



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our September newsletter.

As usual, the content of the newsletter will be full of opportunities offered to our pupils and their successes in taking up these opportunities and excelling in them. Not all activities / events have been included but enough to give you a flavour of the wide range of events taking place in the school on a regular basis.

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### School mini-bus fund-raising

In this edition there are updates from the staff v pupils 'Football Frenzy' and the 'S1/2 Fun Run' allied to information about the Big Scottish Breakfast. There was also an S6 staff car wash to help raise some money and the S6 pupils enjoyed doing their bit to help with the funding for the mini-bus. These activities have added to monies previously raised by our Columba 1400 group; a significant donation from the PTA; a range of internal revenue generation activities and some limited sponsorship to give us a total of £30,000. We are now able to purchase an LEZ compliant mini-bus that does not require a special D1 Licence to drive.

In the longer run this will save the school (and parents / carers) significant sums of money. The price of coach hire is now very expensive and even with support from the PTA and money from the school budget we are having to charge young people money to enable us to provide trips using coaches.

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who supported the school in various ways. A particular thank you to our PTA who work tirelessly to fund-raise for the school – not just to help with our mini-bus but in a whole variety of other ways too.

## Football Frenzy

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the *Football Frenzy* brought the whole school together for an afternoon of excitement and laughter, raising an impressive £1,020 towards our minibus fund. Nearly 500 pupils bought tickets to watch the much-anticipated staff versus S6 showdown. The match didn't disappoint. Both teams battled hard in a fast-paced contest that ended 2-2. Late drama struck when the S6 side thought they had grabbed a late winner, only for a controversial VAR decision to rule it out.

Away from the pitch, the fundraising station kept spirits high as teachers and pupils bravely faced getting soaked, tied together, covered in skooshy cream, and dressed as cheerleaders, all to boost donations. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of everyone involved, *Football Frenzy* was a huge success, helping bringing the school closer to the goal of a new minibus for future trips and adventures.



### S1 and S2 fun run

A huge thank you to all who helped make our fun run such a success, and to the staff who supported with the setup. We have raised an incredible **£4,950** plus some extra change. Thank you again for your support! A special mention goes to Ruth G, who raised the most sponsor money with an amazing total of **£275!**

The winners from the fun run are:

#### **S1 Girls:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Victoria McG
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Emily C
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Annabella D

#### **S1 Boys:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Nairne C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Tait L
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Stuart B

#### **S2 Girls:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - David D
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Arran B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Fraser L

#### **S2 Boys:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Brooke D
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Beth W
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ali G

### The Big Scottish Breakfast and the Buddy Breakfast

*The Big Scottish Breakfast* is a National initiative where all around the country, schools, workplaces and other institutions during the month of September get together to share breakfast raising money for children living in poverty in Scotland. At Lenzie Academy we choose a morning before school where pupils can buy a ticket and come along to the social area to share hot rolls, cereal and other breakfast items where the donation you give goes towards the cause. We first ran the event in 2023 where STV came to film our breakfast and we made the 6pm news! We raised a huge amount of money for the cause – nearly £300. This year we raised a whopping **£500!** We intend to divide the profit with 70% going to the STV Children's appeal and 30% being added to our school mini bus appeal.

All the LACE events Team and the HFT volunteers will receive a **Saltire Challenge Award** for their participation in this event and members of the Senior Barista + class will be able to put this towards their Self \* Community Unit of their **Personal Development Award**. Well done!

*The S1/S6 Buddy breakfast* gave our youngest pupils the chance to meet with our oldest pupils and start to bond the houses. Hopefully this will lead to even more entertaining Joker's Cards being played at our end of Term Inter-house Christmas Quiz as the House Leaders will need to choose a "turn" to entertain the room and gain them double points for their chosen round.

The human Bingo results were very close with 1 point being given to each partially completed sheet and 5 points being given to each completed sheet.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place** - Inglis had 42 returns and scored 85 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Fleming had 43 returns and scored 79 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place** - McKay had 44 returns and scored 78 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place** - Mackintosh had 34 returns and scored 78 points

## BGE Freshers Fayre / Extra Curricular Clubs

On Thursday 4 September we held a BGE Freshers Fayre where all BGE pupils were given the opportunity to engage with staff and senior pupils who run the vast array of clubs we offer within the school. This year there are in excess of 60 clubs are on offer. Some stalls were hugely busy whilst others were definitely more niche. The key point is that the school offers such a wide variety of opportunities that pupils will always find something of interest for them. Please encourage your children to sign up for a club. As well as an opportunity to make new friends it provides opportunities to develop key skills that can be useful with their studies as well as developing skills for life and work.

