupils within the school.

Parental consultation meetings 2022-23

East Dunbartonshire Council have devised a policy that allows schools the option to engage in face-to-face meetings for next session or continue with remote meetings. The Parent Council was consulted about this and a strong desire to move back to face-to-face meetings was expressed. As a school we feel this would be better than the provision that operated across 2021-22 so for next session this is what we will operate. We will operate our course choice evenings through an electronic format but meetings between parents / carers and their children's teachers will be face to face.

Reading Schools Success



This year, Lenzie Academy has been undertaking activities throughout the session to promote the importance of personal reading as part of Scottish Book Trust's Reading Schools initiative. This has included weekly personal reading targets for S1 and 2 pupils, a World Book Day Book Swap, library quizzes, personal reading homework challenges, teacher's 'currently reading' posters, and book recommendation displays in the library and English corridor, among many others.

After submitting a portfolio of evidence earlier this month, the school was informed that we have now been officially accredited as a Reading School! Thank you to all pupils, families, and staff for taking part in our activities. We hope to keep this up in the new school session.

Sporting Successes

Basketball

Congratulations to Lenzie for winning the EDC Junior 3v3 half court basketball tournament. Well done Ahmet, Latif, Stuart and Elyot



Football success

Congratulations to Lucy in S4 who has received her first Scotland Cap. What an achievement – well done and well deserved!

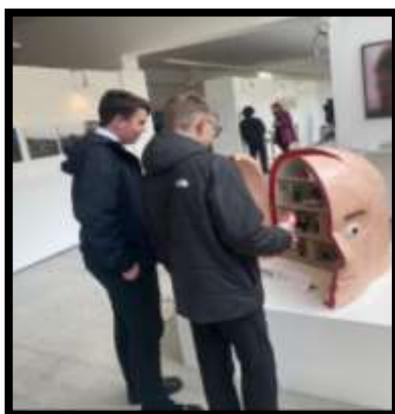


Glasgow School of Art Degree Show

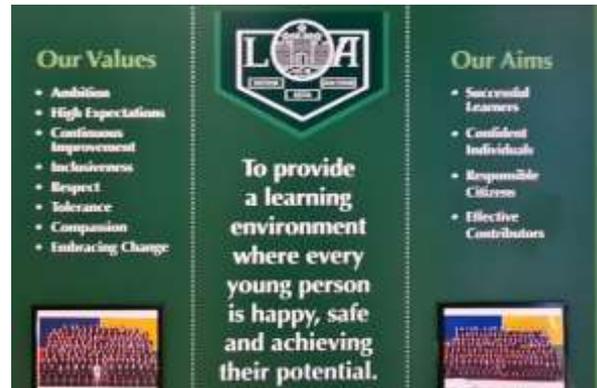


On Friday 10th June 19 S4 Graphic Communication pupils visited the Glasgow School of Art Degree Show. This was a fantastic opportunity for our young people to gain an understanding of possible future destinations, viewing exhibits of final year work from Product Design Engineering, Interior Design, Communication Design, Fashion & Textiles, and Jewellery.

Pupils met with course lecturers who gave them insights into what the courses entail, and with current students who shared their first-hand experiences, explaining why they had chosen each course. Following the trip pupils expressed that they had really enjoyed the experience, learning lots about what the courses involved and possible career paths to inform future University choices.



Wider Achievement



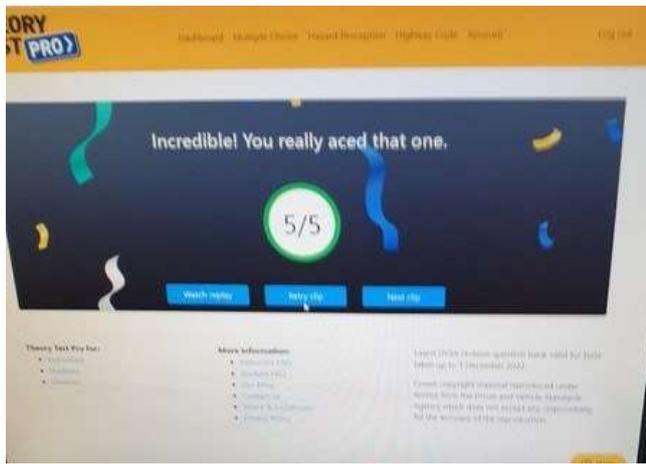
Senior Phase (S4-6)



Skills For Learning Work & Life

During study leave, S4 & 5 Pupils who were sitting less than 3 National 5s were encouraged to gain as many Wider Achievement qualifications as they could through the skills for learning life and work challenge.





They were encouraged to study independently at home on a Team on Glow. They also attended in school sessions with the support of Caroline Shirreffs our youth worker and Ms Byres and Mrs Davidson providing Wider Achievement and Developing the Young Workforce input. In addition pupils were keen to practice their Driving Test theory and Hazard perception tests as many of them hope to be driving in the near future and took advantage of some study time to develop these skills.

