



Latest News and Updates - Friday 5th September 2025

Important Information

Important Dates

S4-6 How to Be Your Best Event on 28th August - please see the Presentation

UCAS Presentation - the content of the presentation will be shared next week

Assessment Calendar

Please find our S4-S6 SQA <u>Assessment Calendar.</u> This is specific to SQA assignments and folios that will be completed during class time. Any change in dates will be clearly communicated with pupils by the class teacher via google classroom and during class time.

Please see the <u>Parent/Carer Calendar of Events</u> for information on Consultation Evenings, Reports and other important information.

S6 UCAS Discovery Day

The UCAS Discovery Day was a success. The S6 students conducted themselves so well – the behaviour and uniform was impeccable. Other schools commented on how smart they looked.

Study Clubs

Please see the wide variety of <u>Supported Study Clubs</u> and <u>Extra Curricular Clubs</u> available for our students. We would encourage all of our senior students not to use the supported study clubs as a last minute support but to keep attending through the school year.

Annual Data Checks

Please return the completed forms as soon as possible to ensure our records are accurate.





Monday Surgery

From Monday 19th 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...

Uniform Guidelines for Session 2025/2026 - please see <u>Information</u> Please ensure all uniforms are clearly labelled with the student's name.

Digital Tools Consent Form

The 'Digital Tools Consent Form' is aimed at providing transparency regarding the tools available to learners. This library of tools will continue to grow as requests are approved and made available. By providing consent, this will enable learners to access this suite of tools from a range of council devices, whilst providing the opportunity for parents/carers to engage with these outside of the classroom too. Digital Tools Consent Form UNDER 12 Digital Tools Consent Form





Barista Skills qualification



Pupils at Dunbar Grammar School are learning to steam milk, serve customers, and manage a coffee shop — all as part of a hands-on qualification that's preparing them for life beyond the classroom.

The Barista Skills Award is one of SQA's vocational qualifications being delivered in schools across Scotland, and is aimed at helping young people build practical, real-world skills. With 161 centres currently approved to deliver the course, and certifications doubling in 2024–25, the Barista Skills qualification is becoming an increasingly popular route into hospitality and part-time employment.

We are very proud of our students for the focus from the SQA. To read more on the SQA website <u>SQA Barista Skills Qualification</u>





General Information

3 Week Menu - The Bistro

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!

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE Week of: 08/09/2025					
	8/9	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
08:30	S1	\$2	S3	S4	
	Ms. McLaren	Ms. McLaren	Ms. McLaren	Ms. McLaren	
	Assembly Hall	Assembly Hall	Assembly Hall	Assembly Hall	
		and HANDS UP SURVEY			

Good News

Sports News

Well done to the S2 boys football team who got their season off to a great start last night. The boys defeated Preston Lodge 4-0 with Reuban, Callan and Oscar (x2) getting the goals.

Well done to Callum Martin who won the Winterfield Junior Stableford Competition for August last Friday. Thanks to Mr MacDonald for Organising.

Our Fit For Girls Ambassadors attended the Sport Scotland Fit For Girls workshop at Ross High early this week. At the workshop the girls shared ideas and networked with their peers from the other East Lothian Schools on how to improve girls sport. Look out for some exciting sporting opportunities for girls at DGS in the near future.





Upcoming Fixtures

U13 Boys Rugby vs Musselburgh @ Pinky Playing Fields - Kick off 10.30am.

U14 Boys Rugby vs Musselburgh @ Pinky Playing Fields - Kick off 10.30am.

U14 Girls Rugby @ Evolution Rugby Festival @ Dalkieth RFC - Start 10am.

U16 Boys Rugby vs Musselburgh @ Hallhill - Kick off 10.30am.

U18 Boys Rugby vs Musselburgh @ Hallhill - Kick off 10.30am.

Dunbar Sporting Memories Group

A new project at Dunbar Grammar School has brought young and older sports fans together for company and friendly competition. Please see the recent article

School and sporting memories group team up | East Lothian Council

Dunbar Grammar Sports Clubs

With our clubs now underway, we kindly ask all parents to complete registration through Booking Live. This is essential as we are transitioning to a new communication platform, **SPOND**, which will be used to share updates about clubs, fixtures, and events.

Additionally, registering ensures we have up-to-date emergency contact and medical information for your child, which is vital for safeguarding purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact our Active Schools Coordinator, Scott Marnoch, at smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk.

Please use the link below to register your child for our DGS Sports Clubs via the East Lothian Booking Live system:

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





Scottish Schools Mountain Bike Championship

The Scottish Schools Mountain Bike Championship will take place on **Monday, 23rd September** at **Comrie Croft, Perthshire**.

Cost: £18 (to be covered by parents)

Transport: Parental transport required

If you wish to register your child for this event, please contact Scott Marnoch at smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk.

Please note: Entries must be submitted by 10th September

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



DGS Parent Council Meeting

@Dunbar Grammar School

Wednesday 10th September 7.15-8pm

Plan for the year ahead: What is the way forward? What matters to us as DGS parents and carers this year?

All welcome







Dunbar Grammar School (fundraising) Association Update

The annual DGS Christmas Market will take place on **Thursday November 27, 6pm to 8.30pm** in the school. Save the date on your calendar if you can. Look out for details of competitions and games associated with the event nearer the time.

Reservations from those who would like to book a stall are now being taken. It costs £20 per table plus a raffle prize if possible. Stall tables measure 60cm square and each stall is provided with two. Proof of liability insurance is required. Email dgsachristmas@gmail.com soon to book.

The next meeting of the fab fundraising team is Mon Sept 15, 6pm, Hallhill. Please drop in to find out more, it would be great to see you.



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





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.

Community Information







Dunbar Music Festival - enjoy free live music across town with your family

<u>Dunbar Music Festival</u> is happening once again from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 September 2025.

There are lots of opportunities to enjoy a wide range of music, with over 50 gigs happening in 17 venues.

If you want to enjoy sessions with your family, some gigs worth looking out for are:

- The ELJam Youth Bands Showcase around Saturday lunchtime at the Royal British Legion on the High Street includes several bands from Dunbar Grammar as well as talent from other high schools across the county
- Battle of the Bands Prize Winners is a bonus event Sunday from 12 at the Royal British Legion celebrating the finest high school talent who have won previous ELJam competitions this year.
- Four great gigs in Lauderdale Park Saturday and Sunday with refreshments available from Wishing Tree Cafe and their monthly craft market.
- Friday night ceilidh dance the night away with your family at West Barns Bowling Club.
- Busking up and down the High Street from Saturday morning. If you want to take part, you can register on our website. We welcome performers with all levels of experience.

Many more gigs are happening day and night in pubs and hotels across town. Depending on the time of the gig and your age, some of these will be suitable to enjoy as a family. Check with the venue if in doubt about age and entry restrictions.

Explore the programme on the Dunbar Music Festival website:

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Register to busk on Dunbar High Street: https://www.dunbarmusicfestival.co.uk/busking

Dunbar Music Festival SCIO is a registered Scottish charity (Scottish Charity No. SC052682).

It is run by local volunteers passionate about bringing the community together to enjoy live music



