



# Dunbar Grammar School



## Latest News and Updates - Friday 2 May 2025

### Important Information

Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday. We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back to school on Tuesday 6th May.

### Battlefields

Final departure information will be on Wednesday (7th May), please keep an eye on your emails.

### SQA Exams Key Information

The exam diet is well under way - [SQA Updated Timetable](#)

Please read the [SQA Exams Key Information](#) shared with our senior students.

As a reminder during the examination period students should check the **SQA Noticeboards** for any changes to rooms or seating. Students should be in school at **least 15 minutes** before the exam begins to allow time for them to ensure any electronic devices such as phones, headphones and smart watches are stored in their locker or with the office. They cannot be in the examination room even in a school bag. They should be outside the examination room at **least 10 minutes** before the exam begins. If they are not in the examination room when the exam starts they may not be admitted.

There is further SQA information on pages 3 - 5 below.

### S1 & S2 Activities Week - 12th to 16th May

The letters with full information about the program and what to wear/bring have been emailed out to students, parents and carers next week. If you require a paper copy of your young person's letter then please ask them to come to the school office.

Final preparations are being made for the S1 and S2 Activities week and now need to finalise numbers. Guidance Teachers will be contacting parents and carers who have not yet made full payment. S2 students will need a packed lunch and a towel (Monday to Thursday) as well as a change of footwear each day. Free School Meals students will be provided with a packed lunch.

If a student's medical records or your contact details have changed since the consent form was completed, please email [admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk)



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## **Dalguise - new S6 Trip 30th May**

Paper copies of the consent forms are available to collect at the school office for when students are in school for booster sessions/exams.

If you would like a copy emailed please contact  
[admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk)

## **Dates for the Diary\***

S1 and S1 Activities Week 12th - 16th May

S3 Leavers Ceremony - we are reviewing this date and it will NOT be Thursday 29th May - further information to follow.

## **S1 - S3 Students Athletics / Sports day 20 - 23 May.**

The sign up sheets are now in the PE base. If you want to enter the athletics events - sign up on the sheets in the PE base.

Students MUST sign up before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Sign up at breaktime / lunchtime or after school - students should not ask to get out of any classes.

[Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

[Supported Study/Revision Clubs](#)



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## SQA - Further Information

The SQA website has the full exam timetable as well as a large bank of past papers which students can access for their revision. There are also apps that students can download and use to help prepare for their exams which serve slightly different functions which are outlined below:

MyStudyPlan App Organise your revision by creating your own study plan.

- [Download MyStudyPlan from the App Store.](#)
- [Download MyStudyPlan for Android.](#)

MyExams App– Recommended for all students, this allows candidates to receive their exam results directly to their phone or tablet device. Students can also create a personalised exam timetable. MySQA is where you can:

- see your qualifications
- check the personal details we hold for you
- get your results sent by email and text message

You'll need to sign up at [MySQA](#) (you need an email address and your SCN).

You will still receive your certificate by post.

Remember, if you change your mobile number or email after signing up, you'll need to update your details to receive your text message or email.

On results day, if you cannot find your results email in your inbox, please check your spam or junk folder.

[SQA - NQ - Past papers and marking instructions](#)

[Your Exams - SQA](#)

<http://www.scholar.hw.ac.uk>



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## [ACHIEVE Student Support Pack](#)

### Dos and Don'ts

**Do**



**Do** arrive in good time — at least 10 minutes before the exam starts.

**Do** bring the right equipment, including black or blue ink pens.

**Do** check that you don't have any prohibited items with you at your seat.

**Do** check you have been given the correct exam paper.

**Do** put your name, SCN and the name of your school on every piece of work you hand in (including separate answer booklets and answer sheets).

**Do** write legibly so that the markers can read your answers.

**Do** read all instructions and listen carefully for any announcements from the invigilator.

**Do** cross out any rough work that is not part of your answer.

**Do** stay in the room until the exam is finished. You can only leave early with permission from the invigilator.

**Do** give the invigilator all your exam papers, including any answer booklets, extra sheets, question papers and data booklets, before you leave the exam room.

**Don't**



**Don't** take any prohibited items to your seat.

**Don't** use any rude, abusive, offensive or discriminatory language or images in your answers.

**Don't** get someone else to sit your exam for you or pretend to be someone else.

**Don't** behave in a disruptive way or cause a disturbance.

**Don't** copy from anyone else.

**Don't** share your work with anyone else.

**Don't** share equipment with anyone else.

**Don't** use correction pens, tape or fluid.





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## Prohibited items

Prohibited items are things that you must not have with you at your allocated seat or desk in the exam room, unless they have been approved by us as part of an assessment arrangement for the exam you are sitting.



