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### Belfast Trip September 2025

For the attention of S2 to S5 students; There are still a small number of spaces still available on September 25th this year, for the second Belfast trip. If you are interested in attending or require information please see Mr O'Callaghan or Miss Drain.

### Changes to Pupil Entrance

All pupils were recently informed at an assembly that the pupil entrance door times would change. This change relates to school security.

Our pupil entrance will continue to open at 08:00 as before. At 08:40 the pupil entrance will now lock securely and there will be no further access to the building from the pupil entrance from this time.

All young people should aim to be on time for school, which begins at 08:35. Any pupil arriving at class after 08:35 is considered to be late. Any young person arriving at school after 08:40 should now report to the Community Entrance where a member of staff will sign them in. At this point a groupcall message will be sent to all parental contacts to inform them that their young person has arrived in school, has signed in late, and indicate how late to school they are.

As per our policy, if a young person has an appointment, please inform the school of this in advance if possible so we are aware of this.



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### Consultation on Parents' Evenings

Inveralmond CHS is consulting on its parents evenings. The consultation will close at 12:30 on Friday 14th March. As part of this consultation, all parents/carers, teaching staff, and pupils have an opportunity to give their views. We appreciate your time in completing this survey. The survey has up to 18 questions and should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

If you have not yet completed this, please take the time to do so. We are keen to capture as many views as possible. The survey can be accessed using the following link:

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



### March History Quiz

Please find here the March History quiz. As always enter for a (really good) chance of winning a prize from a huge selection of books, DVDs, blu-rays, jigsaws and stationary, if you've never entered before why not give it a try? The quiz will run until Friday 28th of March at 5pm with winners announced soon afterwards. If you have any questions in the meantime please see Mr O'Callaghan.

<https://forms.office.com/e/d452PZgVnG>



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### SQA Have Your Say

Message from SQA.

To mark the year-long transition from SQA to Qualifications Scotland, we have published our Prospectus for Change, an ambitious blueprint for Scotland's new qualifications body. We are committed to working with everyone across the education and skills community to deliver the commitments in the Prospectus.

We're now looking for learners, parents and carers, and educators who are willing to take part in surveys and other research, giving them opportunities to have their say on a range of issues. We're keen to gather your views now, so we can help shape Qualifications Scotland together. You'll get opportunities to:

- tell us what you think
- shape decisions and services that affect you
- contribute to the development of Qualifications Scotland
- make things better for other learners and educators.

Click here to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/3c5tdvs8>



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### Ethos Survey 2025

Please find below the links for both the pupil (S1 to S3) and parent/carers Ethos Surveys. These will close on Friday 25th April 2025.

Ethos Survey 2024-2025: S1 to S3 Pupils: <https://forms.office.com/e/X98XRyhcl0>

Ethos Survey 2024-2025: Parents/Carers: <https://forms.office.com/e/fP8ydWat2i>

### Building Security

Please be advised that students should not allow entry to the school to other pupils or adults. They should walk past the doors and if need be inform an a member of staff if anyone is looking to gain entry to the school. Pupils should enter the school via the main reception entrance after 9am if late or if out of school for appointments etc.

### EMA 2024/25

Education Maintenance Allowance school applications for the 2024/25 academic year are open. Please note that a fresh application must be submitted each academic year. To apply you'll need to complete both the application form and a learning agreement. All information can be accessed here: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ema>



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### The Promise

Scotland made a promise to care experienced children and young people: you will grow up loved, safe and respected and by 2030 that promise must be kept. Mrs Webster is the current Care Experienced teacher to check in with if you have any questions, concerns or comments about the Promise or anything related to your experiences both in school and outside of school. If you want to talk to Mrs Webster at any point, please click on the following link and fill in the MS form and she will arrange a time to see you.

<https://tinyurl.com/ywc72uks>

### Hot Chocolate Friday - CEYP

Hot Chocolate Friday will run twice a month. All pupils who are Care Experienced can come along, with friends, and join us for an informal check in. Please see Mrs Webster for details and let her know if you have any dietary requirements.

<https://app5.campus-site.com/public/e/click/z1832ngjqw/j8mnpe0xn6/>

### S1 Break Times

S1 are to remain in school during break and lunch time. They are advised they should only be at the Astroturf park during lunch if attending the S1 Football Club.

### Football Pitches - Lunch/Litter

Please be reminded that all food should be consumed in the dining hall. No lunches should be taken to the pitches and pupils should have their lunch before going there. If there is a build-up of litter then there will be no access to pitches at lunchtime.



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### Aspiring Vets Opportunity

Are you passionate about animals and dream of becoming a vet? Join us (Future Vets Scotland) for an online event where you can learn more about pursuing a career in veterinary medicine in Scotland. Our experienced speakers will provide valuable insights and answer all your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to kick-start your journey towards becoming a vet!

Date: 12th March 2025

Time: 6-8.30pm

Location: Online

Register now to secure your spot and take the first step towards achieving your dream of working with animals! The registration link can be found on the following website.

<https://futurevets-scotland.org/event/future-vets-scotland-schools-evening/>

### Prom Boutique

Save money and look amazing at Prom.

Prom Boutique is a fantastic initiative to recycle and reuse stunning outfits, helping to reduce waste while making prom night more affordable for families across West Lothian.

14th March 2025

Almondbank Library, Craigshill

3.30 - 5.30pm

28th March 2025

Strathbrock Partnership Centre, Broxburn

3.30 - 5.30pm



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### Scottish Space School 2025

The Faculty of Engineering at the University of Strathclyde is delighted to be offering the Scottish Space School programme 2025 for school pupils in S5 across Scotland. The programme will run at the University from Monday 9 to Friday 13 June 2025.

