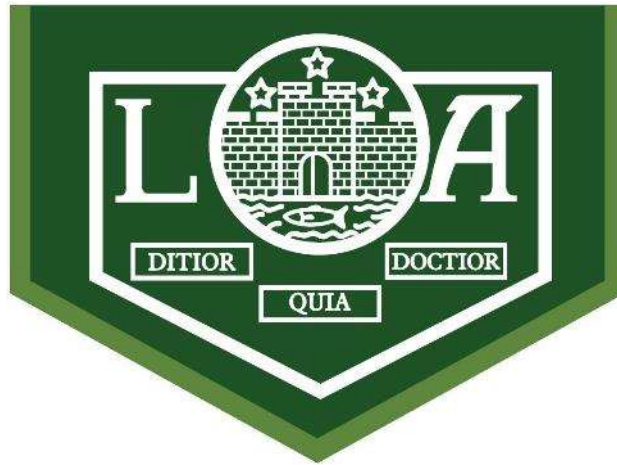


Newsletter March 2026



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the March newsletter.

I write this introduction the morning after the school has just celebrated our third annual Celebration of Cultural Heritage evening. This event is primarily organised and delivered by our pupils and it was an honour to witness the quality of musicianship, singing and presentations provided by the young people involved. Further details can be read within the body of the newsletter itself. Similarly, earlier today I visited our HFT Department to discuss with our senior students the processes involved in their creation of a wonderful array of cakes. The youngsters also baked some cakes for invited guests. The quality of their finished efforts for Qualifications Scotland verification was outstanding so well done to them.

Earlier in March, we also had our DYW event, attended by 500+ parents and young people who visited over 60 employers, universities and colleges. It was great to see so many young people engaged with various employers discussing possible future career options that many were not even aware existed. In that sense, it opened up new horizons for many of our pupils. Further details can be found within the newsletter.

As we approach the Spring break all the hard work of our senior pupils within the school is largely complete. Lots of projects, dissertations and assignments have been completed and handed in for Qualifications Scotland to review. Practical work in Music, PE, HFT, Design Technology, Art & Design as well as speaking assessments in Modern Languages have now taken place.

I am sure our pupils have excelled themselves and we await the outcomes in August with positive anticipation. Of course, there is still some last minute work to be completed and we also have arranged masterclasses prior to the exams in a wide range of subject areas.

Preparation for next session are almost complete with S2-3, S3-4, S4-5 and S5-6 course choice processes now largely done and our S3 pupils have selected their national qualifications for S4 and will soon engage with our S3 elective programme that will run across May, before we start the new timetable in June. Some examples of the electives being undertaken are outlined within the newsletter, along with a wide range of pupil successes in various areas.

I hope you enjoy the content of the March newsletter.

Head Teacher



B Paterson

Celebration of Cultural Heritage



This March we held our third Celebration of Cultural Heritage week at Lenzie Academy. During the week we had lessons in junior classes which celebrated our diverse Cultural Heritage. On the Thursday evening we invited parents and carers to join our celebrations and share food together. We had the most wonderful array of food from around the world such as; jollof rice from **Nigeria** and **Ghana**, pakora and onion bhaji from **India** and **Pakistan** and haggis from **Scotland** to name but a few. The students in HFT also made wonderful snacks and cakes which represented **Malaysia**, **Greece** and **Thailand**. The evening was organised by students with a little help from Ms Donaldson, Mrs Black, Ms Ross, Mrs Davidson, Ms Sherrifs and Miss Munro. An extra special thanks to the *LACE events team* for making sure everything ran like clockwork on Thursday night.

Anam, Oliver, Waseem and Ewan ably guided us through the evening's events introducing a wonderful array of music and dance. We heard the tabla, harmonium, the Jazz Band, Ceilidh Band, and piano pieces. Our singers sang songs from

China to Scotland. Dance was very important and we had two amazing dance numbers which were choreographed by the students, which were inspired by a range of **African nations** and **Scotland**.

