



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2025. As I write this the school has had another outstanding Christmas Concert where our young people have demonstrated superb musicianship allied to their dedication and focus to deliver for their school. They did! The wide variety of musical genres was hugely impressive – wind band, string group, brass group, percussion ensemble, ceilidh band, jazz band as well and the junior and senior choirs. It was a very enjoyable evening for all who attended and a sell-out. Our thanks to all parents/carers and wider family members who attended to support the school. It is much appreciated.

The S2 dance also took place on Tuesday 8 December. This was well attended and the young people had a lovely time where their hours of social dancing in PE was put to good use. Still to come are the dances for the other year groups and I am sure they will be equally successful before the school finishes up on Friday 19 December at 2.30pm, when all pupils and staff can have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with their families.

We hope you enjoy the contents of this newsletter and on behalf of all pupils and staff within the school we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Senior Leadership Team

Meet our House Captains

Mary T - Fleming

As a joint house captain for Fleming, it is a goal of mine to work effectively and intuitively with my teammates, in order for the school as a whole to feel connected and to create a welcoming atmosphere. I understand that the transition from primary to high school can be daunting, so it is a priority for me to be as approachable as possible to the younger years. I also aim to do this by organising fun activities and competitions for all years that will hopefully help form new and impactful friendships and ties. Thanks to our captaincy team, I have been able to build on my confidence and learn more about how to work constructively within a group setting, which has allowed me to make new friends and gain skills that I will carry into my adult life.

Kerr Mcl - Fleming

My ambition is to bring back a strong sense of house spirit within Fleming and across all the houses. I want to make sure everyone feels included and has the chance to get involved in house events. Houses should give students a real sense of belonging and pride and I hope to create an atmosphere where this is the case. Through cooperation, enthusiasm and encouragement, I aim to make house events something people genuinely look forward to.

Grace N - Inglis

I am incredibly excited to be taking on the role of House Captain of Inglis this year. My aim is to promote the school's value of inclusion by encouraging all students to participate and helping to build a truly welcoming and engaged school community where every student feels they belong. Lenzie Academy has done so much for me, not only by providing an excellent education, but also by offering exciting opportunities to challenge myself, such as taking on this role. I am eager to give back by contributing to a house system that is engaging, inspiring and inclusive throughout the year.

Sara McC, Inglis

With the role of House Captain, I am determined to further integrate the values of Lenzie Academy both within the classroom and beyond the classroom, in hope of promoting a strong, all round awareness of these values. Through such a role, it is further developing my practical skills of presentation, communication, cooperation amongst peers and other members of the leadership team, as well as clear organisation/planning skills. Additionally, the role has supported the growth of my personal skills such as, my ability to empower those around me, take accountability, socialise with individuals with varying interests, taking into account various opinions, and striving to give back to the community. During my role as House Captain, I aim to foster a greater sense of competition amongst the houses, and in order to achieve this I, alongside the rest of the Captaincy Team will collaborate with one another to increase the number of inter house events within the school, encouraging pupils to partake in these events and feel strongly motivated to earn points for their house, while also feeling a genuine sense of belonging and achievement.

Alex D - Mackintosh

In my role as House Captain, I hope to promote healthy competition between houses as a means of bringing the school together as a community. As part of this, I hope to eliminate any remaining negative effects of the pandemic on the way we work as a school, bringing back previous events and activities that have not been held since before 2020. The school has equipped me with a lot of skills I will need in my role as well as further in the world of work, something I hope to help provide younger years with. For example, pupils can become a class representative in the Pupil Council from first year, and are then offered various leadership positions throughout their time at school such as S3 Mentors or HFT Ambassadors. The school's extracurricular activities also provide pupils the opportunity to develop their skills, for example the school Newspaper Club has given

me a lot of experience with editing and writing. In my role as the editor, I was able to organise some events for the club which developed my skills of organisation and planning.

Emily C - Mackintosh

My time at Lenzie Academy so far has played a key role in developing my confidence, particularly through the range of leadership opportunities available. I took part in the S3 mentor programme and the same year I chose an elective that allowed me to lead a dance class for a local primary school. These experiences have improved my public speaking skills and helped me become more confident engaging with new people. Inspired by these opportunities I decided to run for a leadership position in S6 and was made one of the House Captains for Mackintosh. In this role, I aim to enhance enthusiasm for the House system and ensure it becomes a more valued part of school life.

