



Dunbar Grammar School



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Important Information

Friday 11th October - End of Term. This is not a dress down day and students should be in school uniform. The next dress down day will be Friday 15th November for Children in Need.

Please note Monday 21st October is an in-service day where our staff will be in school but in meetings and are therefore not available. We look forward to welcoming our students back on **Tuesday 22nd October**.

S2 Parents and Carers Evening - Tuesday 29th October

A [LETTER](#) has been sent to S2 Parents/Carers today regarding the online booking system for S2 Parents and Carers Evening. Please note the meetings are in person. Bookings are made through your young person's edubuzz account. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Annual Data Checks - if you have not already please complete the annual data check which was sent home in August/September. It is essential we have up to date contact details for our students.

Blood Donation Sessions - Thursday 17th October (School Holidays) at 2pm - 4pm then 5:30pm - 7:30pm in Assembly Hall. You have to be 17 years old to donate.

S2 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) event in school on Friday 11th October. There is a fantastic line up of employers running workshops to inspire our S2 pupils in STEAM Careers. Students will stay in their P classes for Periods 1 - 4 for the workshops.



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Curriculum Change Information Evenings

Please see the S3 [letter](#) for a curriculum information evening on Tuesday 22nd October and also the S4 & S5 [letter](#) for a curriculum information evening on Wednesday 23rd October. If you are unable to attend the information will be published at a later date.

Current S5 - Dalguise Trip for new S6 students 2025

Please see the attached [LETTER](#) sent to our current S5 parents and carers. Please note a non-refundable deposit is required to be paid before 25th October to secure a place.

S3 - Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies RMPS

Our S3 students within RMPS are moving on to the topic of assisted dying. We understand that for some students this topic may be quite upsetting due to past or present circumstances. If there are any concerns about your young person being involved in this topic please contact Mr Sutherland, Principal Teacher Health & Wellbeing.

Good news stories:

Belhaven Music Concert

Thank you to all our performers and music staff for a great night at the Belhaven Music Concert. It was a full house to watch our talented young musicians. Thank you to all our parents and carers for their support.





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Sports Young Ambassadors

Our Sports Young Ambassadors are looking smart in their new hoodies



Calling All Parents – S3 Careers Awareness Day 2024

Dunbar Grammar School are hosting an S3 Careers Awareness Day on Tuesday 19th November 2024 from 9.30 am til 12.30 pm. We would be delighted to have some parents within our school community involved.

Could you inspire our young people by sharing your career journey, a typical workday, education requirements, details of any apprenticeships/training schemes your organisation offers and more?



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This is an opportunity for our students to speak with someone whose career choice interests them and to explore areas they may not have considered before.

The format of the day will be a carousel – informal chats with small groups of students round a table.

We would appreciate your willingness to support and be involved in this event. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Andrea Lancaster

admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk or contact the school office 01368 863339.

Dates for the Diary*

S2 Parents and Carers Evening Tuesday 29th October

S1 Parents and Carers Evening Thursday 7th November

S3 Parents and Carers Evening Tuesday 28th January 2025

S4 Parents and Carers Evening Wednesday 27th November

S5 & S6 Parents and Carers Evening Thursday 20th February 2025

* provisional and may be subject to change

Children in Need - dress down day - Friday 15th November

DGSA Christmas Market Thursday 21st November.

Assembly - week beginning 22nd October all led by Mr Maxton in the Assembly Hall

Tuesday - S2

Wednesday - S3

Thursday - S4

Friday - S5



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Extra-Curricular Clubs and Supported Study Clubs

Please see our list of clubs available for students.

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Monday Surgery

Mr Johnstone continues to have regular **Monday Surgeries** from 6 – 8pm where he will be available in school to discuss any school related concerns you or your young person may have. Please contact admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk to arrange an appointment.

If you have an urgent concern, then please contact 01368 863 339 or email admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk

Dunbar Grammar School Council (DGSC) and Parent Council

The School Council meets regularly to share information and discuss school issues. The Council includes: the Head Teacher, Senior Leadership Team and teacher representatives, student representatives, community representatives and Parent Council members. Parent Council members are there to represent all members of the Parent Forum. This is a term used in Scotland meaning all parents and carers with young people attending the school.

You can also get involved and HAVE YOUR SAY by emailing or joining our Facebook page: dgsparentcouncil@gmail.com

Facebook Group: Dunbar Grammar School Council GROUP DGSC
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1284486748915450>

Please see the [MINUTES](#) of the meeting from 5th September 2024

The next meeting is the AGM on Thursday 24th October and is online.



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Dunbar Grammar School (fundraising) Association

The next meeting of the association is Monday October 7 at 6pm in the Royal Mackintosh Hotel. We have a number of grant requests to consider and a Christmas market to plan. Do consider popping down to find a bit more about the DGSA. It is just a chance to help DGS to thrive. Email helenschoen@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to know more or help in other ways.

The DGS Christmas market will take place on the evening of **Thursday 21st November** this year, so save the space on the calendar now if you can.