The array of fashions on the night was delightful and students came on stage and talked about how their clothes represented their cultural heritage and why this was important to who they were. Our evening closed with a vote of thanks from Wassem, and Mr Paterson . A big thank you to everyone who came to our evening and we hope to see you all next year.

Celebration of Cultural Heritage Committee





Many of our UCAS applicants have been successful in receiving offers from university. We are proud of the hard work that all our applicants have put in to be in such a strong position in their offers.

Some dates to be aware of for our applicants are below:

- If you receive your last decision on or before **31 March 2026**, your reply date is **6 May 2026** (except if you're using Extra

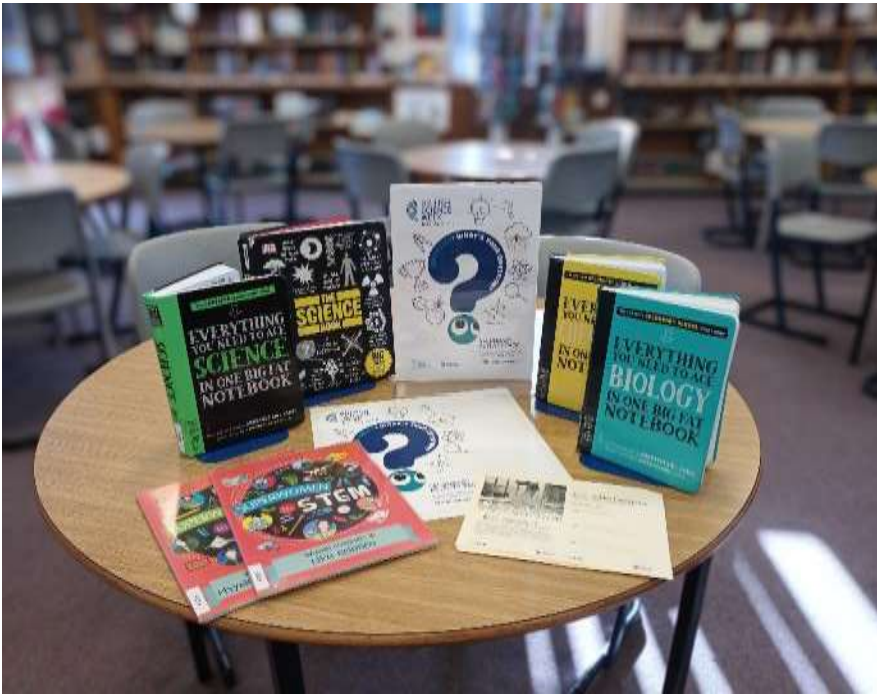
to find a place).

- If you receive your last decision on or before **13 May 2026**, your reply date is **3 June 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **15 July 2026**, your reply date is **22 July 2026** (including Extra choices).

All UCAS applicants will be able to see their own reply deadline on their application and should be mindful of this. After their reply deadline, their offers will automatically set to decline if they have not already accepted.

Should any applicants have questions about this, they should speak to their Guidance Teacher.

British Science Week



British Science Week was celebrated 9-13th March.

Our S1 pupils took part in some science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related activities and the library put on an excellent display throughout the week with book displays related to science, STEM and the British Science Week theme of: *curiosity*.

A **whole-school poster competition** with a deadline of 1st April, is still running and we're excited to see some more entries. (Pupils can submit entries from home if they have missed the school deadline: [Poster competition - British Science Week](#))

Pupils were asked to create a poster to answer the question: **'What will a positive childhood look like in the future.'** This is aimed at helping the UK Government to create a better future for children and young adults through ideas proposed by the UK's young people.

A **STEM Smashing Stereotypes Campaign** ran alongside British Science Week. This was aimed at showing the diverse range of people who have successful careers in STEM. S1 pupils created STEM person profile Zines for display in the library and S2 watched some interviews with inspiring STEM persons.