Anneliese W – McKay

As a leader at Lenzie Academy I aspire to be a positive role model for all younger pupils and create a strong sense of school pride and friendly competition between the houses. During my time at Lenzie, I have been given many opportunities to improve my confidence and leadership skills and interact with other pupils through school events. I want to amplify this so that our house becomes a tight-knit community where every pupil can grow into confident individuals. I will be committed to motivating my peers and I will welcome any suggestions and feedback on how we can make our house a thriving inclusive environment.

Freya M - McKay

As one of your House Captains for McKay, I am incredibly excited to step into this leadership role. My goal is to boost inter house spirit, organising successful house events and being a positive role model for Lenzie Academy. I want to ensure the House Team leaves a positive mark on the school and every student feels they have a sense of belonging to their house. This school has provided me with so much more than just qualifications; it has shaped me as a person, teaching me the value of resilience and provided me with the encouragement I needed to pursue my future goals. The support from teachers and the bonds with my peers are things I will carry forward for life, and I look forward to giving back to this community.



Christmas Concert





Pupil Achievement

S2 pupil Heather has starred in a short World War Two themed film called 'Figure in the Fog'. This has won the Audience Award as part of the *48 Hour Film Project* Aberdeen this November. Also a keen volunteer, Heather recently appeared on Good Morning Britain as part of the *1 Million Minutes* campaign, an initiative where volunteers donate their time to others to help combat loneliness. Well done!



Buddy's Winter Quiz

On Tuesday 2 December we hosted the S1 Buddy Winter Quiz for all S1 and S6 pupils. There was a great buzz about the place as the buddies teamed up to take part in the Winter Quiz, have a chat, eat candy canes and drink some hot chocolate! Many thanks to all the S6 Buddies for their continued support of our S1 pupils and to the Captaincy Team, House Captains and Prefects for all their hard work. A huge thank you to Gillian in the canteen for making fantastic hot chocolate for over 400 pupils and to the PTA for making this event possible.



Coaching Academy

Our Coaching Academy recently completed an intensive eight week training program with Mr Smylie and immediately transitioned into a leadership role, running cluster club sessions for P7 pupils from our local feeder primaries.

The Academy members were excellent, demonstrating great preparation and practical application of their coaching knowledge. They successfully led three excellent sessions in badminton, netball, and volleyball. The P7 pupils loved the sessions, enjoying the active and engaging environment created by our coaches.

We are very proud of the hard work and commitment shown by the Coaching Academy and look forward to the continuation of these successful cluster club sessions next year!



Sporting Success

The girls' football team made a fantastic impression at the Amy McDonald Regional Qualifiers at Toryglen, where Mr. McNeil had the pleasure of meeting them for the very first time. Their performance was nothing short of outstanding winning 6 out of 8 games and finishing as runners-up in the competition. The team showed incredible skill, determination, and teamwork throughout, leaving a lasting mark on everyone who watched. A special mention goes to Rosie C, who was named Player of the Tournament for her exceptional contribution and inspiring play. Well done girls!





Work Placement Success Stories

Congratulations to Hudson S and Dylan B, who successfully completed a week of work experience with Linear Construction! During their time on site, they had the fantastic opportunity to shadow a variety of professions, gaining valuable insights into the construction industry and asking plenty of thoughtful questions along the way.

This experience not only helped them build confidence and communication skills, but also gave them a clearer understanding of career pathways and the importance of teamwork in real world projects.

Well done to both pupils for making the most of this exciting opportunity!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents who have generously donated PPE to support our pupils as they head out on Work Experience. Your kindness ensures that our students are well-prepared and safe in a variety of

workplace settings. As these opportunities continue to grow, donations of lab coats or safety goggles would still be very welcome, helping us to provide every pupil with the equipment they need to thrive. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mrs McDonald (Modern Languages/DYW) through the school office.

Book Club Cafe

S1 pupils gathered for the library's ever popular Book Club Cafe - discussing and recommending a selection of reads amongst each other over hot chocolate. Across the past month, pupils have also been downloading audio and eBooks from the newly rolled out digital library (ePlatform). The digital library allows pupils to edit reading functions including typeface, screen resolution and colour background, immersive reading and translation.



National 5 Retail Students host successful Christmas Fayre

The Business Education Department's National 5 Retail students recently hosted a Christmas Fayre as the practical component of their Planning and Implementing Event Unit. This year's smaller-scale event took place in the Social Area on Friday 12 December 2025. Students worked incredibly hard in class leading up to the day, collaborating in groups to design and produce a variety of exciting products. This planning phase was invaluable for developing their essential communication and team work skills.

