



Welcome to our last newsletter of the session. It has been another hectic year with a huge number of positive events going on across the school. The year that has just passed was also one where the months of October and November were challenging due to the preparations for an HMIE Inspection in October; the inspection itself in November and the ongoing engagement with the inspectors in December and January.

The month of June has been very busy, as the content of this newsletter will demonstrate, and all staff and pupils are looking forward to a well-deserved break. June is traditionally when we start on our new timetable for session 2025-26 and valuable work is undertaken during those important three weeks in June. It is also when we have our prize giving events and a lot of curricular departments run trips and various activities.

On 3 June we had our P7 Information Evening for parents/carers as a follow up to our two P7 induction days in May. This year's event was well attended and led by Mr McClune (DHT for S1) and Mrs Lennox (PT Support for Pupils) who took parents/carers through a comprehensive overview of what S1 will look like for our pupils. We also had two S1 pupils who spoke very well about their first year as pupils within the school.

In June, we had a variety of public engagement meetings related to the construction of the new school, led by the EDC Major Assets team. They met with pupils and staff on the afternoon of Tuesday 10 June followed by an evening session with the chairs of the parent councils of all schools affected. The following evening there was a session for local community councils in the Marina and then on Thursday 12 June an open drop in session, for any interested member of the public, in Lenzie Academy from 4.00pm – 8.00pm, which was well attended.

As a school we continue to engage with contractors in relation to various internal design features of the new school. On 17 June we discussed internal and external doors and security features. This liaison will continue as we progress with the new school's design.

The month of June is always a busy month in terms of staffing. We have had a number of interviews for various posts within the school. Ms Warnock was appointed PT Physics in June and we have interviews for various posts ongoing currently in Business Education, Computing Science, English and for some PEF posts.

As we prepare for the new session, I wanted to remind all parents/carers about SQA results day. Pupils will receive their SQA results on Tuesday 5 August. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be in school on Wednesday 6 August from 10.00am – 12.00pm should any young person wish to re-negotiate their options in light of their SQA results. Please phone the school office and arrange an appointment time should this affect your child. Young people can also wait until they come back to school to speak to their year head. Information relating to appeals – urgent and non-urgent has been sent to all parents/carers and there is also information on the year group Teams pages relating to procedures and dates for appeals.

On behalf of all staff within the school I want to thank all parents/carers for their support throughout the year, it is much appreciated. We hope you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming all of our young people back to school on Thursday 14 August at 08.45am.

Yours sincerely,

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B Paterson,

Head Teacher

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BGE Prize Giving

On Wednesday 4 June we held our BGE Phase Prize Giving within the school to recognise the contribution of S1-S3 pupils in both their curricular subject areas and also for wider school involvements. This is one of four Prize Giving events that happen around this time of year. We are delighted to announce that Fleming House won this year's House Cup! Well done to all. In August we will hold our Celebration of Character Evening to recognise the contribution of many of our young people who assist in the local community and are accredited with Saltire Awards and Dynamic Youth Awards.



Lenzie Academy PE/Sport Prizegiving – A Celebration of Dedication and Determination!

This June, the Lenzie Academy PE department came together to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our young people at the annual PE/Sport Prizegiving. The event was a powerful reminder of the dedication, talent, and teamwork that define our school's vibrant sporting culture.

Held in the school assembly hall, the event brought together pupils and staff in a fitting tribute to those who have committed themselves to sporting excellence over the past year. From early morning dance, football, and multi-sport breakfast clubs to after-school matches and competitions, our pupils have consistently shown passion and perseverance across a wide range of sports.

Awards were presented across multiple disciplines including football, netball, rugby, athletics, dance, badminton, and more (a full list of winners is detailed below). Special recognition was given to those who demonstrated outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, and inclusion — values that lie at the heart of both sport and life at Lenzie Academy.

A particular highlight was the presentation of the prestigious **Sports Personality** award to *Emma H* for her outstanding commitment to dance. Emma has not only excelled in performance but has continually inspired those around her with her enthusiasm, consistency, and love for the art.

