Dunbar Grammar School

Latest News and Updates - Friday 23 August 2024

This week:

- Important Information
- General Information
- Community Information
- Careers/Further Study

Important Information

Thank you to everyone who met with me at the Monday Surgery. It was a very positive experience to meet with so many parents and carers. Should anyone like to make an appointment there are spaces on Monday 2nd September.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our DGS Communication Strategy and will be in touch soon to consult with parents to gather initial views and feedback.

SQA Appeals

The SQA offer an appeals service, where candidates can challenge the grade received. This will involve a re-marking of exam papers and coursework, however the SQA will not consider any other evidence such as prelims and class assessments. Appeals can be generated by students through the SQA website, and they will need their SCN. I would strongly advise that students discuss any appeals with their class teachers first. They can advise on component marks, grade boundaries and the potential risks. Please be aware that grades can go down as well as up.

The deadline for appeals is Tuesday, August 27 at 11:59pm

Dunbar Grammar School Council Meeting - Thursday 5th September 7-8.30pm

'Welcome and Introductions'

The Parent Council invite all parents and carers for the first meeting of this academic year. We will be welcoming Mr Johnstone and the new Student Leadership Team. We will also plan upcoming discussion topics and our priorities for the year ahead. This meeting will be held in school.

Dunbar Grammar School

Vaccines

Flu vaccine letter for S1-S6 will be issued next week, to be returned by Friday 6 September. Vaccines will be at the end of November.

S4 Work Experience

Please see the attached communication sent out on 23rd August

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 or email admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk

DGSA Fundraiser

Book your tickets now for Afternoon Tea, with Prosecco, at Belhaven Church Hall, in aid of Dunbar Grammar School taking place on Saturday 7 September 2pm-5pm. With your support more can be invested in education and support for pupils at DGS and this is an easy way to do it, enjoying time with your friends! Great chance to win some big prizes, too - including a voucher for a £50 adventure with Ocean Vertical, voucher for a meal at Dunmuir, a mini break at Harvest Moon before the autumn's up and more! You can pay for tickets with cash at The Bear and Bull or Be Green on the High Street (they will ask for name and number which we can check at door), or, better yet, click below to book online now:

https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Edinburgh/Belhaven-Church-Dunbar/Fundraising-with-Fizz---Prosecco-Afternoon-Tea/39248478/

Home to School Transport

Students who are eligible for Home to School Transport should have a contracted bus permit with them when using the buses. Only pupils who are entitled to school travel should be using the contracted form of transport. If a replacement is required then please contact the school office. Replacement passes cost £5

Dunbar Grammar School

General Information

Bistro Menu 2024/2025

Price List High School Meals 2024/2025

Child Protection Poster

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

Dunbar Grammar School

PARENT PORTAL

Since the launch of our Parent Portal in 2022 many parents are now accessing information on their children, reporting absences, interacting with their school and easily accessing other school services including School Pay using this tool.

We are now encouraging all parents/carers to use this service which can be easily accessed via the following link and an app can also be downloaded.
www.eastlothian.gov.uk/parents-portal

Other services available include accessing pupil attendance information, timetables and useful links to outside organisations. i.e. Young Persons' Free Bus Travel

If you are having problems linking with your young person, please read Parent Guide or raise a helpdesk ticket with our helpdesk team by going to the "Help" section at the foot of the following Parents Portal login page or contact the school office for assistance 01368 863339. www.parentsportal.scot

S1 Lockers

Lockers are offered at a cost of £10 per student (£0 for Free School Meal) and remain the responsibility of the students until study leave begins at the end of 6th year or when they leave school. £5 will be returned to the student when they leave school if they return the locker key. Locker contract forms will be issued to students via their registration teachers, on receipt of payment on SchoolPay or if a student is entitled to Free School Meals.

We will get lockers forms for students to complete next week and then we will distribute locker keys in PSE classes in the week beginning 26th August.

The conditions for rental are as follows:-

- Sharing of lockers or swapping of lockers and keys is not allowed
- Loss of locker key should be reported to the office where a replacement locker key will cost £5
- Any wilful damage to the lockers will be paid for by parents/carers

Dunbar Grammar School

SQA Portfolio Returns - Art & Design/Photography

If you would like the Art and Design and/or the Higher Photography work returned from the SQA please pay £3.91 in SchoolPay. This is found in School Shop and under the drop down option Art & Design/Photography.

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

DGS Sports Clubs are starting up the week of the 26th. 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

Scottish Schools Athletics Road Race is now open to enter. If your child would like to run in this race please contact our Active School Coordinator: smarnoch@elcschool.org.uk before 09/09/25.

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

Dunbar Grammar School



Dunbar Grammar School

Community Information



Belhaven Masterplan

Help us make Belhaven more friendly for walking, wheeling and cycling!

The **Belhaven Masterplan** project aims to improve conditions for people walking, wheeling and cycling across Belhaven.

East Lothian Council have identified several areas for improvement across the Belhaven area but not all the proposals can be delivered at once. The intention is that the proposals will be delivered in phases, and we want to understand what you think.

Community engagement on the preferred design options is now underway, with a view to understand the priorities of different members of the Belhaven community. We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposals.

DROP-IN EVENT

Join us at Dunbar Town House Museum & Gallery
High St, Dunbar EH42 1ER
Thursday 5th September 2024
Drop in between 3pm and 7pm

ONLINE SURVEY

until 6th October

You can access more information and take our survey on-line by **scanning the QR code** or visiting: https://tinyurl.com/belhavenmp

Paper copies of the survey are available to collect and return to Dunbar Library and Area Office, based in the Bleachingfield Centre.

Stantec

Dunbar Grammar School

Careers/Further Study

Job vacancies - East Lothian Works | East Lothian Council

Apprenticeships.scot

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

Opportunities in Edinburgh and Lothians

Apprentice Mechanical Engineer Bruntons Aero Products

Apprentice Administration Assistant Haddington

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