A list of all extra-curricular activities is below;

Allies club	Mr Quinn	A3	Wednesday	Lunchtime	All
Art Club	Mr McCallum	D5	Monday	Lunchtime	All
Badminton	Miss Frew	Games hall	Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	All years
Basketball	Mr Ward	Games hall	Wednesday	2:40pm - 4:00pm	All years
Book Group / Zine Workshop / Book Sculpture	Mr Dunlop	Library	Wednesdays	After school; Lunchtime	S1;S2;S3
CAD club	Mr Reid	T7	Monday	Lunchtime	All
Ceilidh Band	Miss Donaldson	D9	Monday	Lunchtime	All
Chess club	Mr Metcalfe	B2	Wednesday	Lunchtime	All
Coaching Academy	Mr Smylie	Gym A	Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Selected seniors
Contemp Dance Team	Miss Leishman	Assembly hall/Gym B	Wednesday	2:40pm - 4:00pm	Selected pupils
Contemporary Comp Team B	Miss MacNicol	Boys Gym	Monday	After school	All
Creative writing club	Mr McMorran	A1	Tuesdays	Lunchtime;	All
Cricut Craft Club	Mrs Forrest	T7 or T9	Tuesday & Thursday	Lunchtime	S1;S2;S3
Dance Academy S1+S2	Miss Leishman	Assembly Hall/ Gym A	Wednesday	7:30am - 8:30am	S1 - S2
Dance Academy S2-S4	Miss Leishman	Assembly Hall/ Gym A	Friday	7:30am - 8:30am	S2 - S4
Dance Contemp B team	Miss MacNicol	Gym A	Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Selected pupils
Dungeons & Dragons	Mr Bradley	A7	Wednesday	After school	All
Football	Mr Smylie	Football pitch	Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	S3
Football	Mr Imrie	Football Pitch	Wednesday	2:40pm - 4:00pm	S1
Girls Football	Mr McClune/ Miss Bolan	Football Pitch	Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	S1 - S4
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Golf Club	Mr Friel	Golfit	Wednesday	After school	All
Gym session	Mr Imrie	Fitness area	Wednesday	7:30am - 8:30am	S2 - S6
Gym session	Mr Imrie	Fitness area	Friday	7:30am - 8:30am	S2 - S6
Gymnastics/trampolining	Miss Leishman	Gym B	Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	All years
Hip Hop Comp Team	Miss MacNicol	Assembly Hall	Monday	After school	All
Hip Hop comp team B	Miss MacNicol	Assembly Hall	Friday	After school	All
Hockey	Mr Ward	Astro Pitch	Thursday	After school	All
Jazz comp team	Miss MacNicol	Assembly Hall/ Gym A	Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Selected pupils

