



ICHS Student Newsletter

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Ethos Survey 2023-2024: Secondary - Pupils

Welcome to the West Lothian Council Ethos Survey 2023-2024. A positive school ethos is essential to developing good relationships and behaviour in the classroom, playground and wider community. Feedback from pupils is valuable to us as it helps us to make our schools a better place for children and the community. Survey closes 26/04/24.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Te3x84zizG>

Celebrating Care Experienced learners - survey

We're keen to hear from Care Experienced learners and their supporters to help us plan an event to mark their achievements in 2024. We've launched a short survey to give Care Experienced learners the opportunity to tell us what they think the event should look like. Tell us how best to do this by completing this short survey.

<https://bit.ly/49zjF14> From Who Cares? Scotland and the SQA (The survey will be open until Friday 15 March).

HPV Immunisations 26 March 2024

All S1 girls and boys and anyone who has missed it previously from S2-S6 are eligible for immunisation. The NHS immunisation team will be attending ICHS on the 26th March to immunise all S1 pupils for the HPV virus. This virus causes many types of cancer and this immunisation protects against these in future life. Please see the link below for more detailed information on the immunisation.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/vaccines/hpv-vaccine>



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German Youth Exchange 14th to 21st July

Opportunity to travel to German School with other West Lothian Pupils. (Closing date 29th March). Please scan the QR code on the poster at the end of this newsletter to register interest. Limited spaces available so sign up quick.

Physical Education - Early Pass System

Due to the abuse of the early pass system, pupils will be required to show a physical copy of their, in date, early pass. If you are unable to show your early pass then we will not allow you to leave the department. If you have an early pass but don't have a physical copy, please ensure you go to wellbeing to collect one.

Physical Education Kit

Please remember to bring a full PE kit to every PE lesson. A kit will be provided to those who don't have any or have forgot it. Refusal to borrow kit will result in demerits being recorded and may lead to you not being able to represent the school or attend non-curricular trips. This guide will help you to prepare for your PE lesson appropriately: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/9UyWaupDYgD7kKXW?ref=Link>



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March History Quiz

Hi, please find below the March History quiz. As always please enter for the chance to win from an ever expanding collection of exciting prizes! Remember you don't need to get the highest score to win as prizes are also given to a selection of runners-up and for the bonus question too, so if you've not entered in a while or ever give it a try! The quiz closes at 5pm on Sunday March 24th to allow people to claim their prizes before the holidays. If you have any questions please let me know and if you have an unclaimed prize from a previous quiz please come and get it from F73. Good luck from Mr O'Callaghan.

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Access to the school building

Please be aware that access to the building in the morning, break and Lunch times is via the pupil entrance, no other doors are open at these times. If you are late, please enter the building via the main reception entrance.

One-Way System

A reminder to all pupils that the first floor is a one way system. This is being brought back in to help with congestion in the corridors and to help keep everyone safe.

Upcoming Events

- 14/03/24 - Senior Phase First Aid Course
- 15/03/24 - S2 Reports Issued
- 18/03/24 - S5 LEAPS presentation
- 21/03/24 - S1 Parents' evening (online)
- 26/03/24 - HPV Immunisations
- 29/03/24 to 12/04/24 - Easter holidays



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School Clubs and Activities



Monday: 13:15 to 13:45 Juggling Club with Miss Curtis in Home Economics

Monday: 13:20 to 13:50 Just Dance Club with Mrs Scott in G132

Monday: 13:25 to 13:50 Guitar Group in room G116 in Music

Monday: 13:25 to 13:50 Instrumental Ensemble in room G112 in Music

Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Model UN Club with Miss Jarvis in room F45

Tuesday: 13:20 to 13:50 S1-S3 Science/Stem Club with Mrs Lee in room G216

Tuesday: 13:25 to 13:50 Vocal Group in room G116 in Music

Wednesday: 13:10 to 13:45 Simpsons Club with Mr O'Callaghan in F73

Wednesday: 13:10 to 13:45 Taylor Swift Club with Miss Waddell in F86

Wednesday: 13:20 to 13:45 Rainbow Alliance with Miss Jackson in room G112 in Music

Wednesday: 13:25 to 13:50 BGE Music Club (S1 to S3) in room G112 in Music

Wednesday: 15:30 to 16:30 Dance Club with Mrs Wemyss in the dance studio

Thursday 13:15 to 13:50 Doctor Who Club with Miss Allardice in F48

Thursday: 13:20 to 13:50 Karaoke Club with Mrs Dunlop in F83

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Basketball Club with Mr Dewar

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:30 Music Tech Club (S4 to S6) in G112 in Music

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:30 Rugby Club with Sam from Livingston Rugby Club

Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Volleyball Club with Mr Taylor



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LGBT Group Update

LGBT CHARTER

ICHS Bronze Charter

We have been working towards our Bronze 'LGBT Charter'

The charter is accredited by LGBT Youth Scotland, a charitable organisation aimed at improving the lives of young LGBTQ+ people in Scotland.

We strive to provide a positive and supportive learning environment for every young person and staff member in Inveralmond. To achieve this accreditation, we have been building support for the LGBTQ+ Group, adding displays around the school, improving the LGBTQ+ content in the curriculum and celebrating commemorative days.



What is the LGBT Charter for Education?

The LGBT Charter for Education is a straightforward programme that enables your school, college or university to proactively include LGBTQ+ people in every aspect of your work, protecting your staff and providing high quality service to your learners.

Being accredited with our LGBT Charter for Education enables you to send a positive message, with confidence, that your school, college, or university is a champion of LGBTQ+ inclusion where LGBTQ+ staff, parents and learners will be safe, supported and included.

If you would like to learn more about the Charter, there is information on the LGBT Youth Scotland website. You can also speak to Miss Jackson or Mr McFarlane.

[LGBT Youth Scotland Website](#)



WANT TO LEARN TO BE A FILMMAKER OR VIDEO JOURNALIST?



'WLTV' is an exciting opportunity for young people from West Lothian to form a live broadcast team for this year's Scottish Youth Film Festival, which will be held in West Lothian on 5th October 2024.

We'll run training sessions during the summer, where you'll make your own short films and learn all the skills you'll need for the broadcast.

Participation is absolutely FREE!

Application Deadline: 12pm on 22nd March 2024



Get trained in video journalism, presenting and film production.



You'll learn about camera, sound, presenting, scheduling and broadcasting!



Live stream a half-hour show from the Scottish Youth Film Festival



To request an application form, scan the QR code or email Heather (info@syff.scot)





GERMAN YOUTH EXCHANGE



Are you 13-16 years old and want to represent West Lothian on a trip to our twinned community in Germany?

We are taking applications now for our Summer 2024/25 German Youth Exchange programme taking place 14th July - 21st July!



What to expect?

- Travel to Germany with other West Lothian young people
- Visit attractions & towns around the Hochsauerlandkreis district
- Learn about German culture
- Team building and socialising with the German young people
- All travel, accommodation & meals included



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To express your interest, please fill out our online application form by scanning this QR code. Closing date Friday 29th March 2024.

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