



Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to feel fortunate to work with our young people, staff and families as we finish for the Winter Break. Please see an update on school procedures and some of the highlights so far last term. We want to celebrate and recognise the achievements of our young people – please get in touch with your young person’s Pastoral Care Teacher or through the QR Code below to share any achievements.

### Some highlights...

- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Winner:** Kodie Stewart was the first Lochend Community High School Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award winner. We are very proud of this magnificent achievement. Kodie and the following young people all received their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at the recent Glasgow Award ceremony. We are so proud of all of their achievements.

**Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Winners:** Dean Findlay, Lee McLuckie, Jayden Whitton.

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Winners:** Brooke Callaghan, Madison Clark, Kadey Rae, Sophie Perrie, Brooke Chatterton, Jack Boyce, Ross McKay, Nina Johnstone, Skye Allison, Brendon Ndlovu, Mirryn Robertson, Lucas Bedi, Ben Heenan, Lilly Irvine, Benjamin Logan, Sophia Velasquez.

- Benjamin Logan (S4, Flute), Konnie Usman (S2, Clarinet) and Jamie Miller (S6, Snare Drum) performed Glasgow Create Christmas Concert Band. Laila Hunter (S2) also played at the Bishopbriggs Christmas lights switch on. Kanyinsola Usman and Benjamin Logan also played in the Glasgow Schools Orchestra. A number of our young people represented the school at the Glasgow Fort Carol Singing to raise funds for the School Fund this year. We are very grateful to the Area Partnership Fund for providing us with funding for new Timpani Drums.
- Jaxon Robertson and Damien Blyth successfully participated in a Mini Hyrox Nightmare Games event and Mia Shepherd, Angel Gilfillan, Amelia Mackenzie and Jessica McMahon represented the school at the Gymfest competition.
- Young people with an interest in Art and Design had the opportunity to attend an inspiring presentation from Artist/Sculptor David Mach.
- The Junior Leadership Team and Senior School volunteers took part in a Glasgow Liveable Neighbourhoods Project, exploring place-making around Lochend, current routes to school and opportunities for creating relaxing, social and green routes/spaces in the local area.
- Captain Alan McGregor, a training instructor from Jet 2, gave an inspiring careers talk to our young people.
- The school hosted a Careers and Pathways Event where over 26 partners joined us to share information about positive destinations to support future choices.
- Basma Al Bishari Ahmed, Nasma Al Bishari Ahmed, Christabel Ampem-Siaw and Elizabeth Mbramizi presented at PARTIE 24, Glasgow City Council’s yearly anti-racism education

summit. Glasgow City Council's Anti-Racism Charter was launched in October 2023. A number of our young people were also invited to participate in the new affinity group Anti-Racism Conversations.

- The Languages department provided a free reward trip to Vue Cinema at Glasgow Fort. The pupils that attended were nominated by their teachers in English and Modern Languages for exceeding expectations with their positive attitudes to lessons, hard work and determination in class. They were a credit to the school and behaved exceptionally.
- Our S1 young people have been completing the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) during their Wider Achievement class. The winning presentation was delivered by Hailey Black, Maci Clark, Brooke Deans, Andrea Langlands and Lexi Sneddon (S1). As a result of their endeavours their chosen charity (GEEAP) will receive a £3000 donation from Lochend and The Wood Foundation.
- Career Ready Mentors provided very positive feedback about our young people who were involved in the Summer internship. These involved Abbi Morrison, Liam McGinty, Skye Allison, Mason Kerr, Monica Dima and Elle Burton.
- Our Creative Industries Faculty was successful in securing £10000 funding to provide young people with free fruit and vegetables for a year through Tesco's 'Stronger Starts Fruit & Veg for Schools' community programme.
- Sophie Gibson, Kayla Napier and Chanelle Townsley (S1) are participating in the STEM Leidos Challenge where they have chosen the challenge of designing a fully inclusive and accessible cinema. They will be working closely with our industry mentor from Leidos throughout this project and the team has some really innovative ideas so far. We are looking forward to continuing work on this project until the showcase event in June.
- Our Parent Council and school staff worked together to provide a free Christmas Movie and snacks evening. Thank you to all of the families who joined us for this.
- Following pupil requests, our staff are providing an afternoon of fun activities for the end of term which will include Karaoke, Arts and Crafts, 5 a side football, an inflatable assault course and bungee run and movies.

## **School updates...**

### Promoting Positive Relationships

Following the consultation with families and staff, we are continuing to support our young people to follow the agreed mobile phone policy in learning spaces:

- Mobile phones must now be placed in a young person's bag at the front or bag of the classroom (within the teacher and young person's view). Any Parent/Carer who requires to contact their child in an emergency during class time should contact the School Office and contact will be made immediately.
- A further reminder that it is against Glasgow City Council Policy for young people to bring hot food purchased in the community into the school at break or lunchtime. Young people are permitted and encouraged to take water only into a learning area with them.