Jazz team	Mrs Rae	Gym B	Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Selected pupils
Junior Choir	Miss Donaldson / Mrs Primrose	D9	Wednesday	Lunchtime	S1;S2;S3
LA Jazz	Mr McEwan	D7	Thursday	After school	All
Lunchtime Homework Club	Mr Bradley	B5	Mon, Wed and Fri	Lunchtime	All
Minecraft and Geometry Dash club	Mrs Farquhar	D11	Wednesday	Lunchtime	S1
Netball	Miss Auld	Games hall	Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	S1 + S2
Netball	Miss Auld	Games hall	Thursday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	S3 + S4
Newspaper Club	Miss Roy	A6	Monday	After school	All
Philosophy club	Miss McPhee	D12	Friday	Lunchtime	All
Pom Team	tbc	Assembly Hall	Friday	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Selected pupils
Pop Culture Club	Miss Johnston	C14	Wednesday	Lunchtime;	All
Rugby	Mr Park	Rugby pitch	Monday	4:00pm - 5:00pm	S1 +S1/2 Girls
Rugby	Mr McCrae	Rugby Club	Monday	6:15pm - 7:30pm	S2 boys
Rugby	Mr McCrae	Rugby Club	Wednesday	6:15pm - 7:15pm	S1 boys
Rugby	Mr McCrae	Rugby Club	Wednesday	7:30pm - 8:45pm	S2 boys
Rugby	Mr McCrae	Rugby Club	Wednesday	7:30pm - 8:45pm	U15 boys
Rugby	Mr McCrae	Rugby Club	Monday	6:15pm - 7:30pm	S3 boys
S1 Dance Comp Team	Miss MacNicol	Assembly Hall	Tuesday	After school	S1
S1 Football Academy	Mr Imrie	Football pitch / Games hall	Monday	7:30am - 8:30am	S1
S1/2 Dance Academy	Miss Leishman	Assembly Hall	Wednesday	Before school	S1;S2
S2 Football	Mr Truesdale	Football pitch	Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	S2
S3 Football Coach	Mr Smylie		Games only		
S4 Football Coach	Mr Farquhar		Games Only		
S5/6 Football Coach	Mr Friel		Games only		
School Show	Miss Steel / Mrs Edwards	Assembly Hall / Music Dept.	Wednesday	After school	All;
Science Club	Mr White	S14	Wednesday	Lunchtime	S1;
Scripture Union	Mrs Gaskin	A1	Wednesday	Lunchtime	All
Senior Choir	Mrs Edwards	D7	Wednesday	Lunchtime	S4;S5/6
String Group	Miss Mackay	D7	Wednesday	After school	All
Table Tennis	Miss Bolan	Assembly hall	Monday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	All years
The Sparkly Stitch Club	Mrs Watson	A16	Wednesday	After school	S1;S2;S3
Volleyball	Mr Smylie	Gym A	Wednesday	2:40pm - 4:00pm	All years
Wind Band	Mrs Brown / Miss Donaldson	Assembly Hall	Tuesday	After school	All



## S6 / S1 Buddying Programme

One of the activities we're most proud of within the school is our S6 / S1 Buddying programme. We had our first session on Thursday 11 September and our second session on Thursday 25 September. Further details are outlined below:

"On Thursday 11th September all of our S6 pupils took part in our S6 buddy programme following a successful training session a week prior. Every pupil in S6 was assigned a buddy in S1 as a way of mentoring them and making the transition from primary to high school easier and less stressful. They asked their buddy a series of questions to get to know them better and make them feel more comfortable in their company.

It is an opportunity for S1 pupils to raise concerns to try to ease any worries and make Lenzie Academy a more enjoyable experience. The meetings were very successful and was great for the S6's to get the opportunity to meet the new students and welcome them into the Lenzie Academy community. We look forward to meeting with them again soon and helping them to have a smooth transition to secondary school." - Rose

### Here are some reflections on the event by S6 students

"The Buddy program allows the First Years to connect in a way they otherwise wouldn't with the Sixth Years. We are able to give them advice from personal experiences and help them with the difficult transition into High school. I particularly enjoyed being able to advise them on how to fully engage with all of the opportunities available to students, which can also be a great way for these younger students to form friendships early on within school." - Hannah

"Meeting both my S1 Buddies today was a great experience, they were the nicest people and we had a great chat getting to know each other and our interests, while also finding out about their first few weeks of High school. I think the Buddy Program is an amazing thing to be a part of as it is helping both me and my buddy develop our communication skills." - Zara

"I really enjoyed first Buddy meet up. From my experience it has been an effective way to unite areas of the school and create connections between S6 pupils and S1's that would not regularly occur. Making the S1 students feel more welcome and comfortable with someone they know they can talk to in the school is a valuable experience for both. Personally I enjoyed getting to know the buddies and sharing my experiences and lessons I had learned from my first week at school making them feel more assured during a difficult transition. It was also great to share a laugh over common interests with them and tell them my stories being involved in opportunities at the school." - Luke



"I think being an S6 buddy is a great experience though it has been surprising since my year group didn't have S6 buddies because of Covid. It helps to connect the school since most of the time our year groups would never usually interact. In our first meeting it was nice to get to know each other and I am looking forward to meeting again. It is nice hearing about how they're looking forward to the school year and how much they are enjoying S1." – *Megan*

"I really enjoyed getting to meet my S1 buddy. It was interesting to hear their perspective on Lenzie Academy and reminded me of all the worries I felt starting secondary school that I have overcome. Sharing tips about S1 felt good, especially knowing I was able to reassure them that Lenzie Academy is a positive and enjoyable experience. It is a nice feeling to be able to help someone else feel more comfortable and confident about their start in secondary school, and it is a good reminder of how far I have come since S1 myself. I look forward to meeting with them again and helping them with any more anxious thoughts they may have about school." – *Freya*