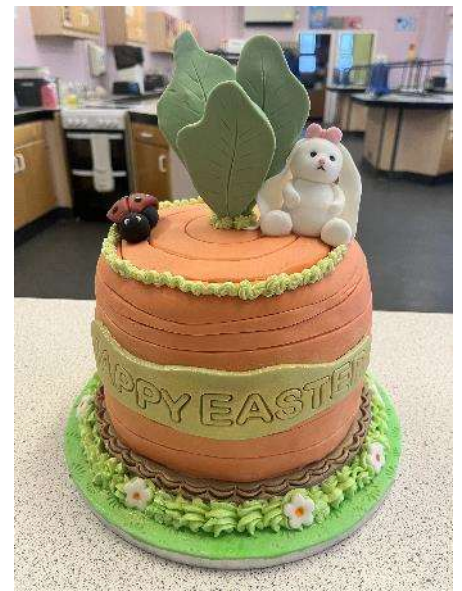


Star Bakers in the Making



Huge congratulations to our N5 Senior Phase Practical Cake Craft students! This week saw the unveiling of their final course cakes, and the results were nothing short of spectacular.

From elegant floral designs to bold themed bakes, the S5/6 cohort showcased incredible precision and artistic flair. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that went into every sponge and swirl of buttercream. We've seen everything from complex sugar paste modeling to expert piping. It's been a joy to watch these students develop their craft. The talent in the room has been incredible to witness and the final cakes are just the cherry on top!



New Sports Equipment Grant



We are pleased to announce that our PE Department has been awarded a **£2,000 grant from the WPA Charitable Foundation**. This funding has been used to upgrade the equipment available for some of our extra-curricular sports clubs. Quality equipment is essential for effective coaching and pupil engagement. With this grant and through discussion with our Sports Council we have been able to invest in:

Professional-standard Basketballs and Netballs: Replacing aging equipment to ensure more consistent play during team practices.

New robust Badminton Rackets: Providing reliable rackets of various sizes for our very popular after-school session.

High quality Volleyballs: Providing a more consistent touch and flight, which is essential for pupils developing their volleying skills.

By providing modern, high-quality equipment, we hope to encourage more pupils to get involved in sport outside of their regular PE lessons. Having the right equipment helps pupils build their skills more effectively and boosts motivation.

The PE Department would like to thank the WPA Charitable Foundation for their support. Their contribution directly assists our efforts to provide a diverse and high-quality sports program for all Lenzie pupils. This investment will benefit both our current teams and the many pupils who attend our clubs each week.

Developing the Young Workforce Careers Fair



This year's DYW Career Fair was a great success, and we would like to thank everyone who came along and spent the evening with us. With around 600 pupils and parents attending, the event was lively, engaging, and full of meaningful conversations about future pathways.

We are incredibly proud of the conduct and curiosity shown by our pupils. We have been delighted to receive glowing feedback about how polite, well-behaved, and engaged they were throughout the evening. We must also give a huge thank you to the 60 stallholders who generously gave their time, expertise, and enthusiasm. Their willingness to share real-world insights made the fair an inspiring experience for our young people, helping them explore future pathways and discover opportunities they may never have considered.

The atmosphere was made even more welcoming thanks to the delicious treats prepared by our talented HFT ambassadors, whose cakes were a hit with visitors and exhibitors alike. And of course, the event wouldn't have been complete without the warm hospitality of the Café LA'tte team, who kept everyone refreshed with expertly made coffees throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, attended, or supported behind the scenes. We're already looking forward to the next one.

Kirstin McDonald

Principal Teacher of Developing the Young Workforce

Lenzie Academy Dance Show



The dancers of Lenzie Academy are hosting their annual fundraiser dance show **Tuesday the 31st of March 6-8pm.**

This year we have over 150 dancers taking part and for the first time have 8 competitive teams of various dance styles representing our school. In previous years our dance show has been able to fund buying costumes for the pupils to wear which has started our costume bank which means the pupils can recycle these costumes every year and feel confident competing. Our main focus this year is to build up lyrical and jazz costumes.

