

Newsletter February 2026



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the February newsletter.

At this time of year the main focus is preparing our S4, S5 and S6 pupils for their SQA exams. There are musical practical exams, HFT practical exams, French and Spanish speaking tests, finishing off of practical work in subjects such as Practical Woodwork and Practical Metalwork as well as lots of assignments, dissertations in a variety of subjects. Essentially, it is a very busy time for teachers and senior phase pupils. Notwithstanding this, there are lots of other events taking place with S1-3 pupils as you can see from the contents of this newsletter.

The school is also busy with preparations for next session through our course choice programmes. On 26 February we had our S2-3 and our S3-4 course choice events and guidance staff are busy interviewing pupils about their subject choices for next year. In early March we have our S4-5 and S5-6 course choice events for senior phase pupils. We have our annual 'Developing the Young Workforce'(DYW) evening due in mid-March with in excess of 60 universities, colleges and employers in attendance. Further details will be issued in due course and we usually attract over 600 parents/carers and young people to the event.

The school continues to receive investment from the local authority to enhance the school estate. Our painting programme of corridors is continuing and we should be getting the playground and driveways re-surfaced over the next few weeks. The reroofing of the wing will take place after Easter, when the better weather permits.

I hope you enjoy the content of this month's newsletter.

Mr Paterson

Head Teacher

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Library Update

As a Silver accredited Reading School, last week we were taking part in **Scottish Book Trust Reading Schools Week** (showcasing the school's reading for pleasure culture).

A host of activities and events took place - including the Book club cafe, teacher interviews, zine making, date with a book, trip to Douglas Academy for EDC Reading Schools showcase and approximately 100 book 'shelfies' (thanks English!)

Over the course of the next few months Mr Dunlop and Ms Roy are going to be aiming for Gold Reading Schools accreditation.

A team of S2s are also busily creating a comic all about life at Lenzie Academy '**Diary of a School Year - Pupil School Report**' which will be printed and distributed to new S1 pupils to get an insight into the life and character of high school.

All our video interviews are being expertly filmed and edited by Alice J and Leanne Q. Well done girls on your super journalism.





Sporting Success

Congratulations to Douglas K, winner of this year's Scottish Schools U18 Men's Long Jump with a superb 6.78m. He holds the number-one ranking in Scotland for the event and has represented Scotland at national level. If you see Douglas, please take a moment to congratulate him on this remarkable accomplishment.

Three Cheers for Lenzie!



This year's *Scottish Schools Cheerleading Competition* had over 50 schools attend and over 2000 pupils compete! Such a hard competition with up to 26 in a category to compete against. Coming back with anything is an achievement!

Lenzie Academy were awarded **3rd place** for our S1 Hip Hop team and **5th place** for our Pom team. All seven of our teams did us proud as they went out and danced their hearts out, conducted themselves excellently and did Lenzie proud!

Our teams are performing at our annual dance show on **Tuesday the 31st of March** from 6-8pm if you would like to come along and see their choreography in person.



Scottish FA SPAR Cup



At the recent FA SPAR Cup regional our S1/S2 girls won four, drew two and lost one. They have now secured their place at Nationals later this year. A fantastic achievement for a very talented group. Nationals here we come!

Inter House Games

Over the past 4 weeks, senior pupils have been taking part in Core PE Interhouse Games with the aim of securing as many house points for their house as possible across a variety of activities. Including football, volleyball, badminton and more.

The results of this competition winners were Inglis.

[Congratulations](#) to Inglis for winning the Core PE Interhouse Games!

House	Points
Inglis	96
Fleming	84
McKay	57
Mackintosh	52

Senior and BGE Interhouse Competition

We have also been running an Interhouse competition for BGE and Senior groups of pupils. Volleyball was the first activity to be completed and the score for BGE and senior teams combined were as follows:

House	Points
Fleming	16
Inglis	10
Mackintosh	7
McKay	4

Scores will be updated at a later date once all activities are completed."

S6 Higher Media trip



S6 Higher Media pupils recently attended a Media careers day at University of Strathclyde. The event was organised by BBC Verify and allowed pupils the chance to meet and hear from industry experts.

There were a range of masterclasses and workshops based on storytelling and investigative journalism. Getting to hear behind the scenes from the production of *The Traitors* was also a highlight!

Medicine applications 2026

Is your child considering applications to medicine in S6? If so, the workshop calendars below will be very useful. There are a number of applicant and parent workshops being run on topics including the UCAT and medical school interviews, all of which will help to create a strong application.

For Students

- RoadtoMed 2026 Free workshops series
- Sign up link here: <https://forms.gle/6SenQ3vqFvo4c5Db8>
- First workshop on the **19th March 7-8PM** ('An applicant's guide to getting into Medical School')
- For the full list of workshops in 2026 see the attached calendar or alternatively view it on our website [here](#)

For Parents

- Parent Free Workshop ('Medical School applications- The Guide for Parents')
- Sign up link here: <https://forms.gle/JxoSD1uaeRmDpgoY9>
- Session on the **20th March at 7-8PM**

Coming Soon: The Lenzie Family Cookalong!



Are you looking to freshen up your weeknight recipes while keeping a close eye on the food shop costs? Following the success of our previous family events, we are thrilled to announce our upcoming **four Week Family Cookalong** launching in late April/May. This programme is designed specifically for our S1–S3 families to come together, get creative in the kitchen, and master the art of "**Cooking on a Budget.**" Why not Join Us?

