7 September 2026

Linwood High School Newsletter

Time to THRIVE – Our School Review

On **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September**, Linwood High School will welcome colleagues from **Renfrewshire Council** as they undertake an **Authority School Review.**

Across the two days, the review team will experience school life at Linwood first-hand. They will tour our school and visit classes, speak with our young people and staff, and take part in a range of focused meetings exploring key areas of our **School Improvement Plan** and specific E**ducation Scotland Quality Indicators.**

This is an important opportunity for us to reflect on our progress, but more importantly, it is an opportunity to **share and celebrate everything that makes Linwood High School special** – the learning taking place every day, the relationships across our school community, the achievements of our young people and the commitment of our staff to ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to succeed.

As we continue to prepare for a future Education Scotland inspection, we want our visitors to see Linwood as it really is: **a school with high expectations, a strong sense of community and an ambition to keep getting better.**

Our young people are at the heart of everything we do, and we want them to feel proud to talk about their school, their learning, their achievements and the ways in which they are supported to be the very best they can be.

This is **our time to THRIVE.**

Our time to show how far we have come.
Our time to celebrate what we do well.
Our time to demonstrate our ambition for what comes next.
LHS THRIVE: Where Every Learner Grows.

We look forward to welcoming the review team and sharing the very best of Linwood High School and our wonderful school community

Mr Hammond
Acting Head Teacher

REMINDER: Linwood High is allergy aware.
Please do not bring any NUT products into school

Magic Breakfast

Where: Street Area
When: 8.20am every morning
Who: Everyone very welcome
What: Toast, Crumpets, Bagels, Porridge, Cereal, Beans

Free

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Assemblies

S1	Mrs Shaw
S2	Mrs Shaw
S3	Mr Clark
S4	Ms Cowan
S5	Mrs Keogh
S6	Mrs Bell

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2026–27

Leadership Academy – Applications Close TODAY! Monday 7 September

A gentle reminder following last week's assemblies that applications for the Leadership Academy are due by the end of today!
If you haven't applied yet, there is still time (just!!) 😊
This is a fantastic opportunity to have your voice heard, develop your leadership skills, make a positive difference in our school and build valuable experience for your future.
The QR code to apply is on the Leadership Academy noticeboard and is also attached here.

Don't miss out – get your application in before the end of the day!

Hands up Survey

The Hands Up Scotland Survey will take place on
Friday 11 September 2026
during period 1

DYW Contact - Debbie McKellar, SDS and INVEST

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Parent Information

School Uniforms

Do you have any preloved school uniforms that you no longer require?

Donations welcome !

Parent Meetings

P7 Information Evening Wed 23 Sept 26 P7

School Support Service

Adviser will be in school between 9am - 1 pm
to make an appointment
with Margaret from Advise Works, call 0141 8892121

30	September	2026
28	October	2026
25	November	2026
16	December	2026
20	January	2027
24	February	2027
24	March	2027
28	April	2027
26	May	2027
23	June	2027

Notification

Please provide your child with a water bottle. Cups will no longer be available from the school office.

Parent Council Meeting

Wed 7 October

Immunisations

Flu : 26 October - Pupils only - GamesHall

HPV :

Teen Booster :

Calculators

If you would like to purchase a calculator please contact us
linwoodhighenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

£11:55

We will get this added onto ParentPay

Upcoming Events

LHS Senior Awards -
Wednesday 16 September 6:30pm

Did anyone leave their water bottle in the Kintyre Base

Parent Links

FSMCG

http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants

EMA

https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/education-schools-and-adult-learning/education-maintenance-allowance-ema

PARENT PAY - ONLINE ACCOUNT

https://app.parentpay.com
ParentPay is a secure online payment system that replaces cash payments for school meals, trips, events and activities in our schools and nurseries.

PARENT PORTAL

We are moving to digital communication
Please sign up to Parent Portal

- your child's class timetable
- monitor your child's attendance
- complete the annual data check process
- update you and your child's details anytime
- view your child's report card

WWW.PARENTSPORTAL.SCOT.

