



Dunbar Grammar School



Latest News and Updates - Friday 21 March 2025

Important Information

Easter Study/Revision Opportunities

Please see the [TIMETABLE](#) for Easter Revision and the [LETTER](#) and [ASSEMBLY INFORMATION](#).

Students have less than **5 weeks** before the SQA exam diet - [SQA Updated Timetable](#) We would encourage all senior students to attend supported study and further revision sessions.

Study Leave

The majority of students will begin study leave at the end of the day on Thursday 24 April however students who have an exam on Friday 25 April will go on exam leave at the end of the day on Wednesday 23 April. These students and their parents and carers will be emailed separately. If students are not sitting 3 exams then they will follow a bespoke study leave timetable and again will receive a different communication.

[Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

[Supported Study/Revision Clubs](#)

e-Sgoil - Registration for e-Sgoil's 2025 Senior Phase Easter Study Support is now OPEN. - This webinar programme is a key element of Scotland's National e-Learning Offer (NeLO) comprising of live, interactive webinars delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers. A total of 57 webinars are on offer, covering 27 subjects at different levels. Each webinar group will meet for three sessions during 7th - 11th April 2025. This provision is free to all learners. Last Easter, there were over 16,000 webinar registrations and almost all learners rated the overall quality of Easter Study Support as "excellent". The timetable, registration form, and a range of supporting documentation can all be accessed [here](#). Please note that our separate Evening Study Support webinar programme continues during term time until the start of the SQA exam diet. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with e-Sgoil. Simon Hall Programme Lead – Study Support shall24a@gnes.net
www.e-sgoil.com

Please note all senior students have been sent their glow details to access Achieve, Scholar and e-Sgoil.



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Dates for the Diary*

S6 Leavers Ceremony - Friday 4th April

S1 and S1 Activities Week 12th - 16th May

General Information

Dress Down Days

YPI Dress Down Friday 28th March - please bring a donation.

Last Day of Term Friday 4th April - no donation

Please note that Dunbar Grammar School is still a place of work and we would ask that all students give serious consideration to the appropriateness of what they wear. If you are in any doubts as to what you wear please discuss with your register teacher or a member of the senior management team.

Lockdown Procedure

Please see the [letter](#) sent to our parents/carers this week regarding our lockdown drill scheduled for the last week of term.

Lost Property

All lost property will be recycled if not collected by 28th March. Mrs Smith will return all named items to students. If students wish to check through lost property, please ask them to come to the school office at break on a Tuesday to Friday to check.

Assembly - Week Beginning 24 March - Assembly Hall

Wednesday - Period 7 - S4 - SQA Exams

Thursday - Period 4 - S5 and S6 - SQA Exams

In Assembly this week students went over the Lockdown Procedure. The purpose of this is to avoid shock and ensure there is a safe, calm, controlled response to our lockdown drill in the last week of term.



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Mobile Phone App Ten Ten

We are aware of a couple of instances of mobile phones going off in classes over the past few days. There is an app called Ten Ten which can cause a phone to allow voice messages and phone calls to play even when a phone is on silent. We have seen an increase in incidents of this over the last week.

Can we ask that you be vigilant and ask your young person not to download this app and as we have a zero tolerance approach to phones disrupting learning. Please see our [POSTER](#) on mobile phone use in school.

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 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



Scan me!



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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Good news stories:

Sports News

Good Luck to Maisie Miller in S1 who is competing in the Scottish Nationals U14 Table Tennis tournament this weekend.

S6 Students take a 2-0 lead in the events against the Staff after winning the basketball 49-16. Well done to all who took part, Miss Wilson and Oliver N share the MVP of the game award. The last Staff vs S6 event will be Uni-hoc, this will take place in the games hall on Tuesday. Speak to Caelan or Kathryn in S6 or Mr Marnoch if you would like to be involved.

S3 Girls Hockey won 7-1 against Ross High at the weekend. Naina C scored her first DGS goal and was named player of the match.

S1 Boys Football won 3-1 against Newbattle High School. The boys played brilliantly, the win securing 3rd place in the S1 Mid and East Lothian Schools League.

U14 Girls Rugby took part in the league phase of the East Emerging Schools Championships on Thursday night. The girls won 7 out of their 8 games and have now qualified for the finals day in May.

U13 Boys Rugby beat North Berwick 43-35.

U14 Boys Rugby beat North Berwick 29-26.

Upcoming Fixtures

No Hockey this weekend.

Boys Rugby Under 13-18s are all away to Peebles RFC on Saturday. All kick offs at 10am.

U16 Girls Rugby are playing in a girls rugby festival at Lasswade RFC this Sunday. Kick off is 1pm.

Staff vs S6 students Uni Hoc - Tuesday @ DGS 3.45pm start.

S1 Boys Football vs Ross High - @ Ross High - Wednesday 26th - Kick-off 4.15pm

DGS Senior Boys Basketball (S5/6) vs DGS Senior Boys Basketball (S4) - East Lothian Cup - Thursday 27th - @ DGS - Tip-off 4pm. IF the S5/6 team win the match they will be crowned East Lothian Schools Champions.

Senior Boys Football - East Lothian Schools Cup 7-aside Tournament - Friday 28th - Kick-off 1.15pm @ Pinkie Playing Fields.



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Dunbar Grammar School Council (DGSC) and Parent Council

Thank you to all who attended the DGSC meeting this week, minutes to follow.

For information about the Parent Council please email: dgsparentcouncil@gmail.com

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

Dunbar Grammar School (fundraising) Association update

Huge thanks to a generous donor who has funded camera equipment worth £650 for pupils from S1 through to S6 undertaking photography projects.

The extra, up-to-date gear will expand the range of skills pupils can learn and demonstrate for national qualifications. Brilliant to have this support.

The next meeting of the fundraising body will take place on Monday 12th May at 6pm, opening with the AGM.

Save the date and come along to find out more about ways to support the school.

The location will be confirmed as soon as possible. Also feel free to email chairdgsa@gmail.com to explore other ways of helping DGS.

Please see the [minutes](#) of the January meeting.

Please note the RYLA opportunity below is for current S5 students

Dates Sunday 20th - Sunday 27th of July

Location

RYLA 2024 will take place at Abernethy's site at Barcaple, in Dumfries and Galloway.

Costs

All are covered by the Dunbar Rotary. There is now cost to students or families.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, or RYLA, is a leadership development programme run by Rotary for young adults.

What are the benefits?

Build communication and problem-solving skills
Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
Have fun and form lasting friendships

What is involved ?

Teamwork exercises, outdoor activities such as canoeing, climbing, mountain biking and hill walking.

Who eligible?

Anyone who is willing to try something new through activity-based learning and discover new talents along the way, as well as having fun. **Please note - candidates must be no older than 17 on the last day of the week.**

RYLA programmes involve physical challenges so can be demanding. Some degree of fitness is required.

Candidate Selection

Please contact Miss Williams in M13 asap to discuss the opportunity.





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Active Schools

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

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

@dgs_sport (Twitter) @DGS Sport (facebook)

Further Study/Career Opportunities

[Please go to Further Study/Career Opportunities](#)

Community Information

Green Futures Festival - Saturday 22nd March

<https://eastlothianclimatehub.org/green-futures-festival-saturday-22nd-march/>