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S1/ASN Area Gates

Access and egress via the ASN department and S1 Area should cease as this is not a school entrance, and infringes school security. Students should use the main pupil entrance or main reception entrance going forward. All visitors to the school must enter through the main reception entrance. The S1/ASN gates should be kept closed at all times.

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.

28th March 2025 - Strathbrock Partnership Centre, Broxburn - 3.30 - 5.30pm

Belfast Trip September 2025

The deadline for the current batch of Belfast letters for the September trip to be returned is Friday March 21st at break time. They can be returned to Mr O'Callaghan or Miss Drain. Once the deadline passes we will assess to see if we need to do a draw to decide who goes or if we have a space for everyone who has asked to go. Once we know this we will be in touch with people to discuss next steps. If we have any spaces left then we will let you know. Any questions on this please come and see one of the teachers mentioned above. Thanks.



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Rainbow Alliance (LGBTQ+) Group

The Rainbow Alliance (LGBTQ+) group will be re-starting on Wednesday at lunchtimes from 13:20-13:50 in the HE childcare classroom. Beginning this Wednesday at 13:20.

S3 History students - Edinburgh Dungeons Trip

Can any S3 who is attending the trip to the Edinburgh Dungeons on Thursday 27th March, please meet in Mrs Dunlop's room at break time on Monday 24th March at break-time, to receive important information regarding the trip. Thanks.

Lost Property - Black Jackets

We have a number of black jackets that have been handed into the Wellbeing Centre. If anyone has lost a jacket please pop into the Wellbeing Centre to have a look.

SQA AI Learner Survey

Share your thoughts on AI with this short survey. SQA would like to find out how learners in Scotland are using AI. We're interested to understand what learners like you know about AI, and if you're using it in your day to day lives.

If you're interested in taking part, please click the survey link for more information.

<https://info.sqa.org.uk/41QV1GJ>

The survey will stay open until 5 April. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at researchandevaluation@sqa.org.uk.



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Photography Competition

“Food for Thought: Capturing the Big Picture” Photography Competition.

Congratulations to Kayla in S3 who won the 3rd prize in the 12-18 years age category in this national photography competition.

Please click the following link for more information.

<https://scafshowcase.wpcomstaging.com/food-for-thought-capturing-the-big-picture/>



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SQA National Qualifications Information

SQA learner hub

This is our one-stop shop for useful resources, hints and tips to help support learners through preparing for, taking exams and awaiting results. SQA keeps this page up to date with new and updated information throughout the academic year.

<https://sqa.org.uk/learner>

Your National Qualifications

This is our resource designed to provide learners, parents and carers with everything they need to know about coursework and preparing for exams. This includes information on using sources, word counts, deadlines – as well as information on plagiarism and using Artificial Intelligence. For 2024/25 Your National Qualifications is available as a downloadable, digital resource only. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/yourNQ>

Your Exams

Your Exams provide learners, parents and carers with everything they need to know about preparing for and sitting exams. This includes information on the exam timetable, prohibited items, exceptional circumstances and getting exam results. This year, Your Exams is available as a downloadable, digital resource only.

Ensuring learners understand the information and rules associated with sitting exams is important to help them avoid losing marks, getting a lower grade or having their exam entry cancelled. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/yourexams>



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I-sgoil and E-sgoil support provision

The Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland 2024 reveal that 2.5% of Scotland's learners have an attendance rate of less than 50%. This equates to over 17,500 learners with a significant number of this total not attending their local school at all.

The i-Sgoil programme has to date been fully funded by Scottish Government's National e-Learning Offer and grew out of a Covid-19 online education provision for learners who were shielding long term. Even with minimal promotion, demand for i-Sgoil has been substantial and hundreds of young people are currently on our waiting list. We are currently working alongside Scottish Government to explore how i-Sgoil could be scaled up in a more sustainable manner in the future to accommodate the large number of learners who wish to learn but are currently unable to attend their local school. Although we are currently at capacity, we continue to on-board learners from our waiting list throughout the year whenever spaces become available.

<https://www.e-sgoil.com/>

We would encourage parents/carers to contact their local MSP to highlight the impact of the i-Sgoil provision for interrupted learners and also to bring to their attention the need for additional, sustained funding to allow for those currently on the waiting list to be accommodated. Further information on i-Sgoil impact can be found on Page 13-15 of e-Sgoil's 2024 Evidence of Impact Report.

<https://www.e-sgoil.com/about-us/evidence-of-impact-report/>



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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>

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.

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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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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Upcoming Events

25/03/25 - S1 Parents' Evening (Online)

26/03/25 - S4 to S6 Reports Issued

27/03/25 - S3 Edinburgh Dungeons trip

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

Wednesday: 13:20 to 13:50 Rainbow Alliance (LGBTQ+) Group in the HE childcare room

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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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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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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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



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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



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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 or contact our social media pages.

West Lothian CLD Youth Services

@CLDyouthWL @youthworkwl



NO SMOKING E-CIGARETTES OR VAPING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



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
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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



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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