1 - 115 Badges were completed and 2 pupils gained a Bronze Idea award



Some pupils who studied N5 PE volunteered to coach younger pupils during this time



17 pupils achieved their Dynamic Youth award with many beginning their Bronze Youth Achievement award during study leave which they will complete next session.

During week three many of these pupils took part in a week of opportunities provided by EDC youth service including Princes Trust employability units.



Prince's Trust

A group who had expressed an interest in the construction industry attended Tigers Construction Academy and worked towards gaining a CITB & CSCS qualification

The Broad General Education (S1-3)



Youth Philanthropy Initiative

May began with fifty S3 Teams competing to secure £3000 for their chosen charity for YPi. This was the first time for three years that pupils were allocated class time and teacher support, but this meant that the Teams were allocated according to class rather than made up of friendship groups so the team work they took part in developed their 21st century learning skills. The 5 finalist teams represented **East Dunbartonshire's Women's Aid, East Dunbartonshire Association for Mental Health, East Dunbartonshire's Alzheimer's Scotland, Refuweegee and Shelter Scotland.**



The finalists presented their pitch in front of a judging panel made up of previous YPi winners and an audience from the new S6. Each pupil demonstrated the character strengths of bravery and determination as they tried to persuade the judges that their charity deserved the money the most



Refuweegee was chosen. The winning team then attended the YPi national event with their teacher Miss Warnock on June 16th in Perth



They were invited to have their picture taken with Sir Iain Wood the founder of YPi Scotland



#iwill #IWill Scotland @IWillScotland

🌟🌟 Shout out to @iwill_movement ambassador @fschofieldiwill for getting up on stage and sharing how @ypi_scotland has helped support a journey into wider social action & becoming an #IWill Ambassador!

#PowerOfYouth
#GenerationChange

Felix Schofield our MSYP and #iwill Ambassador was asked to speak at the event to share his Volunteering journey which began in S3 as part of 2019's winning Team for Cathleen's Cabin



The impact of Ypi to Lenzie Academy



2We are hoping to start a Refuweege supporters club in school this session to build upon the volunteering already done by India in this year's winning Team. This will enable members to gain additional Saltire awards and work towards Youth Achievement awards.

The four other finalist charities will become our House charities

The Allies



LGBT Pride Month was recognised by the Allies group through their contributions to the Equalities PowerPoint and the distribution and wearing of pronoun badges.

Pride Bake sale Friday 17th June

3 - Pupils enjoyed the variety of home baking and also had the opportunity of purchasing a pronoun badge to wear on their blazer



4 - The Allies group continue to promote the school value of inclusiveness by demonstrating support for all.

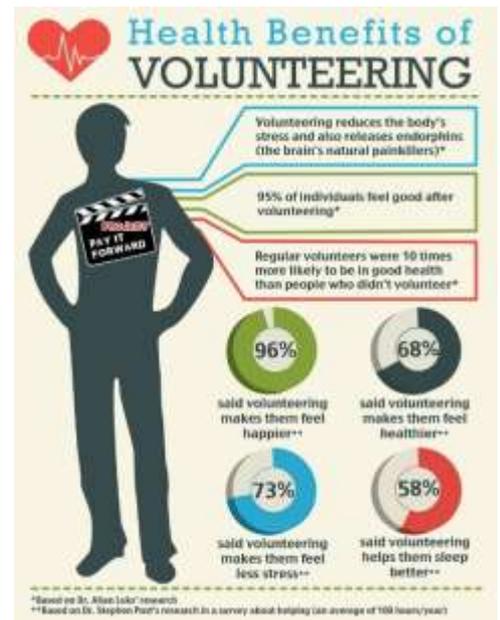
Next event Tuesday 21st June - The Allies Pride Picnic



Senior Phase Volunteering and Leadership

The S6 of 21/22 accumulated 6000+ hours of Saltire Awards between them before they left school in May.

14 pupils spent over 50 hours volunteering and **10** of them have been nominated for a **Saltire Summit Awards** for the impact that each had made through **over 200 hours as a volunteer** in school and in the wider community. Many, like Felix, began their volunteering journey in S3 being mentors, sports leaders or through ypi or began volunteering in the community for their Duke of Edinburgh award



New S6 Wider Achievement intentions



During June the new S6 begin to review their personal achievements and decide which ways they can fulfil our #iwill pledge "to work with others and for others" in the coming session

School & House Captaincy Team

Prefects

Year Book

Prom Committee

Peer Mentoring

Classroom assistants

Community Involvement

They also can independently study other Wider Achievement Awards



At the end of August we will hold our second *Celebration of Character*



Any Lenzie Academy pupil who has gained any **Wider Achievement Award** will be invited together with family/carers to have their award formally presented. All pupils with an award will be contacted soon to see if they wish to attend and how many supporters they would like to bring. The celebration will be hosted by the pupils and refreshments will be provided by the Hospitality pupils. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.



5 - Our last celebration was in 2019 before the pandemic.