"It was like going back in time. Looking across the table and hearing someone, just as young as you were once, highlighting their nervousness – and excitement – about the same things you did, and being able to help answer their questions as well as offer them support, was a great experience. More so, to see the whole year group engage, and hear how much they all enjoyed it, was brilliant. I think LA Buddies is a great initiative for everyone involved. Our new S1's can go about their school day knowing there is a friendly face around the school who will give them a hand, reassure them or simply talk to them when they need it. For S6, it is a great way to give back to the school, knowing that they are actively making a difference in the school passing on all their knowledge and experience. The S6 I know, will do a great job!" – *Logan*

"I had a really great time meeting my buddy. I thought it was a brilliant opportunity to get to know the first years and what they like about Lenzie Academy as well as what they were worried about. I think S6 buddies will be good at making the new first years feel less intimidated and more at ease about starting high school. It can also be comforting to see someone you recognise around school. It reminded me of when I started First year and what that felt like." – *Isabella*

"I enjoyed meeting with my S1 buddy, I had a flowing conversation. It was an enjoyable experience for not only my buddy but also for me. As I got to know my buddy, she also got to know me! Building a comforting environment and friendship. My buddy reminded me of myself and my experiences in S1, making me reminisce on the journey I have had so far at Lenzie Academy. Me and my buddy also had things in common such as music, shows and hobbies, which was eye opening because I didn't think I could relate to someone 5 years younger than me as well as I did. I am excited to see where the journey goes in the upcoming months and I can't wait to find out more interesting things about my buddy but also to be able to support them in the transition into secondary school." – *Melny*



## SQA Family Learning Event

On Tuesday 16 September we held our annual SQA Family Learning Event attended by over 127 families from our Senior Phase pupils. The event was split into two broad sessions. The first session provided a generic overview on how parents can help support their children through engagement with Teams and through showing them how to engage purposefully with the SQA Website. Thereafter parents/carers attended a wide variety of workshops most pertinent to their children e.g. N5 English; H Grade Mathematics etc. The feedback from parents who attended was very positive indeed.

## BGE Family Learning Event

Whilst this has not taken place yet I thought it useful to raise awareness of this event with the parents / carers of S1-3 pupils at any early stage and further details will be issued in due course.

We are working on providing a BGE Family Learning Event for parents/carers with a variety of suitable and appropriate workshops on **13 November**. This will include a wide range of sessions and some examples are provided below:

- **Sleep Scotland** – giving useful, advice and strategies to help parents/carers.
- **Police Scotland** – Our community liaison office will outline issues around social media use.
- **School Librarian** – Mr Dunlop, our school librarian, will offer useful hints and tips to make the most effective use of the school Library.
- **Women's Aid** – they will outline some of the issue leading to a rise in misogynistic attitudes and advice how parents can help tackle these.
- **Meta-cognition workshops** – some of our teaching staff will show parents the various learning strategies that we use regularly within the school to help them use these with their own children.

## Pupil Engagement Activities

### Success on the slopes

Congratulations to Melissa M and Lily S who took part in the Glasgow Slopestyle Regionals at the Glasgow Ski Centre on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Lily won gold for snowboarding and Melissa came second in Skiing. Fantastic effort!

### Cycling success





The Scottish Schools Mountain Bike championship took place at Comrie Croft. There were 138 in the S3/4 boys' race and Gregor McN finished 5th overall. Well done.

### West of Scotland Physics Education Group win!

Lenzie Academy pupils won their WoSPEG heat on Tuesday 9th September against some tough competition. This means Lenzie will progress to the semi-final on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October at Glasgow Caledonian University.





	Lenzie Academy	:34 <sup>+</sup> <sub>-</sub>
	St. Stephen's High School	:30 <sup>+</sup> <sub>-</sub>
	Mearns Castle High School	:28 <sup>+</sup> <sub>-</sub>
	Glasgow Academy	:25 <sup>+</sup> <sub>-</sub>

### Lenzie S1 Football Team!

The Lenzie S1 football team started their season with a commanding 6-0 victory over Kirkintilloch in a friendly match. The result is a direct reflection of the team's commitment, with players regularly training at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays and on Wednesday afternoons.

