



Dunbar Grammar School



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Important Information

How to Be Your Best Online Presentations

Broad General Education (BGE) S1-S3 - Evening of Wednesday 2nd September online.

Please see the information [letter](#).

Thank you to all who could attend our Senior Phase Presentation. Please see the UCAS information [S5 UCAS Presentation](#) and [S6 UCAS Presentation](#) and presentations from the evening - [S4 Presentation](#) [S5 Presentation](#) & [S6 Presentation](#)

Flu Vaccine forms will be sent out in Registration from Monday and must be returned to school by **Thursday 10th September**. Late returns may not be accepted.

Holiday payment deadline - Free School Meals

You may have previously received holiday payments for your child. Please check this important update and apply by **9 Oct** if eligible: [FSM Update](#)

Job Opportunities @DGS

Currently we have an opening for a Maths and a Computing Teacher, please see www.myjobscotland.gov.uk

General Information

Tempest Photographs- S1, S4 and S6 individual photographs will be taken on the morning of **Wednesday 7th October**. The S6 Group Photograph will be taken therefore all S6 students are expected to attend from 9am.



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The Heather Shanks Award for Commitment and Participation

Miss Shanks was a well-loved teacher and member of the DGS community. This award may be given for demonstration of commitment and participation in our school community during the last 12 months (or more) and is open to all students who were in S4-S6 last session.

Nominations can be made by staff, parents and students (self-nomination allowed) and should provide details of the activities that the young person has been involved in (Miss Shanks would have known about these!) - these activities may take place in or outside of school. Please use the link below to nominate, please note the link closes on **4th**

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOuDLsyMLrfBSfO4uUbclRdDjFWZrlzHOb oJZgF3y1W5zdRQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

School Show

After the success of High School Musical Jr in June, we are putting on Frozen Jr in 2027. This is a fun way for pupils to meet new people and build confidence. If your child is interested and wants to know more about the school show, they should come to a meeting at 1:15pm in G29 (Music department) on Wednesday 26th August. This is for ALL pupils, no experience in Drama, Singing or Dance is required [Meeting Information](#)

Sextortion Communication

Please see the [communication](#) from Police Scotland regarding sextortion. Should you have any concerns around this topic regarding your young person, please do contact pupilsupport@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk

Bistro - Please see the rolling 3 week menu for the Bistro [MENU](#)

House System

Our House teams are here to help if you have any concerns or would like to inform us of something. If you would like to speak to your son or daughter's Guidance teacher or Pupil Support Worker please call the school directly 01368 863 339 or email pupilsupport@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk. Please note that the team is not always able to meet with parents and carers during the school without prior appointment.

Monday Surgery

From Monday 24th August there will be a regular **Monday Surgery** from 6 – 8pm where I 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.



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Important Dates

Please see the most up to date [Parent Calendar](#) for information on Consultation Evenings, Reports and other important information.

Guardian Summaries

Guardian summaries allow parents to receive regular updates by email of assignments posted to students in their Google classrooms. The summaries allow parents to keep track of any upcoming, late or missing assignments and if you have a Google email account you can also manage the frequency of such updates. To sign up for guardian summaries, students must give consent by filling in the consent form linked below. It is important that they supply an email address which matches the stored e-mail address on your school record. To set this up, follow these steps: Sign into Google using their EduBuzz account. Complete the consent form by following the link below

[Google Guardian Consent - Google Forms](#)

[Home Learning Policy](#)

Sports News

Well done to Amy E, Mirren R, Islay D, Aimee M, Katie M and Sula S for all being selected for the South Under 16s & 18s Rugby Squads.

Well done to the Under 14s and 15s boys teams who picked up great wins against North Berwick at Hallhill last Saturday.

Good luck to ex student Faye Sutherland who has been selected for Scotland A vs the Netherlands on Saturday.

DRFC Fixtures:

Boys on Saturday

Under 14s vs Peebles 10:00 K.O @ Hallhill

Under 15s vs Peebles 11:00 K.O @ Hallhill

Under 18s vs Lasswade 10:30 K.O @ Hallhill

Girls on Sunday

Under 14s vs Linlithgow 10:00 K.O @ Linlithgow RFC

Under 16s vs Dundee 11:00 K.O @ Dundee RFC



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Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council

Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council AGM is on Monday 7th September, 7-830pm followed by a planning session for the year ahead

We warmly invite you to come along to the AGM followed by a chance to shape what topics and issues the parent council prioritises for 26/27.