Mobile phones (Even if your phone is switched off, you must not have it with you at your seat or desk.)



Electronic devices such as tablets, earbuds, smartwatches or any other device that stores information or can connect to the internet



Extra information:

- books, sketches on paper
- anything written on your clothes or body, and
- notes or unauthorised information on your SCN card



Pencil cases or calculator cases



Calculators, except for exams where calculators are allowed



Dictionaries, except for exams where dictionaries are allowed

For information on when calculators or dictionaries are allowed, visit [www.sqa.org.uk/yourexams](http://www.sqa.org.uk/yourexams)

Before you go to your seat in the exam room, check your bags and pockets carefully to make sure you do not have any of these things with you. You must not take any prohibited item to your seat - plan ahead and leave them in a safe place. If you take a prohibited item to your seat in the exam hall, your exam entry could be cancelled and you won't receive a result.

When specific items such as calculators or dictionaries are allowed in an exam, you must make sure that yours meet SQA regulations. Your teacher will be able to give you more information. You must make sure that the items do not give you access to information that you are not allowed to have in the exam.

You are not allowed to share any equipment during an exam.



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## General Information

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club is available to all pupils, every school day, from 8.15am. Toast, cereal bars, apple juice and orange juice are available, and occasionally, fruit, muffins and other items are donated by Asda. All students welcome!

### **Youth Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Dunbar Grammar School**

Please note the sessions in schools are for current students only and if you have left school and are in the age bracket 16 - 25 and are seeking advice and support please contact [youthcab@haddingtoncab.org.uk](mailto:youthcab@haddingtoncab.org.uk) directly.



**Why Youth CAB East Lothian?**

We will support you with whatever you need assistance with, for as long as you need.

Support with housing, your own tenancy, relationships, family support, drug and alcohol issues, school, education, employment and training are some of the areas that we can help with.

We are in Dunbar Grammar on a Wednesday and have appointments that you can book in advance (speak to Mrs Langley or guidance).

Scan the QR code to find our socials (DM us on Instagram).

If you want more information please email [youthcab@haddingtoncab.org.uk](mailto:youthcab@haddingtoncab.org.uk)



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**Students Leaving at the end of the Academic Year** - If a student is leaving school after exam leave in May, then they should:

Contact their Guidance Teacher for a Leavers Form - including S6 students

Return any sports/academic trophies

Remember to reduce the balance of their Smartcard beforehand

Empty their locker and return the key to the school office. The school office will refund £5 when you return the key. The deadline for returning the key is **Friday 23rd May**.



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## **Sports News**

S1 Boys Football were unbeaten (not even conceding a goal!) in their East and Mid Lothian Football Tournament last Friday. The boys have now qualified for the finals day in May.

Well done to all the DGS students who competed at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Liege, Belgium. All the students danced superbly with Maddie Ferrans claiming 2<sup>nd</sup> and Zoe Lockett claiming 4<sup>th</sup> in the U15 category, Grace Watters claiming 4<sup>th</sup> in the U18 category and Pree Miller winning the Tradset for U15.

Dunbar Utd U17s won the Tom Wilson Cup against Leith U17s at New Countess Park last Saturday. The boys played fantastically, coming from a goal down to take the game to penalties, winning 7-6 in front of a big crowd of supporters.

Dunbar Utd U14s won the John Crawford Cup beating Tranent 7-2 in the final last Sunday.

Ansel Parkin came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Scottish Surfing Federation National Championships. He also went on to claim 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U18 event. This result will see him represent Scotland and team GB later in the year.

Maisie Miller (S1) won the individual and team event whilst representing Edinburgh and Lothians in the Scottish Inter League Table Tennis Competition in Aberdeen. Well done also to her team mate, Jessica, from Dunbar Primary.

Callan Shields (S1) was part of the Hutchison Vale team who won the Mediterranean Cup in France during the Easter Holidays.

Harry Spinner, Aaron Ryba and Junior Williams (S3) all competed in the Dundee Open Kick Boxing Championships. The boys fought superbly with Harry claiming a gold, Aaron a silver and Junior a bronze in their respective categories.

Well done to Aiden McNelis who was selected to play for Edinburgh Rugby Under 17s last weekend. The squad played against Glasgow, Newcastle and Coventry at Oriam.

## **Upcoming Fixtures**

This weekend the East Lothian Rugby 7s tournaments are taking place all fixtures have a 10.30am start time. The fixtures are...

Under 13 Boys @Lasswade RFC against Musselburgh, Berwick & North Berwick.

Under 14 Boys @ North Berwick HS against PL, North Berwick, Lasswade and Berwick.

Under 15 Boys @Pinkie (Musselburgh) against Musselburgh, Berwick and Eccles RFC (Touring team from Manchester).