**Alfie P** captained the team to victory and was the standout player, scoring an impressive five goals. It was also a notable day for **Jack H**, who secured his first goal for Lenzie. **Ollie K** also delivered a very strong performance, contributing significantly to the team's success. This is a great start for the S1 team, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve this season.



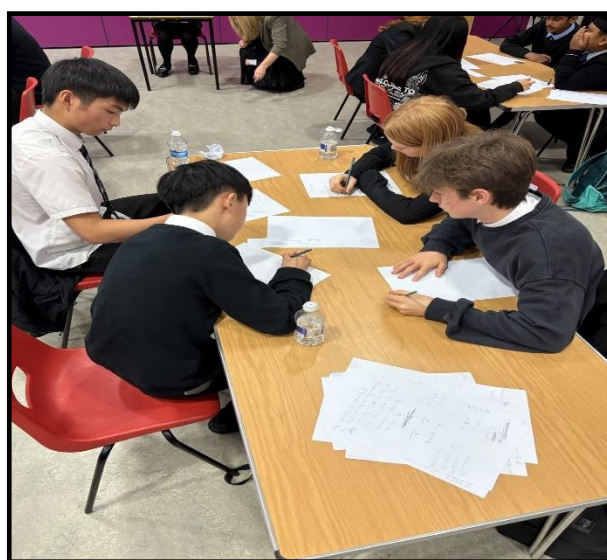
### EDC Enterprising Maths Competition

On Thursday 18th September, Miss Ness and 4 willing competitors from S3 and S4 travelled to St Ninian's High School to take part in the annual EDC Enterprising Maths Competition. The competition sees teams of 4 pupils (2 from S3 and 2 from S4) go head to head in 3 rounds of Maths puzzles. Charlotte and Archie were selected from S3 and from S4 we had Harry and Ethan.

The first round involved the teams working together on a set of 15 problem solving puzzles. Team Lenzie worked well together and achieved a fantastic 14/15, putting us joint second at this stage! The teams were then rewarded with a short break before starting round 2: the paired relay. One S3 and one S4 had to pair up from each group and complete one question together. When they had completed it, the other pair were then given a question to try. The relay was a challenge of accuracy vs speed with 32 questions up for grabs in less than 30 minutes! The questions got progressively harder and it was a tight battle in the first few questions. Team Lenzie managed 12 points in this round, which was a great result! Unfortunately, team Bishopbriggs ran away with it and scored 23 points making them the target for everyone to chase down in the final round.

Round 3 was a carousel of team problem solving, with all 4 members of the team back together. There were 8 stations around the room and teams had 5 minutes at each station to solve problems ranging from construction challenges to solving football score puzzles. Again, team Lenzie smashed the problem solving and achieved 36/38.

At the end, when the final scores were totalled Bishopbriggs were successful in retaining the trophy (for the third year in a row!). Lenzie came 4th overall which is a massive improvement on our last outing at the competition! A massive well done to our fab four for taking part and running Bishopbriggs very close in two of the rounds. Next year that trophy will be ours ....



### Gordonstoun International Summer School

This summer, three of our new S6 pupils – Grace, Kerr, and Sophie – took on the exciting role of Student Leaders at the prestigious Gordonstoun International Summer School (GISS). Gordonstoun, founded by educationalist Kurt Hahn and world-renowned for its holistic approach to education, counts Prince Philip and King Charles among its former pupils.

After a competitive application process against students from across the UK, our pupils were selected to join the summer school for three weeks, living in boarding houses on the Gordonstoun campus and fully immersing themselves in the school's ethos. As Student Leaders, they played a vital role in supporting the younger students, acting as role models, guides, and friendly faces throughout the programme. They joined in with



activities, supported students in their boarding houses, and helped create a welcoming and encouraging environment. Alongside their leadership duties, they also had the chance to enjoy trips and activities such as surfing, go-karting, and outdoor education.

Sophie reflected on her experience: *"Gordonstoun was a really fulfilling experience that I will always remember and look back fondly upon. I really enjoyed looking after the children and seeing them become more confident throughout summer school. I loved the range of activities on offer and getting to meet new people from different cultures around the world."*

We are delighted to continue our strong link with Gordonstoun International Summer School, and GISS staff were full of praise for how well our pupils carried out their roles. We hope many more pupils will seize this opportunity in the years ahead.