Lenzie Academy Edge Out Local Rivals in Plate Thriller

Scottish Schools U13 Plate (Last 32) Lenzie Academy vs. Turnbull High 2-2 (penalty win)

In a high-stakes local derby that lived up to every bit of the pre-match hype, Lenzie Academy's S1 squad progressed to the Last 16 of the Scottish Schools U13 Plate after a heart-stopping encounter against Turnbull High. With a tactical masterclass expected, the sidelines featured a wealth of experience as interim managers Mr Imrie and Mr McClune took the reins.

Their presence seemed to galvanize the side in what proved to be a grueling, end-to-end battle. The match was a showcase of attacking football, with neither side willing to sit back. Lenzie found the back of the net through two clinical finishes from Caleb McH and Jack H, but Turnbull proved resilient, matching Lenzie strike-for-strike to leave the score locked at 2-2 when the full-time whistle blew.

With nothing to separate the rivals, the game moved to a penalty shootout that tested the nerves of everyone in attendance. Both goalkeepers turned into brick walls, pulling off a string of unbelievable saves to keep their respective dreams alive. As the shootout moved into the high-pressure environment of sudden death, Lenzie keeper Dylan Girven produced the moment of the match, reacting superbly to get a strong hand to a goal-bound Turnbull strike. With the door left wide open, Caleb stepped up to the spot.

Showing ice-cold composure, he confidently slotted his penalty home to send the Lenzie team into hysterics. The victory cements Lenzie's place in the Last 16, where they now await the winner of the tie between Cults Academy and Millburn Academy. On this evidence, the S1s have the grit and the guidance to go all the way in the competition.



What a fantastic week! To fundraise for **Comic Relief** this year, the House Captains organised a range of events that brought the school community together for some much-needed fun and more importantly, an incredible cause.

We kicked the week off with our '**pay £1 for a song**' initiative in the social area. From chart-toppers to some more 'underground' choices, the music kept energy high in the social area throughout the week.

Wednesday saw our popular **bake sale**. A massive thank you to all pupils and staff who donated bakes. The variety was great and everything sold out very quickly.

The week culminated on Friday with dress down day and the highly anticipated **S6 vs. Staff football rematch** at lunchtime. The donations on entry were generous, and the sidelines were packed with supporters. While there was some controversy over an extra player on the S6 side, they managed to secure a 3-1 victory over the staff.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the school community. The House Captains would like to extend a huge thank you to all pupils, staff, parents and guardians for the effort and support. **The grand total raised was an outstanding £800.** This was a particularly special week for us, as it marked the final school event organised by this year's House Captain team.

We couldn't have asked for a better way to finish our roles than by seeing the school community come together for a great cause and would like to thank Miss Munro for working alongside us all year.

By Grace N, Inglis House Captain

S3 Electives

From the **27th of April until the 29th of May** S3 will be focusing on the subjects that they are taking forward into S4. All pupils will take part in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) for 3 periods per week which allows them to work on skills such as teamwork, research, communication, practical skills, and ICT.

Pupils then have one or two elective courses to enjoy, this will depend on whether they are picking up Media or Early Learning and Childcare. This year we have provided even more choice with the addition of Stitch and Switch –providing the opportunity to upcycle old clothing, Multi-sports offering a variety of sports including basketball and trampolining and Horticulture, which will focus on the practical task of improving the school contemplation and commemoration Garden.



Trophy return reminder

The planning for our 2026 Prizegiving's is already under way! We kindly ask if you were a recipient of a trophy last year and have yet to return it, please can you do so before the Easter break. Trophies can be handed into the Upper office. Thank you

Easter egg donations

We are collecting Easter eggs and treats to be donated to our local Foodbank and Women's Aid. This collection truly makes a difference in our local community. Last date for donations is Wednesday the 1st April - Can pupils please drop any treats/eggs in P1 room- B8.

LENZIE ACADEMY

S5 DANCE

Celebration

It's an evening to celebrate the
end of the S5 academic year and
make unforgettable memories
with friends.

Thursday, 2nd April
7pm - 10pm



School Assembly Hall