General Information

[Bistro Menu 2024/2025](#)

[Price List High School Meals 2024/2025](#)

[Child Protection Poster](#)

Student Information Shown at Registration - [7th October 2024](#)



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BE Uniforms - 20% off from 7th - 20th October.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that 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 are welcome!

Active Schools

To see what clubs are on offer and book your child's place at these clubs please use the link below. If you have any questions regarding Sports Clubs please contact our Active School Coordinator: smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk

DGS Sports Clubs:

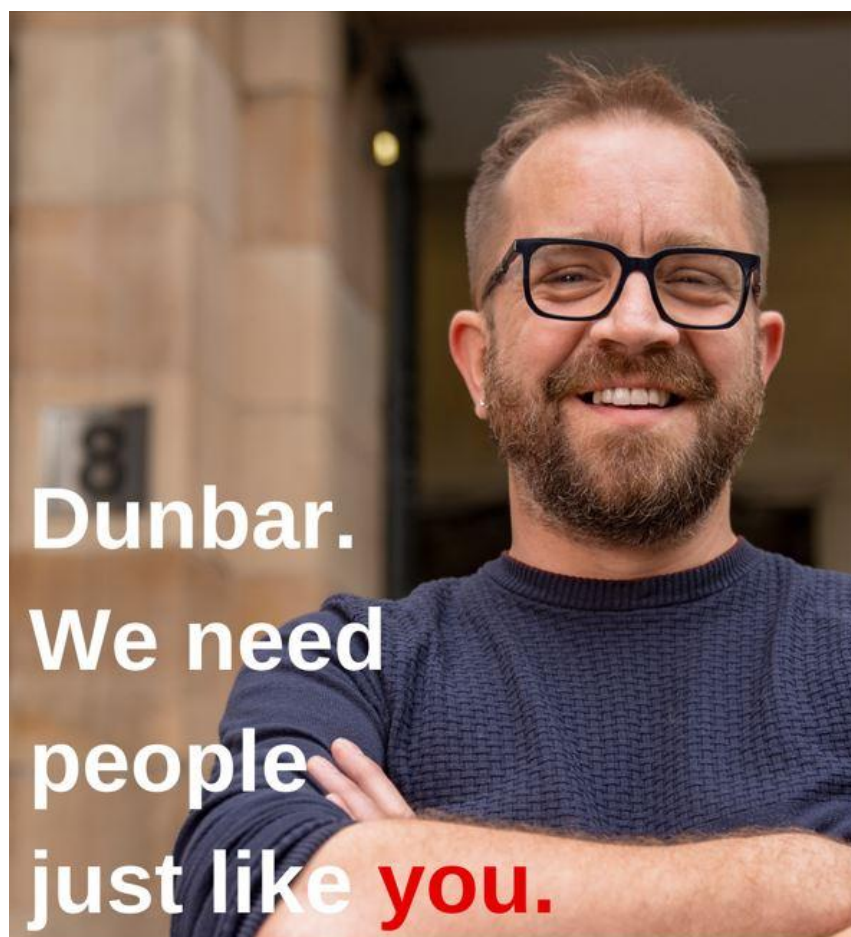
<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-dunbar-grammar>



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Community Information



Date: Thursday 17th October 2024

Venue: Dunbar Grammar School

Time: 2pm - 4pm & 5:30pm - 7.30pm

Book your appointment now at scotblood.co.uk

or give us a call on 0345 90 90 999 **GIVE BLOOD**



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Careers/Further Study

Career Days give students an insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk

The schedule is as follows:

Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 21st September 2024

Medicine Career Day - Saturday 5th October 2024

Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 6th October 2024

Business Career Day - Saturday 12th October 2024

Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th October 2024

Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th October 2024

Performing Arts Career Day - Sunday 27th October 2024

Law Career Day - Saturday 2nd November 2024

Vet Career Day - Saturday 9th November 2024

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 23rd November 2024

Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.



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University of St Andrews

There is a new five-year undergraduate medicine degree, [MBChB Scottish Community Orientated Medicine \(ScotCOM\)](#), launched by the University of St Andrews. Applications for entry in September 2025 are open and must be submitted via [UCAS](#) by Tuesday 15 October 2024. All are welcome to join our next online information session on Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 5pm. Attendees will need to complete a short registration form in advance of the event available on the [University of St Andrews website](#).

[Job vacancies - East Lothian Works | East Lothian Council](#)

[Apprenticeships.scot](#)

East Lothian Council Opportunities - www.myjobscotland.gov.uk

[Modern Apprenticeship - Digital Services - East Lothian Housing Association \(elha.com\)](#)

<https://www.apprenticeships.scot/vacancy-details/?refCode=160960>

[Edinburgh Opportunities](#)

[KPG Virtual Application Support Session](#)

Please remember our colleagues at Skills Development Scotland are on hand to support your children with their career plans. If your young person would like some support finding and applying for a job or training programme then please call 0131 665 3120 to get professional help and advice from qualified careers advisers across East Lothian.

Contact

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of your young person please contact 01368 863 339 or email admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk or pupilsupport@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk