

Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes

Thursday 6th March 2026



	Actioned By:
<p>Present Audra MacPhee, Gordon Muir, Edward Ford, Maxine Paterson, Lisa McAllister, Kirsteen Boyd, Cristina Radulescu, Colin Shearer, Cllr Leckie, Cllr McCulloch, Cllr Hughes, Jennifer Di Mambro.</p>	
<p>Apologies Apologies received from Moira Williams and Jemma Millar.</p>	
<p>Welcome Audra MacPhee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from last PC meeting circulated. Approved – Gordon Muir, seconded – Edward Ford.</p>	
<p>HT Update</p> <p>Staffing Nicola Wilson Faculty Head of Health & Wellbeing has been granted a career break from April 2026-August 2027. Acting FH H&W will be interviewed on Monday 9th March. There is an advert on myjobscotland for Teacher of Technological Studies, application closes on 13th March. The proposed staffing meeting for 2026-27 took place in February, there will be minimal changes to staffing numbers. Staffing for 2026/27: Requested probationer for Music and English. Maternity cover for Nicola McGinty – Social Subjects teacher & PT Pupil Support. Maternity cover for various other staff members.</p> <p>Inspection Feedback After a rigorous quality assurance process, the letter and full School Inspection Report will be published in March. The date and access to this will be shared with all parents/carers by the school.</p> <p>Attainment Pathways interviews are being carried out for S4/5 by G Russell and C MacKay. S2 interviews are complete and final decisions are now being agreed with parent/carers. S4 Mentor Scheme is underway to support pupils who are currently not on track in all subject areas. Easter school will be offered this year. S Higgins is organising this and the initial plan is to split the support over the two weeks. More details will be shared in the next few weeks. An alternative timetable will be shared with pupils who do not have SQA exams in May. S6 leaver celebrations will be on Thursday 2nd April. S6 pupils do not have to attend on 20th & 21st April however they have the option to attend on these days. Study leave will officially start for S4/5 on 22nd April however pupils with Spanish on 22nd will be granted study leave from 21st April.</p>	

Community Event

The pupil leadership team at Calderhead High School are hosting a bingo event on Tuesday 17th March, 6pm - 7.30pm to raise money for the school fund and to build on the school value of Community. Bingo books are available for £5 and there will be cash prizes on offer. This event is open to parent/carers of S4-6 initially.

Edward Ford raised concerns over young people organising the Bingo Event and enquired if the school have a Gambling Licence. The school does not have a licence, Jennifer Di Mambro will take advice and get back to us.

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Several parents from PC have offered to help at this event should it go ahead.

Reward Trip

This year there will be an end of year Calderhead CARES Reward Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Wednesday 24th June 2026. Pupils who meet the criteria of attendance, timekeeping and conduct as well as displaying our school values will be invited to attend. Parents/carers will be asked to cover transport costs however the school will cover the cost of the park entry.

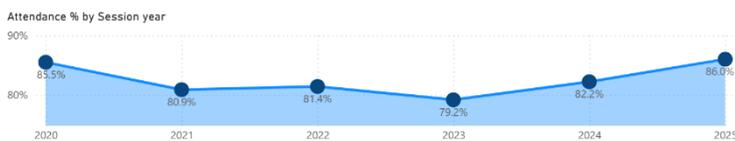
Attendance

Overview

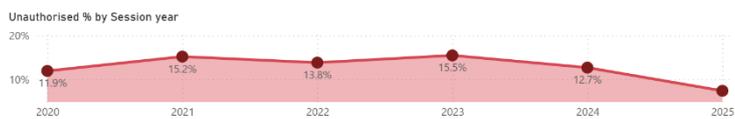
Secondary 2025 - Calderhead High School



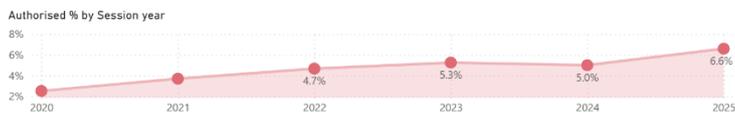
Attendance % **86.0%** Unauthorised absence % **7.4%** Authorised absence % **6.6%** % Persistent absentees **47.8%** # Exclusion openings **28**



Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Secondary	85.5%	80.9%	81.4%	79.2%	82.2%	86.0%
Total	85.5%	80.9%	81.4%	79.2%	82.2%	86.0%



Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Secondary	11.9%	15.2%	13.8%	15.5%	12.7%	7.4%
Total	11.9%	15.2%	13.8%	15.5%	12.7%	7.4%



Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Secondary	2.5%	3.7%	4.7%	5.3%	5.0%	6.6%
Total	2.5%	3.7%	4.7%	5.3%	5.0%	6.6%

Parental Engagement

March Newsletter was issued on 3rd March

Wider Achievement

We are very proud of the success of our young people – I encourage you to read about our many successes over the previous month in our newsletter.

Parental Engagement Update

We have focussed on 3 key areas to improve parental engagement and will track performance against these areas, namely communication, response and events at each PC meeting.

Parental Involvement and Engagement Audit Toolkit

School: Calderhead HS Completed by: Jennifer Di Mambro (School) & Audra MacPhee (Parent Council)

Date Completed: 24/10/25 Date for Planned Review: October 2026

Choose selection of questions from above (eg)	How are we doing?	How do we know?	What are we going to do now?	When are we going to do it?
How effective are communication channels at delivering critical school and student specific information across the domains of education / support for learning, attendance / wellbeing, success / celebration?				
What steps could be taken to make it easier or more appealing for parents / carers to provide feedback and / or engage in dialogue after receiving feedback or contact with the school?				
How successful are our positive destination related school events (e.g. study skills workshops, DYW, careers events) in maximising attendance among target parent groups and driving specific parental actions and / or follow-up engagement?				

RAG System

Red- no evidence Yellow – Some evidence Green – Working well Purple- Working very well

Communication of events / information / successes from PC via FB / X.

Fundraising

Easyfundraising has been running for over 3 months now. We have 38 supporters and a total of £176.09 earned to date.

Audra MacPhee will contact Easyfundraising to establish payment cycles and liaise with Jennifer Di Mambro regarding payment to school fund, as agreed.

Given the limited uptake to date we will continue to:

- Publicise Easyfundraising – parents / carers, pupils, wider community.
- Send regular updates on funds generated.
- Promote the donation reminder to ensure those who have joined are earning for us.

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2026 Planning

Some discussion around topics for future meetings. It was agreed that we would review previous visits to PC from staff / community and perhaps look at re-visiting some of these sessions.

Suggestions to date:

- Campus Police Officer
- Subject specialists: PE, Maths, English, Modern languages
- School captains / senior pupils
- Pupil support
- Fundraising session
- Event planning
- Study skills

If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions please get in touch.

Our next meeting in May is expected to focus on HMIE Inspection results.

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Issues around toilets in the school have been raised at previous meetings in particular the female toilets and storage of sanitary products. This has been handed over to Pupil Council to look into however there have been concerns about storage devices used for this given safety concerns relating to the size of toilet cubicles and also the issue of fixture to the cubicle door. As per previous minutes, young people have been informed that they can use

<p>accessible toilets across the school building and the senior girls toilet upstairs meantime. Jennifer Di Mambro to liaise with Cameron Mackay (Pupil Council Staff Member).</p> <p>Kirsteen Boyd gave some positive feedback on this week's S3 Parents Evening, regarding the smooth running of the event and access to teachers etc. Edward Ford mentioned that his experience at his last Parent's Evening was that it was a bit chaotic but that he had the opportunity to catch up with staff.</p> <p>Jennifer Di Mambro told us that the school are looking into on-line booking systems, TBC.</p>	<p>JD</p>
<p>Next Meeting Next meeting is Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 18:00, Calderhead HS, all parents / carers of pupils at CHS are invited to attend.</p>	