Other major award winners on the night included:

- *Han W*, who received the **Commitment to School Sport award** for his dedication to lunchtime basketball and for creating a welcoming, inclusive space for pupils of all ages to get involved.
- Our incredible S1–S6 Hip Hop Team, who were named **Team of the Year** after a phenomenal season, crowned with success at EDC and 2nd in a National competition.
- *Orla W*, awarded **Coach of the Year** for her outstanding work as a dance coach in local primary schools, where she has made a lasting impact by encouraging participation and nurturing young talent.
- And *Keira F*, who received the prestigious **Williamson Award for Outstanding Sporting Achievement** in recognition of her remarkable accomplishment as an U16 Scotland Rugby International – a true testament to her talent, discipline, and dedication.

As another successful sporting year comes to a close, we look ahead to the 2025 season with excitement and anticipation. [Congratulations](#) to all our award winners and participants — your hard work and determination continue to make Lenzie Academy proud!



Columba 1400 Fun Fest

On Friday 6th June, our 2025 cohort of Columba 1400 students from S2 held a fundraising event in the school called *LA Fun Fest*. This was a culmination of all of their hard work across the year, learning how to make an impact in the community through a leadership academy. The LA Fun Fest day was well attended by students and staff, and a big thanks to other pupil groups who helped to make the day a success – the Allies Club, the band, the dancers, bakery students and other S6 helpers. The event included Throw A Sponge At A Teacher (thank you to our willing volunteers!), a Bake Sale and Guess The Number Of Sweets In The Jar. We had a very successful raffle on the day too, which was supported by local businesses in and around Lenzie. We'd like to thank the generous contributions of Billington's, Bowlarama, Caulders Garden Centre, Colpi Ice Cream, Da Carlo, Delta Force, Four Seasons Barbers, Lenzie Golf Club, Pinkston Water Sports, Sung Gardens, Woodilee Spar and any other contributions from staff and students. Thank you to the entire school community who rallied behind the event, helping to raise a very impressive £1000 that will go towards the school mini-bus fund!



Allies Club –Pride Picnic

This month, our Allies Club hosted their annual Pride Picnic to mark the celebration of Pride Month in the school. Owing to the inclement weather, we moved our picnic inside this year but this didn't dampen our spirits as we had kind contributions of sweet treats and party music in the background. Across the school, many subjects are also acknowledging this important month in the calendar and the contributions of LGBTQI+ people in their subject fields. Our Allies club is an open and inclusive space for any pupils who would like to join in with the group in the next school year!

S4 Geography - Loch Lomond Field Trip

All of our S4 Geography pupils recently took part in a fieldwork trip to Loch Lomond, where they investigated glaciated landscapes and land use conflicts — key elements of their course. While the weather was typically Scottish (changeable, to say the least!), spirits remained high as pupils embraced the chance to experience Geography in action.

The day began in Balmaha, where the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Ranger Service gave a valuable insight into how the park manages the pressures of tourism. Pupils then enjoyed a short walk to Craigie Fort, where they completed field sketches of the impressive glacial scenery and made real-world connections to what they've been learning in class.

A key part of their fieldwork involved interviewing visitors to the area. Despite some initial nerves, pupils showed great confidence in gathering information from tourists from as far afield as Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic — as well as from across the UK.

In the afternoon, the group travelled to Loch Lomond Shores in Balloch. Here, pupils explored a classic honeypot site and conducted further interviews, all while observing how tourism is managed in a high-traffic area. A great hands-on learning experience that brought classroom theory to life — and, judging by the sleepy faces on the return journey, a busy day for all involved!



NYC trip

We're excited to share highlights from our recent school trip to New York City, where 50 pupils experienced a week packed with history, culture, and unforgettable memories from Monday 9th to Saturday 14th June. We departed Glasgow on Monday morning all kitted out in our New York jumpers personalised by our very own crafty pupils with the help of Ms Forrest. We flew via Reykjavik before landing at Newark International Airport in the evening where we stayed at the West Side YMCA, ideally located for exploring Manhattan.

On Day two the day began with a hearty breakfast at Old John's, followed by a brief visit to Times Square to soak up the atmosphere - just before a sudden downpour caught the group by surprise! It was then a soggy trip to Battery Park and a ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about immigration and the symbolic meaning of Lady Liberty. In the afternoon, we visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum, where we engaged thoughtfully with the exhibits, reflecting on one of the most significant events in modern history, an emotional day for some. We had dinner at Dallas BBQ followed by an evening stroll through the vibrant city with a stop for some TikTok famous Crumbl cookies. It was a 30K step kind of day.

