

Summer 2018 update

With the summer holiday just around the corner I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils, staff and parents of Linlithgow Academy for their hard work this session.

Staffing update

Retirements -

In PE, Mrs Baynham is retiring after 39 years of service.

Chris Morrison, the School Librarian is retiring after 36 years of service.

Shirley Brydon, Science Technician is retiring after 28 years of service.

Anne Shepherd, a member of the Office Staff, is retiring after 15 years of service.

I would like to express my thanks to the above staff for their service to West Lothian Council and contribution to Linlithgow Academy over the years and to wish them a long and happy retirement.

Other staff news -

In HE, Mrs Baird is leaving to take up a post within another local authority. We wish her every success in her new school.

Mrs Scott will be returning to her post in Geography following maternity leave, with Mrs Bridges returning in September.

While some recruitment is ongoing, we are delighted to welcome Mr Collins in PE and Mr Killips in Modern Languages, as permanent members of staff. We will also be welcoming Mrs Finlay and Mrs Harding both into the Maths Department.

Uniform

You may have noticed that the shops have their uniforms for the new session out on display already. I would like to thank you in advance for your support of our uniform policy. The guidelines are below -

- Shoes – plain black
- Black trousers or skirt – not leggings (which are not trousers) or jeans (which fade to grey). Some shops sell jean style / jean cut trousers which stay black
- White or black shirt
- School logo or plain black jumper / cardigan
- School tie
- Blazer (optional)

Our uniform supplier, Logoxpres Ltd, will be in school to measure for new blazers on Tuesday 26th June in the Assembly Hall – the new S6 pupils will be sized during Period 1 & 2 and all other year groups may come down to be sized if they wish from the start of Period 3.

Pre loved blazers service

In partnership with the Parent Council, we are operating a Pre Loved Blazer rail. This type of service runs successfully in a number of independent and state schools across the country. The rail can be made available at the end of the school day and you are encouraged to come into school to help your child find a blazer of a suitable size. There is no charge for this service.

To help grow our stock, if you have a blazer which is in good condition and your child no longer needs it, please hand it into the school office. This would be much appreciated.

We would happily extend the service to ties, jumpers etc and if any parents are willing to help to promote and organise our pre loved uniform service we would love to hear from you. Contact fiona.law@westlothian.org.uk

Start time of day

Arriving straight to Period 1 class continues to have very positive impact with late coming reducing significantly. Thank you for your continued support in getting your young people to school on time.

SQA info on website

Many of our young people will be receiving SQA exam results on 7th August.

Please refer to the school website for guidelines on the SQA Priority marking (for young people with college / university offers) and the Post Results service.

Some young people may need to review their courses post exams. Mrs Mclean will be issuing a group call message with instructions on how to do this.

I know that everyone, pupils, staff and parents worked really hard for the SQA exams and I am confident that the results will reflect that effort.

Ways to follow us

The school is a very busy place with lots of activities, successes and opportunities on the go all year round. There are a number of ways to keep up to date with school life

Website - <http://www.linlithgowacademy.org/>

Twitter - @Linlithgow_Acad

School App - visit Apple or Google Play stores and search for Linlithgow Academy

In addition, we will continue to message using group call for essential information

Young Scot Cards

The kitchen has asked that pupils bring and use their Young Scot Cards to purchase food. This helps get through the queue more efficiently. There are many benefits to having a Young Scot Card. If your child needs a replacement, this can be ordered from the Main School office on a Tuesday at breaktime.

Finally

Please be aware that the school office is not staffed during the holiday period.

School finishes at 12.20 on Friday 29th June and we look forward to welcoming our new S1 group along with our returning young people on Tuesday 21st August.

Have a wonderful, restful summer break.