We hope to see you there. Join us at the school or email dgsparentcouncil@gmail.com to join online.

All are welcome.

For updates follow us on Instagram @dgsparentcouncil or on Facebook [Dunbar Grammar School Council GROUP DGSA](#)

Dunbar Grammar School Fundraising SCIO update

This week grants were approved to support the school chess club, the school show and home economics.

We also held the first Dunbar Traitors experience for adults at the Harbour Chapel and had a wicked time.

Huge thanks to the Harbour Chapel for providing such a fantastic venue, Re-Use Scotland for the brilliant props and Dunbar Co-op for snack food which kept people going through the plotting.

It was a fun night we hope to pop up again in future.

The sell-out line dancing event takes place on Sunday. Ticket holders, have your cowboy boots (or trainers) ready.

Our next meeting will be in early October and the Christmas Market at Dunbar Grammar School will be on Thursday November 19. Details on booking stall tables to be released soon.

To find out more about fundraising for Dunbar Grammar School email chairdgsa@gmail.com



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S1 - S3 Information

Dunbar Youth Club

As part of the redevelopment of youth provision in Dunbar, we are running a free two-week taster programme for S1 and S2 pupils. The [flyer](#) promotes the free taster sessions taking place at the Bleachingfield Centre on Tuesdays - 25th of August and 1st of September.

Senior Phase Information

Active Schools

The registration for **Scottish Schools Athletics Road Race** is now Open

Date: 7th October

Venue: Pittencrieff Park Dunfermline

Cost: TBC

TRANSPORT WILL BE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY UNLESS WE CAN GET A GOOD NUMBER OF PUPILS SIGNED UP

If you wish to register your child for this race please contact smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk before the **9th September**

All DGS Sports Clubs have gone live. Please follow instructions below:

New Active Schools Booking System

This year, Active Schools is using a new online booking platform for all clubs and activities:

<https://eastlothian.zipporah.co.uk/Events/CourseBookingProcess>

Create account then:

How to find a Club:

1. Open the booking link above.
2. In the side menu, use the drop-down options:
 - o Select Event Type: *Active Schools and Active East Lothian*
 - o Select Category: *Secondary Dunbar Grammar*
3. This will display the available events.

You will need to set up an account to be able to book any events. If you have any questions or need more info, contact DGS Active Schools smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk

Please see [Timetable 1](#) and [Timetable 2](#) for a list of clubs available.



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Careers/Further Study

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

Apprenticeships.scot

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

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.



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Community Information

Join the Adventure!

Audition for Peter Pans, The Brunton's Professional Pantomime.

This December, The Brunton's much loved annual pantomime returns to the Corn Exchange, Haddington, and we're looking for 24 young performers from P4-S4 to join the chorus of this year's professional production, Peter Pans.

Whether you are an experienced performer or completely new to the stage, we'd love to hear from you! We're looking for young people with enthusiasm, confidence, personality, and a willingness to give things a go. Performing alongside our professional cast, our young company play a vital role in bringing the magic of pantomime to life, filling the stage with energy, excitement, and plenty of festive fun. Talking part is a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, make new friends, develop performance skills, and create unforgettable memories as part of a professional production.

No previous experience required.

Auditions will take place on **Wednesday 9 September** at the Corn Exchange, Haddington. The audition process is designed to be fun and workshop-based, providing a friendly, supportive, and relaxed atmosphere for all participants.

S1-S4

Registration: 6.00pm - 6.30pm

Audition: 6.30pm-8.30pm

How to Apply

Audition places must be booked in advance by emailing:

theatreadmin@eastlothian.gov.uk

Please include the following information:

- Child's Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- School
- Emergency Contact Information
- Medical Information (if applicable)



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Further Information

For full audition details, please visit:

<https://www.thebrunton.co.uk/latest-news/2026/august/panto-audition-announcement>

Being part of The Brunton's Panto Chorus is an exciting and rewarding experience, but it does require a strong commitment. Rehearsals take place throughout the autumn, with additional rehearsals and performances during the festive period. Successful auditionees must be available for all scheduled rehearsals and their allocated performance dates, as attendance, reliability and teamwork are essential to the success of the production.



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POOL TABLE | **FOOTBALL** | **GAMES HALL BOARD GAMES** | **X BOX** | **ARTS & CRAFTS** | **MUSIC & SPEAKER**

DUNBAR YOUTH CLUB

FREE 2 WEEK TASTER SESSION
Come along, give it a go
and see if Youth Club is for you!