On Day three we walked through Wall Street with soaring Views After breakfast. Pupils headed downtown for a guided walking tour of the Financial District, led by local experts John Gallagher and Joey Hannah. Highlights included Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange, Trinity Church, Chinatown, Little Italy and the iconic Charging Bull. Some pupils stepped out their comfort zone and tried some famous dumplings in Chinatown. The afternoon offered free time to explore Chelsea Market and the High Line, a unique urban park built on a historic freight rail line. We had dinner at Sbarro, followed by an evening visit to the Empire State Building, where students enjoyed breath-taking views of the New York skyline under the stars. This was a top highlight for most. We hit the 30K step count again today!

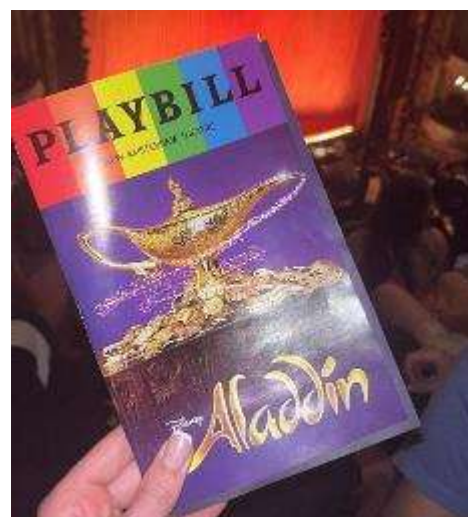
On Day four we took in iconic Sights & Broadway Lights. The group were excited to get some free time to explore Times Square, where they shopped until they dropped. Some of us took this as an opportunity to sneak another view at Summit One Vanderbilt, others couldn't wait to try out some friend chicken at Raising Cane's. Next was a quick meeting point in Bryant Park, an ice cream stop and a wander around Grand Central Terminal, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere. In the afternoon, we visited the Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Centre, taking in panoramic views from one of the city's most famous rooftops. After dinner at the Hard Rock Café, the day concluded with a magical performance of Disney's Aladdin on Broadway – a true highlight for many! We made it three days in a row at 30K steps.

On day five we enjoyed a wander around Central Park before heading to a behind-the-scenes tour of Macy's, one of the world's largest department stores. Pupils were itching to wander the store to see what goodies they could buy. After some final free time and lunch, the group collected their luggage and made their way to the



airport for their return journey. Everyone was happily exhausted and ready to rest their feet after several action-packed days exploring the city.

We arrived back in Glasgow, tired but thrilled with all we had seen and learned. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils conducted themselves throughout the trip and we hope they have gained some memories to last a lifetime.



Women into Engineering

On Thursday 10th June, a group of ten S2 pupils went on an all-girls trip to Turnbull High School. The main aim of the trip was to highlight the possibilities of what women can achieve in engineering. There were eight engineering workshops at the event, where we could learn about different jobs in engineering and worked on different projects. Some of the companies at the event were Network Rail, Thales, Mott McDonald, Tony Gee and Scottish Water.

Scottish Water showed us how to design a water pipe system, Tony Gee helped us construct towers and we made a periscope with Thales. Miss Malcolm even got to take part in a Knex competition!

We all found the trip really fun and interesting and we would recommend it to anyone in S2 next year that is possibly interested in becoming an engineer. Before we went, we weren't all sure what we wanted to do in the future but this has opened our eyes to possible careers and the women engineers have inspired us!

By Kate, Reeva, Amelia, Jennifer, Jessica, Rebecca, Natalie, Sophie, Emily & Holly



Scottish Mathematical Challenge Awards Ceremony

On Thursday 12 June, a group of pupils attended the *Scottish Mathematical Challenge Awards Ceremony* at the University of Strathclyde. Pupils took part in a lecture on Network Theory given by Dr Jon Devlin from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics which involved the work of Leonhard Euler and adjacency matrices. The lecture theatre in the Royal College Building was full of pupils from 13 local authorities from the West of Scotland and 5 of those successful entries were from Lenzie Academy.

Congratulations to Avani, Peace and Nneoma who secured Bronze awards in the Middle Division along with Glorious who gained Bronze in the Junior Division and Sriram who achieved Silver in the Junior Division. Pupils were praised for their perseverance in pursuing unfamiliar lines of thought in mathematical and logical reasoning.

Well done to all our pupils who submitted entries but did not receive an award. Pupils volunteer to take part in this annual competition, taking time out of their busy schedules to attempt the not so easy questions! Next year the Scottish Mathematical Challenge celebrates its 50th anniversary and the SMC are promising gold mugs for all Gold and Silver awards! Contact your Maths teacher to participate in the next competition.



S2 Science trip, Glasgow Clyde College

A group of 13 pupils (new S2) attended Glasgow Clyde College (Cardonald) yesterday to take part in a Smart STEMs event to find out more about pathways into STEM careers. There were a number of workshops the pupils took part in & a few prizes were won!



S3 Elective Programme

The S3 Elective Programme started on the 28th of April and ran through to the 30th of May. It has been another successful year and the staff and pupil feedback has been very positive.

We had a few new additions to the programme this year; LA Fit and Beyond Ready Meals. We had a smaller group of pupils complete the Duke Of Edinburgh elective but this has given them the opportunity to get a head start on achieving their certification.

Pupils learned how to make different types of coffees in the Barista elective and staff got the benefit of being the taste testers. Those pupils taking part in the Sports Leader class got the opportunity to take on a lead role at the Lenzie Meadow and Lairdsland Sports days. The Beyond Ready meals classes (all 80 of them) enjoyed learning about to cook different more healthy versions of ready meals this included, burgers, pizzas, loaded fries and smoothies.

The programme has been a great success with pupils having the chance to enjoy the local bike track, the sunshine we had in May made this even more enjoyable. We also had a group of pupils learning conversational German and learning about German culture. LA Fit provided the chance for pupils to be guided by staff on how to use the gym equipment, the feedback has been very positive and this will be offered again next session.

In Criminology pupils got the opportunity to learn about crime scenes and think about the different perspectives of a case. Art printmaking gave pupils the opportunity to experiment with different materials. In Media pupils were studying how the media can portray people in different ways in order to create victims and villains. GarageBand was used in Music Technology to create tracks.

Next year we will be offering even more choice! Watch this space!





Scottish Book Trust's Reading Schools workshop

Library ambassadors Megan L and Katherine J took part in Scottish Book Trust's Reading Schools workshop at Kirkintilloch High School. Primary and secondary schools from across East Dunbartonshire came together to showcase and discuss all the inspiring work across reading and literacy projects.

Lenzie's very own zine workshops proved a popular draw!



Football

S2 football team are on a roll, defeating St.Ninians in the ED Cup final! The team were brilliant, coming back from 1-0 down to beat St Ninians 2-1. Fantastic way to end the season.

The U13's Boys football team achieved victory in the final of the ED Cup against an impressive Bocclair Academy team. Goals from Callan McMillan, Kyle Murray and Ethan Williamson secured a hard fought 3-2 win at the Lennoxtown Training Centre. Well done!



Rugby

Well done to the S1 rugby team that won the West of Scotland RFC schools' tournament. Fantastic result! The S2s finished as runners-up in their age category. It was a great opportunity for the players to demonstrate the progress that they have made this year in both skills and athleticism. Well done to all involved!



YPI in Lenzie Academy



Thirty-three teams competed in this year's Youth Philanthropy Initiative in partnership with The Wood Foundation and the 5 finalists were Motor Neuron Disease Scotland, East Dunbartonshire's Women's Aid, Marie Curie Glasgow, Sporting Memories Kirkintilloch, and Glasgow Samaritans. The judges had a very hard time deciding on the final winners, but Glasgow Samaritans were awarded the cheque for £3000.

One of the 5 finalists in this year's YPI challenge were supporting a charity that have not been to Lenzie Academy before – Sporting Memories is a collective that supports older men and tackles both physical and mental health issues. The four boys who represented them on the night fully admitted that they had not really seen the point of taking part in YPI until they engaged with their charity and then they began to think about what their lives might be like in the future. Although they did not win, the charity were very keen to invite them to one of their weekly sessions so on 23rd June the team went to St Columba's church hall in Kirkintilloch and took part in games of walking football and then the talking about sport session where the older generation praised them for all their effort over the last term and named them as "team of the year". The cup will be formally presented at our Celebration of Character on 27th August.



The organisation for the annual Celebration of Character is now underway and any pupil who has gained a wider achievement award will be sent an invitation with a link to reserve tickets for the presentation ceremony. Last year the event was a huge success with a packed assembly hall enjoying this pupil led event and we hope this year's will be even better.

YPI Perth Dance performance



YPI National event invited Lenzie Academy dancers to perform at the final event in Perth Concert Hall. Our dancers performed a 7minute piece based on the different emotions from the film inside out. The dancers performed to over 1000 people from across the country.

They were excellent showing off not only their performance skills but show casing their own choreography. Well done girls!!

Congratulations to Our Chess Champions! 🏆

A huge well done to our senior chess team for winning the **Glasgow Senior Chess League**! This is an incredible achievement, made even more impressive by the fact that they triumphed over strong competition from several private schools across the city.



Lenzie Academy Crowned Champions at East Dunbartonshire Athletics Competition

After a successful block of athletics during PE and our own exciting school sports days, a group of talented S1–S3 athletes represented Lenzie Academy at the *East Dunbartonshire Athletics Competition*. The event, held in partnership with Springburn Harriers and Active Schools, brought together schools from across the region for a day of friendly but fierce competition.

We are thrilled to announce that Lenzie Academy finished in **1st place** – making this our **third consecutive year** as overall champions!

Our pupils displayed outstanding commitment, sportsmanship, and determination across a range of track and field events. From sprint finishes to long jumps and relay teamwork, every performance contributed to our school's impressive result. A huge [congratulations](#) to all pupils who took part, and thank you to the staff and organisers for supporting another successful event. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing our strong tradition in school athletics. Well done, Team Lenzie!



Visit by Susan Murray MP

On Friday 6th June, local Member of Parliament, Susan Murray, spoke with a focus group of pupils. Participating pupils had been nominated by their year group head for their contribution to their respective year group councils. Ms Murray was keen to engage directly with young people about the issues they care about, in the constituency and beyond. She has already visited other EDC schools for a similar purpose. The pupils also had the opportunity to ask her questions about her role representing the constituency of Mid Dunbartonshire. It was an interesting and informative visit.

Artist visit

Contemporary glass artist Tim Kirman gave a talk to the art club about his practice. He gave a fascinating insight to students and teachers on the creative aspect of his work as well as the practical consideration of being a part of creative industry in Scotland.



S3 Wellbeing afternoon.

The recent S3 Wellbeing Afternoon, organised by the Wellbeing Committee, was a fantastic opportunity for all S3 students to take a break from their usual timetable and focus on their mental and physical health.

Students were given the chance to choose from 13 different activities designed to promote wellbeing and relaxation. Many took the opportunity to venture off-site, with popular choices including a bootcamp class at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre and a round of 9 holes at Golfit. Those who stayed on campus enjoyed a variety of engaging activities such as baking, colouring in, and a football tournament, all aimed at encouraging positive mental health and social connection.

The event was a huge success, with all activities and trips running smoothly thanks to careful planning and the enthusiasm of staff and students alike. It was wonderful to see students embracing the chance to recharge and try something new, making the most of the dedicated wellbeing afternoon.

We look forward to organising more events like this in the future to continue supporting the wellbeing of all our students.



As part of the Health and Wellbeing week the Committee also organised bouncy castles available for all pupils in our school. It was a huge success, the pupils had an absolute ball and all left with smiles on their faces.



Cluster Wind Band “Come & Play!”

On Tuesday 17th June, the Lenzie Academy Wind Band welcome P7 pupils who will be joining us in August, for a “Come and Play” taster rehearsal. We had pupils from Lairdsland, Lenzie Meadow and Millersneuk Primary join us for a joint rehearsal. Our pupils welcomed the new P7s as they sat side by side with older pupils to play along. We all learned a short new piece together which sounded superb, and then the band performed a medley from ***Wicked*** and “I’m a Believer” from ***Shrek***. The P7s played along with “I’m a Believer” and we finished the rehearsal with a certificate and cake.

Well done everyone! We look forward to our first rehearsal of 2025/26 in September. See you all there!





West of Scotland Schools Concert Band Success

Two S5 pupils; Fraser C (saxophone) and Daniel D (percussion) auditioned and achieved places in the *West of Scotland Schools Concert Band* this year. Both pupils attended a week long residential course in Lendrick Muir where an intensive music programme was rehearsed. This culminated in a concert at the RSNO centre on the Friday night and both boys performed superbly.

An additional showcase concert will be held after the summer holidays. A big well done to Fraser and Daniel for their musical talents!