- **Free Ingredients:** Everything is provided via our Pupil Equity Fund—you just bring the enthusiasm!
- **Skill Up:** Learn energy-efficient cooking tips (for oven, air fryers and slow cookers) and healthy, low-cost recipes.
- **Learning Together:** Spend quality time with your child in our professional HFT kitchens, guided by our expert staff.
- **Take it Home:** Whatever you cook, you take home to enjoy for dinner!

Register Your Interest Now! We haven't finalised the exact nights yet, but we want to give you first dibs on the waiting list. Scan the QR code or click on this link ([Family Cookalong: Expression of Interest – Fill out form](#)) to fill out our **1-minute Expression of Interest form**. Being on this list means you'll be the first to receive the official dates and the booking link before it goes live to the whole school.



LA +

We use the LA+ system to promote positive behaviour with our pupils. We use a merit to recognise their positive attitude in relation to effort and behaviour. Merits can be awarded for the following:

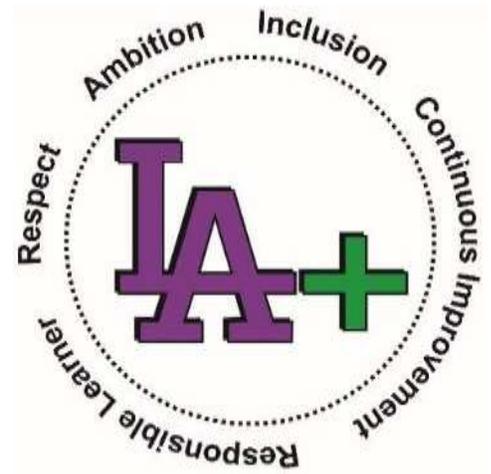
Ambition - Aiming high and being motivated

Inclusion - Involving and encouraging others

Respect - Being polite and considerate of others

Continuous Improvement - Trying hard to make improvements

Responsible learner – Continued good effort & behaviour.



Pupils may also receive a positive praise email from their teacher to highlight something extra special such as an outstanding piece of work or great improvement in effort or attitude.

At times, pupils may be issued with demerits, these are also known as stages. These would be issued when a pupil's effort or behaviour do not comply with the school rules. The diagram shows how these are applied and what each stage means. Guidance staff and SLT monitor merits and demerits throughout the year and discuss these with pupils and parents/carers as required.

Effort/Behaviour

Initial warning from teacher.

Stage 1

- Teacher identifies inappropriate behaviour/effort to pupil informing them of a stage 1 demerit. Stage 1 recorded.

Stage 2

- Teacher identifies inappropriate behaviour to pupil informing them of a stage 2 demerit. Parents informed via email.

Stage 3

- Teacher identifies inappropriate behaviour/effort to pupil informing them that they are now on a stage 3 – 15 minute lunchtime reflection. Parents informed via email.

Stage 4

- Teacher identifies inappropriate behaviour/effort to pupil informing them that they are now on a stage 4 demerit.
- Pupil may be removed from the class and sent to a different room in the department to work.
- Pupil may be sent direct to PT curriculum.
- Teacher may keep pupil in class but inform them of the stage 4 – referral to PT.

Stage 5

- SLT intervention with pupil:
 - SLT issues afterschool reflection.
 - SLT removes pupil from that class or removal from normal class timetable.
 - SLT escalates to a referral to HT.

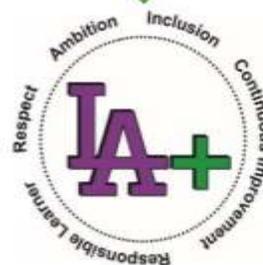
Homework/Equipment/Late

Stage 1

- Homework not returned by pupil on date due, reschedule a new agreed date for homework. Stage 1 recorded.

Stage 2

- Homework is not returned on the new agreed date, inform pupil of the stage 2 demerit.
- Teacher informs pupil that their parent/carer will be informed of the stage 2.



**Donations
Urgently Needed!**



LENZIE ACADEMY PTA MASTERCHEF DEMO NIGHT RAFFLE PRIZE APPEAL



Lenzie Academy PTA MasterChef Demo Night is back on **FRIDAY 20TH MARCH** at **LENZIE ACADEMY, 7PM TILL 11PM.**

This year, we are running 2 separate raffles; an online raffle & a raffle on the night too. We will be selling the online tickets soon right up until the event & will be selling the on night raffle tickets at the MasterChef Demo Night.

SO WE NEED YOUR HELP. We are appealing for raffle prize donations.

Do you have any unwanted Christmas presents you could donate? For example we are looking for vouchers, toys, games, fancy foodstuffs, boxes of chocolates, biscuits, sweets, toiletries, beauty products, bottles of wine, bubbles or spirits.

Or do you have any contacts with local businesses who might be able to donate a prize?

Pupils can bring in donations to the school & hand in to the Lower Office from now until Friday 20th March. N.B. Please make sure an adult hands alcohol into the school or it can be brought along on the night.

The **MORE** donations we receive the **MORE** prizes can be **WON** & the **MORE** we can raise for our kids at Lenzie Academy.

Thank you so much for your help, Lenzie Academy PTA

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**TICKETS
ONLY £12 EACH**

**ALL OVER 18s
WELCOME!**

LENZIE ACADEMY PTA

**MASTER
CHEF
DEMO**



**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 7 TILL LATE
AT LENZIE ACADEMY**

**LIVE COOKING
DEMONSTRATION**



- AUCTION
- RAFFLE
- GAMES
- LOADS OF FUN
- MUCH MORE

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