There are 100 places available on the week-long programme this year at which attendees will hear from staff at the University of Strathclyde, as well as hearing from some of the world's leading figures in space travel, including NASA Astronauts and engineers. Participants will also take part in a group project which they will present to a selection panel made up of staff from the University and NASA on the final day.

At the end of the programme in June, 8 lucky pupils will be selected to travel to Houston, USA in October 2025 to complete the 'Learning Journey to NASA' trip. There is no cost associated with attending the programme in June, or the trip to Houston in October.

Further information is available on the Space School website here:

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/engineering/scottishspaceschool/>

All pupils who are interested in attending must apply using our online form.

The deadline is Monday 17 March 2025 and decisions will be sent to all applicants by Tuesday 22 April 2025. In the application form, pupils are asked to supply the name and contact details for a teacher who can provide a statement in support of their application. Email for more information: [scottishspaceschool@strath.ac.uk](mailto:scottishspaceschool@strath.ac.uk)



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### May Immunisations

HPV and MMR Vaccines coming on May 22 May 2025. These are for students in S1 and also offered for S2 to S6 students who have never received the vaccine.

Evidence shows the HPV vaccine helps protect people from HPV-related cancers. The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is offered to every S1 pupil in Scotland.

Getting the vaccine now protects you against future risks. HPV can lead to cancers like:

Head and neck cancers

Cervical cancer

Anogenital cancers – for example, anal, penile (penis) cancer, cancer of the vagina, and cancer of the vulva

A recent study looked at cases of HPV-related cervical cancer in women living in Scotland. It found that there have been no cases in fully vaccinated women who got their first dose of the HPV vaccine at 12-13 years old.

The HPV vaccine also protects you against over 90% of genital wart infections.

Please see the website for more information:

[https://www.nhsinform.scot/hpv?trk=public\\_post-text](https://www.nhsinform.scot/hpv?trk=public_post-text)



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### Fire Service Training for young people 13 to 15

Opportunity for young people to gain experience of training with the fire service.

The Scottish Fire Service is offering training and support to young people. We meet on a Tuesday evening 6.30 to 8.30 at Livingston Fire Station and follow a fire service training based curriculum.

If anyone is interested please speak to Mr McFarlane.



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### Upcoming Events

- 14/03/25 - S2 Reports Issued
- 25/03/25 - S1 Parents' Evening (Online)
- 26/03/25 - S4 to S6 Reports Issued

### School Clubs and Activities



- Monday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch
- Monday: 13:20 to 13:50 Vocal Group with Miss Holroyd in the music department
- Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Model United Nations Club with Mr Pinder in room F71
- Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch
- Tuesday: 13:15 to 13:45 The Simpson's Club with Mr O'Callaghan in room F73
- Tuesday: 15:30 to 16:30 Table Top Gaming Club with Mr MacConnell in room G184
- Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 Karaoke Club with Mrs Dunlop in room F83
- Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch
- Wednesday: 13:15 to 13:45 STEM Club with Mrs Lee in room G216
- Thursday: 13:15 to 13:45 S1 Football Club at the Astroturf Pitch
- Thursday: 13:25 to 13:50 Just Dance Club with Mrs Scott in room G132
- Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Basketball Club with Mr Dewar in the Games Hall
- Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 S1 to S3 Dance Club with Miss Moffat in the Dance Studio
- Thursday: 15:30 to 16:20 Volleyball Club with Mr Taylor in the PE department



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### School Contact

When calling Inveralmond Community High School, you will be asked to select an option so that you can be connected with the right team in the school. Our staff have been trained to ask you a few questions so that they can direct your call to the person or team who is best placed to support you with your query.

In line with our school values, please be patient and kind while they gather all the information they need from you. In order to direct your query staff will need to ask for your full name; if you are calling about a pupil they will ask for the pupils' full name and your relationship to the pupil. It would also be helpful if you could tell us the pupil's tutor class or house, and in order for us to prioritise calls we will need details of what your query relates to.

#### **By telephone**

01506 280700 Then select one of the following options;

1. Reporting an absence
2. School Office

#### **By Email**

[wlinveralmond-chs@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlinveralmond-chs@westlothian.org.uk)



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## New Inveralmond Youth Club

**P3 - P7 1pm - 3pm**  
**P6 - S2 3.30pm - 5.30pm**

Only £1  
per week!

Friday 20th  
September for a  
registration session  
only

**Fridays**

**1 - 3pm**

**3.30 - 5.30pm**

**in Inveralmond  
Community High School  
(Access via Main  
Reception)  
EH54 6HW**



Our youth clubs, drop-ins and projects are safe spaces that you can come along to if you want to mix with friends, try new activities, engage with experienced youth workers and most importantly be yourself.

For more information on this group contact Mark Drysdale by emailing [mark.drysdalewestlothian.gov.uk](mailto:mark.drysdalewestlothian.gov.uk) or contact our social media pages.

West Lothian CLD Youth Services

@CLDyouthWL @youthworkwl



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## Sextortion is blackmail.

Don't panic. Don't pay.  
Report it to police.

Criminals target you through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate you into sharing sexual content that they later use to demand money or more images under threats of public exposure.



POLICE SCOTLAND  
POILEAS ALBA

More information about sextortion and what to do if you're a victim can be found here: [scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety/sextortion](https://scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety/sextortion)



## PLEASE BE AWARE

**we are attempting to  
maintain a nut free environment  
in this establishment.**

*We are aware that we cannot guarantee a nut free environment, but we ask that you are aware and try to support us in reducing the risk for our school community.*



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