Applications for next year's Student Leader roles will open in November for current S5 pupils. Details will be shared on the Year Group Teams page, and an information session will be arranged closer to the time. For more information, please speak to Mr White in Physics.



### Piper's Success

A huge well done to LA Alumni Flynn P whose Band "Glasgow Skye Association" won the Grade 2 Level Pipe Band Championships this Summer. Amazing news! Flynn has been busy working part time in the shop at the Piping Centre as well as attending lessons, rehearsals and competitions.

Flynn is busy preparing for life as an undergraduate student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland this September and will be studying the BMus (Hons) Traditional Music: Piping course which he is excited about. His busy schedule has recently seen him travel to play at the Avenches Tattoo "Celtic Horizons" in Switzerland and he has an up-coming trip to perform at the Berlin Tattoo in November. He is also a senior member of the *National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland*.

We are very proud of you Flynn and wish him all the best for what looks to be a successful musical future!

## S2 Scottish Music

One of our S2 pupils; Olivia B, brought her bagpipes into class to give us all a live demonstration and explain a little about how the drones work. Olivia brought part of her kilt outfit in and let the class see the sporran she wears. All S2 pupils are currently studying Scottish Music and this was a wonderful way to hear some live bagpipes in class – I think classes as far away as Maths heard too!

A big thank you to Olivia for making the special effort to bring these in and play so well to us.



## West of Scotland Schools - Training Band

Well done to Charlie S in S4 and Sriram B in S3 for attending the *West of Scotland Schools Training Band* this month. Both boys attended a residential trip where they performed in a Concert Band, Charlie on French horn and Sriram on clarinet. In addition to the music rehearsals pupils also experience team building exercises, social activities & football. A great time was had by both! The residential trip lead to a concert in Glasgow at the City Halls which was of a superb standard. Congratulations to your talented musicians!



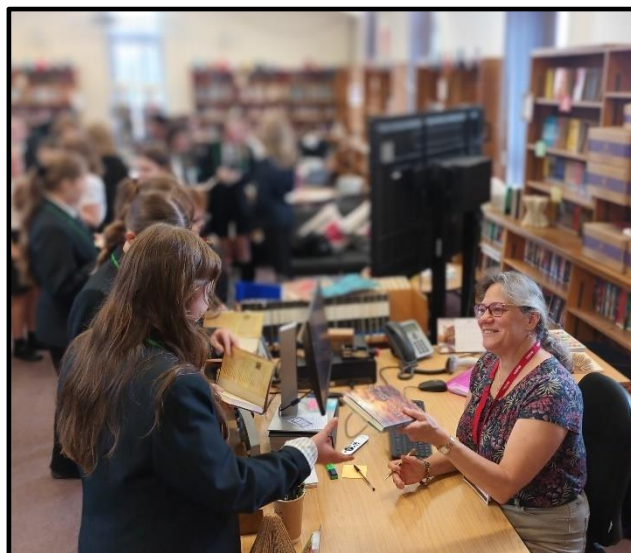
## Elizabeth Wein - Author visit/workshop

An enthused and engaged audience of S1/2/3 pupils attended Elizabeth Wein's author workshop in the school library. Elizabeth discussed her series of historical fiction novels (including *Stateless*, *Firebird*, *White Eagles* and *The Last Hawk*) and research and writing about inspiring characters based upon real-life figures.

Elizabeth was indeed inspired by the inspiring characters attending the library workshop - *'Thank you SO MUCH for the wonderful visit on Thursday. I could not have asked for a more responsive or interested group of readers and listeners, and I enjoyed the Q&A session with them so much and their comments both about my own work and about Star Wars!'*

Special mention to Eloise (S6) who created a fabulous paper-cut collage poster incorporating the art styles of Elizabeth's book designs.





### Graphic Novel author visit

As part of S2 elective comic book workshop, comic superheroes *Metaphrog* (John Chalmers and Sandra Marrs) swept in for a visit, to discuss the comic making process. *Metaphrog* enjoyed their fleeting visit to comic workshop –

*"Thanks for making us so welcome! Your comic club is buzzing!"*

Pupils (with added comic superpowers) are now ready to create their very own comic strip, documenting a year in the life at Lenzie Academy. To be continued...