Under 16 Boys @Meadowmill against Musselburgh and Berwick.

Under 14 Girls @Hallhill vs Biggar 10.30 Kick-off.





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## Dunbar Grammar School Council (DGSC) and Parent Council

The next DGSC meeting will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm** in school. The focus will be on Maths and S1 to S3 students from the Student Council will be attending. We would appreciate as many parents/carers to attend to support them.

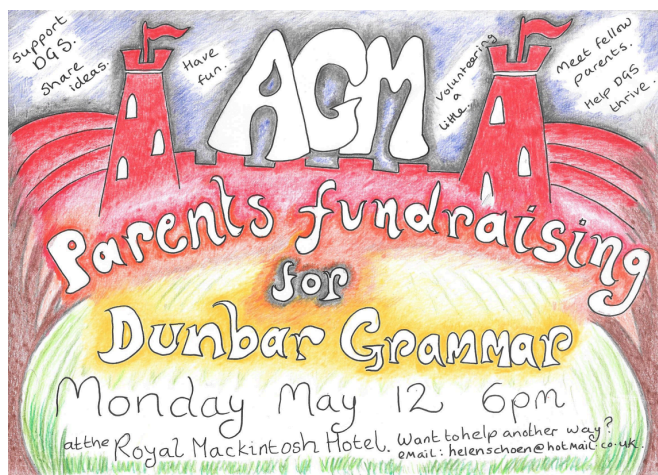
The meeting is open to all parents/carers of students at DGSC.

For information about the Parent Council please email: [dgsparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dgsparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1284486748915450>

## Dunbar Grammar School (fundraising) Association update

All parents and supporters of Dunbar Grammar School please join the next meeting of the school fundraising body, which includes our AGM. It's on **Monday May 12**, from 6pm, in the Royal Mackintosh Hotel. No need to sign-up for jobs or tasks, just come along, share thoughts and help our secondary school. Can't make it but interested to find out if you can help in a different way? Email [helenschoen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenschoen@hotmail.co.uk) or [chairdgsa@gmail.com](mailto:chairdgsa@gmail.com)







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## Active Schools

DGS is starting a Girls Cycle Club offering the opportunity to learn, develop your cycling skills. For all info and how to book on to these sessions please use this link <https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-dunbar-grammar/dgs-girls-cycle-club/> or speak to either Miss Clark (Dram) or the PE team.

Dunbar Grammar School are looking to recruit Sports Young Ambassadors for next school year. If you are moving into S4/5 or 6 and think you could make a difference to Sport at DGS then please see link below

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/schools-colleges/young-ambassadors>

For more details on being a Young Ambassador. If this is for you, please email [smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk](mailto:smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk) or chat to the PE department for further details.

With Exams now being on I just wanted to make you all aware of changes to our Sports Clubs.

All Clubs that run outside will continue to run as usual. From 5th May - 19th May these are the changes:

Monday lunchtime Badminton will now be replaced with short Tennis on the Astro

Wednesday lunchtime Volleyball will now be replaced by Dodgeball on the Astro

Tuesday after school Netball held outdoors

Wednesday Girls Basketball held outdoors

Boys Basketball Mr Beaton will keep the boys informed of any changes.

Table Tennis on a Wednesday will continue to run indoors.

Please see all our clubs on offer here:

<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-dunbar-grammar>

**For all info on DGS Sports Clubs and to book a place on them please use this link:**

<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-dunbar-grammar>



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Dunbar Grammar School are thrilled to have received Sportscotland Gold School Sports Awards. For more information on this please use link below:

<https://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/25081837.dunbar-grammar-school-secure-top-award-sportscotland/>

DGS Sports Clubs are open to book. If you are interested in your child trying our Sports Clubs or just want to see what is on offer please use link below, or contact our Active School Coordinator [smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk](mailto:smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk)

Link:

<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-dunbar-grammar>

Scott Marnoch Senior Sport & Physical Activity Co-ordinator Tel: 01368 863 339  
Mobile: 07969 428 485

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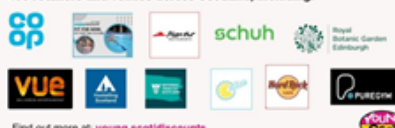
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## Help Improve Healthcare for Young Women\*

Open to young women\* aged 16-25 living in Scotland

Join us in creating real change!

**Date:** Thursday 15th May  
**Time:** 4.30pm – 6.30pm  
**Location:** Online



Share your experiences and ideas in a 2-hour online **workshop**



Help design **training resources** for healthcare professionals



**Make a difference** in how young women\* are treated in healthcare



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or scan the QR code

\*This project is inclusive of Trans and Intersex women, as well as non-binary and gender fluid people who are comfortable in a space that centres the experience of women.