On the day of the Fayre, each group proudly managed their own stall, ensuring products were displayed attractively. The event was a perfect opportunity for students to put theory into practice. They gained real-world experience, particularly in enhancing their customer service skills while engaging with staff and fellow students. The National 5 Retail pupils excelled at promoting and selling their items. The event was a considerable success with all products selling out! A huge well done to everyone involved! Thank you to those who came along and purchased a product.



Christmas Jumper Day

Staff and students took part in this year's Children in Need Christmas Jumper Day for Children in Need. We are delighted to report we raised £119.80. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Upcoming dates for the diary;

16th December - PTA doughnut sale (bring change)

16th December - S1 Dance

17th December - S3/S4 Dance

18th December - S5/S6 dance

19th December - Dress down day

19th December - School holidays commence

05th January 2026 - School returns

08th January - S2 parents evening



Please note: Whole Family Wellbeing Coffee and Chat and Pupil Drop In sessions at Hillhead Community Centre **will not** be held on 22 December and 29 December this year.

Our Winning Christmas Card Design by Pippa B, S1



Treats for Teenagers

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of donations this year- each year seems to out-do the previous! A huge, huge thank you to all who have so very kindly given to such good causes in our local community.

These items do truly make a difference to many of our young people and also families in refuge who will be delighted to receive such lovely gifts and treats.

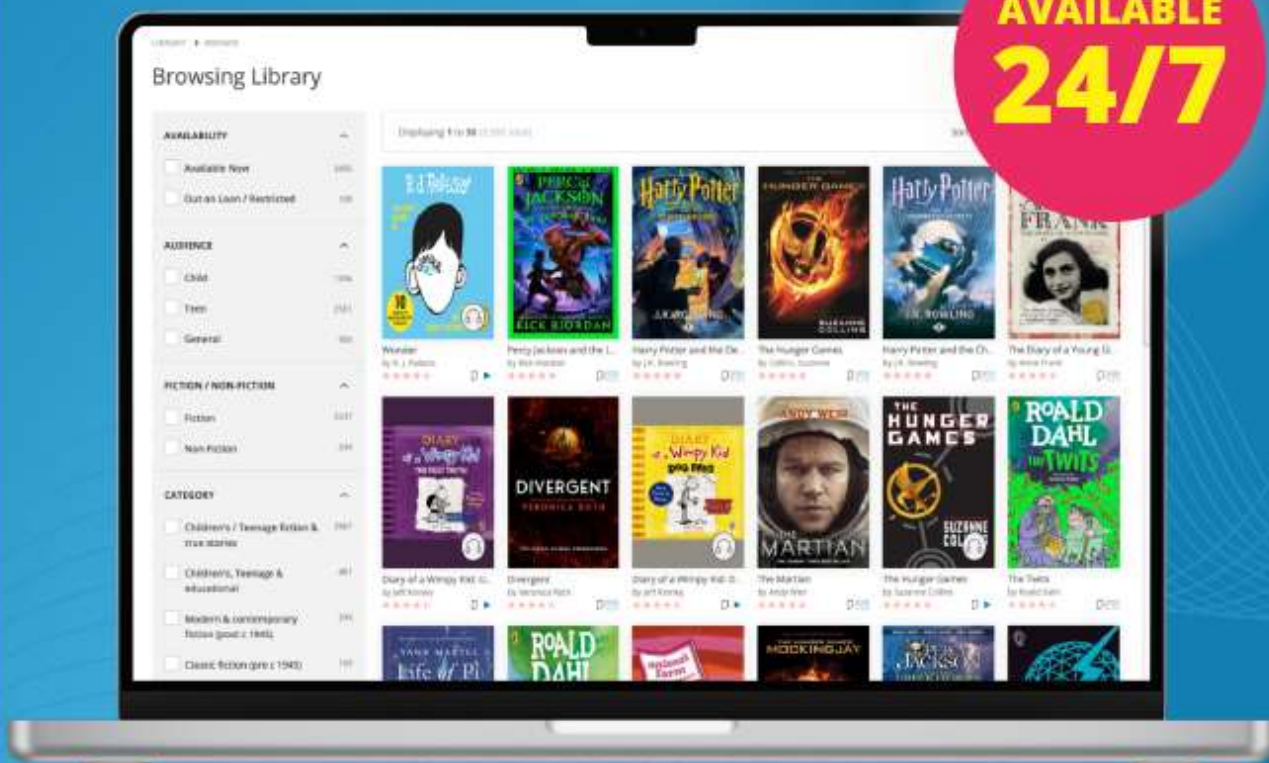
Once again, huge thanks to all! Wishing everyone a happy and restful time over the well-deserved holidays!



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