***FOR S1 & S2's**

WHEN? **TUESDAY**
25TH OF AUGUST & 1ST OF SEPTEMBER
6PM – 7.30PM

WHERE? **BLEACHINGFIELD CENTRE,**
IN THE YOUTH ROOM
(NEXT TO CAFÉ)

AT THE TASTER:

- ✓ Free snack
- ✓ Water / diluting juice
- ✓ Tuck shop available (prices apply)

ENJOYED THE TASTER?

Want to keep coming?
We'd love to have you!

- ✓ £2 one-off joining fee
- ✓ £1 per week

Fees only apply after your free 2-week taster.

COME AND...

- ✓ Meet new people
- ✓ Try new activities
- ✓ Have fun and be yourself!

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

If you decide to join after the free taster, places will be offered on a **first come, first served** basis.
A waiting list will be available once spaces are filled.

ANY QUESTION OR FOR MORE INFO,
PLEASE EMAIL: connect-dunbar@eastlothian.gov.uk
OR MSG 07989 737021



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MEET THE SEABIRD SCIENTIST

Overview: Hear from staff at marine conservation and education charity, the Scottish Seabird Centre, about their roles, career paths, and experiences of working in the environmental sector. Find out about different careers in the field, plus receive advice on how to gain experience and build the necessary skills for a job in the sector. Introductory PowerPoint followed by a Q&A.

Duration: 30-45mins

Location: Online

Suitable for: Upper primary (P5-P7) & secondary (S1-S6)

Cost: Free

Please note: Provision of outreach is dependent on location of the school and availability of the SSC Outreach Team.

To enquire about a workshop, please contact aliced@seabird.org



Scottish
Seabird
Centre



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Carefest 2026

Friday 23rd October

Exclusive Use

Dunbar Swimming Pool



Opportunity for Free access for Care Experienced Children, Young People and Young Carers to all the fun Dunbar Swimming Pool has to offer

Friday 23rd October
Dunbar Swimming Pool
5:30pm – 6:30pm

What to expect

50 Free spaces

No proof of status required on arrival at event

Access to the **flume, slides and wave machine**

Lifeguards on duty

Adult : Child Ratios will apply :

Under 8s: Maximum 1 adult to 2 children

8 years +: May swim unaccompanied.

Booking

Please email mprior1@eastlothian.gov.uk to book your space

Please include the names, ages & ELC school for the young people you are booking for.

Schools can also support to send the above email if parents/carers would prefer.





Calling all East Lothian Adoptive Parents!

Do you have kids aged 12+ ?

Would they like to be part of something unique? Something to call their own?

Would they like to influence positive change to the Care system?

Do they have 1.5 hours spare every fortnight?

Do they like pizza, hot dogs, snacks and having a laugh?

We invite your young people to consider joining the **Champions Board**.

Open to all Care Experienced young people.

Held fortnightly in Musselburgh, 4:30pm - 6pm. FREE membership!

For more information contact Neil: nfindlay@whocaresscotland.org

Parents and Carers tell us:

"In spite of lots of changes in his life he has always wanted to keep Champs as part of his routine... having peers who are experiencing the same things has been a huge support to him...As Carers we can't speak highly enough of Champs."

"She feels valued as a member of the group and that she's included during discussions and her opinion heard. She enjoys artwork and she made a character for a recent NHS animation through Champs."

"E said she wishes Champs was on every week! My suggestion would be for other Carers or parents to bring their kids along and let them give it a go!"





Children and Young People: Rights and Protection SCQF Level 5

Delivered by East Lothian Works & Edinburgh College

Are you passionate about supporting children and young people?

This FREE course is designed for East Lothian residents who want to build knowledge, skills, and confidence in this important area.



What you'll gain:

- Understanding of children and young people's rights
- Knowledge of protection practices and responsibilities
- Skills to support safe, positive environments

Benefits include our range of employability services available at East Lothian Works, plus enrolment as an Edinburgh College student.

No previous experience required!

This course is a great introduction or refresher, so you can get started or build on existing knowledge.

📍 Course Details:

- Location: Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre
- Day: Mondays (term-time only)
- Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- Start Date: Monday 24th August 2026

Find Out More:

✉ Email: elworks@eastlothian.gov.uk

☎ Call: 01620 827262



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