- Our young people have been working hard over this term and have been gathering weekly merits from class teachers. Certificates have been awarded at assemblies for young people who have achieved the most merits. As a merit reward, 75 of our young people will be attending the Christmas panto at Platform on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- Many thanks to all parents/carers who completed our recent survey. As a result of your feedback, you will receive regular emails about your young person's merit achievements and you'll also be informed of demerits via email. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### P.E. Kit

As of January:

- Young people who have P.E. period 1 in the day will be permitted to come into school wearing P.E. kit for their lesson. THEY MUST BRING SCHOOL UNIFORM TO CHANGE INTO AFTER THEIR LESSON.
- Young people who have P.E. last period are permitted to leave school wearing P.E. kit if they choose to. THEY MUST WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM AT ALL OTHER LESSONS.

### S5/6 School Prom

The S5/6 Senior Prom has now been confirmed for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at The Village Hotel Glasgow. Thank you to those that have paid their £10 deposit for the event. Please speak with your Pastoral Care Teacher if you need support with this payment. All S5/6 pupils are encouraged to attend. The school has a small supply of donated clothing and accessories for anyone who would like to have a look. Deposits can still be paid to Miss Lees at your earliest convenience to secure your place.

### **Parent / Carer Council**

We are looking for new members to join our Parent / Carer Council. This is open to all Parents / Carers who have young people at Lochend Community High School. Our next meeting of the session will take place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 4.15pm – 5.15pm.

### **What is the role of the Parent Council?**

The Parent Council helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter, and where they feel confident and comfortable putting them forward. They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. They do not get involved in individual circumstances relating to children or staff in the school.

### Pastoral Care Staff

Your young person sees their Pastoral Care Teacher once a week in Personal and Social Education and they know your young person really well. Their allocated Pastoral Care Teacher is ideally placed to answer and questions and should always be your first point of contact with the school. Young people are also able to arrange an appointment with their Pastoral Care Teacher through our QR Code system to seek advice/discuss any concerns.

Arran: Mr Burrows

Mull: Ms Gennings

ENP: Ms Bernier

Islay: Mrs Neil

Skye: Mr McGovern

### School Dress Code

We continue to be so impressed by our young people and family's commitment to supporting the School Uniform. It truly does bring a real sense of school pride and identity, shared values, self-confidence and a shared sense of community. Please alert the School Office or Pastoral Care if your child/family require any support in providing school uniform and we will do all that we can to help.

The school uniform is:

- White shirt
- School tie
- Black trousers (plain black shorts – not branded or cycling – can be worn along with white shirt or white polo shirt in warm weather)
- Black skirt
- Appropriate school footwear
- LCHS hoodie or plain black hoodie

We would like to recognise more of our young people's achievements. Please share any of these on the QR code below. Thanks.



**Please see community supports on offer below:**

Glasgow City HSCP		Festive Support 2024 (Page 1 of 5)			£
Organisation	Address	Support being offered	When	Who is this for?	How to access
Wood Social Club	15 Wood Street, Glasgow G31 3BZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas lunch</li> </ul>	22nd Dec 24 (Time to be arranged)	Anyone	Book your place by clicking: <a href="#">Wood Street Social Club</a> or call Jimmy 07588 134409 or Kim 07902 527249
Salvation Army	Parkhead corps: 136 Tollcross Road, Glasgow G1 4XA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas meal</li> </ul>	Christmas Meal: 25th Dec at 1230	Families with children 0-16. Referred by Health Visitor, Social Worker	For more information email <a href="mailto:flora.muir@salvationarmy.org.uk">flora.muir@salvationarmy.org.uk</a> or call 0141 654 7437
Hope Hub	37 South Portland Street, G5 8JL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Meal</li> </ul>	25th Dec 3pm	Anyone	Just turn up on the day. A mini bus is available to these who need it. Call Laura 07783 709626 to book. For more information, click <a href="#">Facebook</a>
Cranhill Development Trust	109 Belrock Street, Cranhill, Glasgow G33 3HE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas presents</li> <li>Warm clothing</li> <li>Various festive activities</li> </ul>	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (Closed 24/12-6/01)	Anyone	Click on <a href="#">Cranhill Facebook</a> for more information Email: <a href="mailto:emma@cranhilldt.org.uk">emma@cranhilldt.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:info@cranhilldt.org.uk">info@cranhilldt.org.uk</a>

Thank you again for your support and I very much look forward to continuing to work with you this session.

Katy Anderson

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