### UCAS Update

Our S6 and S5 early applicants continue to make progress with their UCAS applications. Currently, we have around 150 pupils making applications this year. By the October holidays, all early applicants (Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Medicine, Oxford & Cambridge) will have submitted their final applications. For the rest of the cohort, they have upcoming deadlines to help support their applications.

**1<sup>st</sup> October - Submit draft personal statement to their Guidance Teacher.**

**1<sup>st</sup> November - Complete online UCAS form**

Once applicants have completed their online UCAS form, they will then meet individually with their Guidance Teacher to discuss and finalise their application. All UCAS applications will be submitted to UCAS by the Christmas holidays. It will be a busy term for applicants but working to the school deadlines will help to support their time management.

Thanks to all parents who attended our recent UCAS evening event. The school website has a wealth of information on the application process and can be found at

<http://www.lenzieacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/learning/ucas/>

## University of Glasgow Update

The University of Glasgow has six new Liberal Arts MA programmes, launching in September 2026 [www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/liberal-arts/#tab=degrees](http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/liberal-arts/#tab=degrees):

- **Liberal Arts with Comparative Literature, UCAS code LA21**
- **Liberal Arts with English Literature, LA31**
- **Liberal Arts with Film & Television Studies, LA41**
- **Liberal Arts with History, LA51**
- **Liberal Arts with Philosophy, LA61**
- **Liberal Arts with Theatre Studies, LA71**

Designed for students with wide-ranging curiosity, these programmes offer a flexible, and interdisciplinary path through the arts and humanities. Students and their families wishing to find out more about all of the MA undergraduate flexible degree options in the College of Arts & Humanities will be very warmly welcomed at the next open day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. [www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/opensdays/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/opensdays/)

### ***Online Parents' Information Sessions – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7pm and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 5pm***

The next two online sessions to support SQA applicants and parents took place on Monday 22 September at 7pm and will again on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. Everyone involved in supporting SQA applicants is invited to this session which will include a presentation covering the UCAS application from a Glasgow-specific perspective and the opportunity to ask any questions about entry requirements and what to expect at different stages of the UCAS cycle.

### **Assessments supports**

Discussions take place throughout the year regarding support for assessments between the class teacher and pupil. For senior pupils, meetings will take place with every department and PT Support for Pupils in November to discuss requirements for January assessments. Each pupil will get a copy of their arrangements in advance and a chance to discuss these. These will be reviewed ahead of May exams. S4 pupils will bring home a consent form to be signed allowing their information to be shared with SQA to log their arrangements, pupils over 16 can sign this themselves.

## Gambling Harm Advice

Recently, members of staff in the Guidance Team and wider school attended a training led by YGam, the UK's leading charity preventing gaming and gambling harms in young people. This is a topic that is covered in S5 PSE as we recognise the importance of safeguarding the digital generation. There was evidence that **96%** of young people have been exposed to gambling advertising in the past month and that at least **36%** of people aged 16-24 have gambled in the last 4 weeks. Scotland's 13-year old boys lead in daily gaming across several European nations, with many going on to make in-game purchases. We are also aware that **41%** of parents nationally are concerned about their child's exposure to gambling-style mechanisms and language.

If you would like to find out more about the opportunities and risks of gaming, YGam offer free online training for parents and carers on a wide range of topics - Gambling & Gaming Awareness, or exploring individual games including Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite. These sessions may be valuable in helping to further parents' own understanding of gaming. More information can be found on YGam's website at: <https://ygam.org/training/parents-carers/book-parents-carers/>

If parents do sign up to attend these sessions, we would appreciate any feedback on how relevant and valuable these were.



# THE 500 CLUB

## LENZIE ACADEMY PTA

Join the 500 Club, help raise much needed funds for all our children at Lenzie Academy & you could win 1 of 2 monthly prizes.

New applications always welcome.

Choose 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 chances in each months draw for £2 per chance. We assign you a number and that's it.

Two lucky winners each receive prizes of 15% of the proceeds of the 500 Club's monthly draw (currently around £50 each) 70% is retained by the PTA to benefit all pupils at Lenzie Academy.

The more people who join, the bigger the monthly prize fund & the more we raise for all our children at Lenzie Academy.

Why not ask friends and family to join too?

It is really quick & easy to join. Just go to <https://www.lenzieacademypta.org.uk/500-club/> to join today.

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