

Parent & Carer Update

December 2021



Head Teacher's Comments



Dear pupils, parents, carers, staff, partners and friends of Lochside Academy.

As we approach the end of a busy term in school, please find attached in this Christmas Parent & Carer Update some information that will be important to you and some information about activities and successes that have occurred since I last wrote to you in November.

In sending out this Parent & Carer Update for December, can I take this opportunity, on behalf of our staff team at Lochside Academy, to express our hope that you have a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday season. School will reopen on Thursday 6 January 2022.

Yours sincerely

Neil Hendry
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thu 6 Jan 2022: School term starts

Tue 18 Jan 2022: S3 Virtual Parent /Carer Evening

➤ *Details on how to 'attend' this event to follow in January*

Mon 24 Jan – Fri 4 Feb 2022: SQA Assessment Period

Tue 25 Jan 2022: Subject Choice event for current S4

Tue 8 Feb 2022: S2 Virtual Parent /Carer Evening

➤ *Details on how to 'attend' this event to follow*

Mon 14 Feb 2022: February Mid-Term Holiday

Tue 15 Feb & Wed 16 Feb 2022: In-service Days



Staffing Update



As we come to the end of this year we say goodbye, good luck and thank you to Miss Wallace who is leaving her post as PT Guidance, Mrs Davie who is leaving her post as Modern Languages teacher and Mrs Officer who is leaving our PSA team.

We look forward to welcoming to the Lochside community, after the Christmas holiday, Mrs Clubb to our Target Support faculty on the 6th January 2022 and Mr Eusufazi who is joining our Computing team later in the new year.



Season's Greetings

"Winter Scene" by Paulina Lukosiute S6

🎉 Assessment Weeks for S4, S5 & S6 🎉

Pupils in S4-S6 will have prelim exams/assessments in January after the Christmas holidays from Monday 24th January to Friday 4th February inclusive. During this 2-week assessment period, pupils will be given study leave and will therefore only be required to attend school when they have a timetabled assessment.

These assessments are extremely important and will contribute towards the estimated grade which we are required to submit to SQA prior to the SQA Exam diet. Should SQA Exams be cancelled and we need to revert to the Alternative Certification model which was used last session due to Covid, the prelim results will be used, along with other formal assessments, to determine the provisional grade we will submit.

Pupils will be given information by their teachers as to the format of the assessments and must ensure they know what they are required to revise for the subjects they are studying. The timetable for N5, Higher and Advanced Higher assessments will be issued separately by email with the dates and timings of the assessments. The location of the assessments will also be issued in January 2022.

Pupils who are entitled to Additional Assessment Arrangements will receive individual timetables in January. As this is only a 2-week assessment diet, pupils may find they have more than one exam each day.

🎉 Football Success 🎉

Congratulations to Josh Robb (Senior) and Antonia Adams (U15s) who have been selected to attend final trials for the Scottish Schools football teams at Toryglen. This is a brilliant achievement from both pupils and we hope that they have every success at their final trials before Christmas Day.

🌿 Charities Committee 🌿

Supported by Mrs Hutcheson and Miss McGuckin, senior students in school initiated a Charities Committee and voted to raise funds and items for Abernecessities, Cfine and Muscular Dystrophy. This session, the Charities Committee have been working hard and led the following activities:

- Winter Necessities: collecting resources for Abernecessities and Cfine;
- Raised £165 for Abernecessities via Justgiving during our school's Christmas Snowcase event;
- Selling Poppies for Remembrance Day in school;
- Organised a raffle type of event in aid of Muscular Dystrophy that was drawn on Friday 17th December with donations from lots of local businesses. As we go to print, this has raised over £680;
- and on the last day of this term, students will collect donations from staff and pupils as part of our 'Festive Wear Day' to raise funds for Cfine.

Congratulations and well done to all students and staff involved in ensuring that the work of our Charities Committee is outstanding and having an impact with chosen charities.