PUPIL OF THE MONTH

Sclence
S3 P McCurday
S1 G McGregor
S1 J Purdon
S3 R McLean

History & Humanities
S1 – Mya Lamb
S2 – Aiden McLauchlan
S3 – Katie Parkhill
S4 - Ciara Wright
S5 – Callum Blacklock
S6 – Alisha Lynn

Year Group Information

S1

S2

S3

S3- We are now well into the new school session and I have seen so many positives across the school and in classes. As I always say, my aim is for us all in S3 to meet the high standards in classes, in the corridors and within the wider community. At the assembly last week, we talked about the supports available at Linwood High and if you are unsure about anything, please speak with class teachers, pastoral staff and me- we will do our best to help. Have a good week!

S4

A really positive start for those who attend college on Friday morning – well done!
You will be having learning conversations with class teachers just now so it is imperative that you use this opportunity to ask for any support and advice you need for courses. Also remember that staff will be encouraging you all to attend supported study over the coming weeks and months. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

S5

As we continue to settle into S5, our message to you is simple: aim high and give yourself the very best chance of success this year.
Every day in school matters. Being here every day, arriving on time and making the most of every lesson will make a real difference to what you can achieve

S6

Please remember to sign in for your study periods with the office and remain in the street area. This week we will be hosting the leadership interviews and ready to announce them by the end of the week. A reminder that there are plenty of opportunities arising this year in terms of leadership, including our 'Star' programme. Thanks to those who are working hard in class and being excellent role models to our younger years around the school. You are a credit to this school and I urge everyone to meet the high standards we've set together to ensure your positive legacy.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”
— John Quincy Adams

STAFF INFORMATION - TRIPS

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FOOTBALL TRIP

Everton football trip cancelled due lack of interest.
Possible Man City v Sunderland trip Sat 19th Sept, including interactives football experience at Academy before game.
£95 per pupil.
See Mrs Sweeney if interested

LHS THRIVE - WHERE EVERY LEARNER GROWS!

HELP YOURSELF OUT TROLLEYS IN PSC AND PASTORAL.
FREE TO TAKE WHAT YOU NEED.

HAVEN (TEEN CHALLENGE)

Craig is back in school on Friday's to run the lunchtime drop-in in the Conference Room. He can't wait to catch-up with some familiar faces and meet some of our new pupils too. All welcome!

QUALIFICATIONS SCOTLAND

National exams timetable 2027:
is now published here:
https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/1439.html

LIBRARY CLUB

Boardgame Club in the school library at lunchtime every Fridays.

Everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL CLUBS

NEW PLAY PARK AT EAST FULTON, LINWOOD

We are writing to you in relation to the new play park currently being developed at East Fulton, Linwood. As this play park is due to open shortly, we wish to invite local residents to help name their new park.

We invite you to complete the below survey for naming the new play park. Please pass on the survey link or QR code below to anyone else that you think may be interested in responding. Please note that the survey has also been shared with local schools, community groups and individuals we have on record that have expressed an interest in this play area.

The survey will be open until Sunday 27th September.

https://arcg.is/015ySX1

S1 TEAMBUILDING VISIT TO CASTLE SEMPLE THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026 9.15AM - 3.30PM

All of S1 are invited to a day out at Castle Semple where they will take part in activities such as kayaking, paddleboarding, raft building and bell boating. All resources and instruction will be provided by Castle Semple so everyone can take part, including wet suits and life jackets. Pupils will be in a group with a Linwood High Staff member and two S6 pupils to support them. This is a wonderful opportunity for our new S1 pupils to bond with each other while learning new skills. The day out costs **£32** per pupil, this covers 4 activities and the bus. Please give consent and payment through Parent Pay by Wednesday 23rd September. (If you have any concerns about payment please contact S1 Year Head Linda Shaw ASAP)

WHAT TO BRING ON THE DAY

Pupils are asked to wear swimwear or an old t shirt and shorts/leggings for underneath a wet suit and old trainers or swim shoes that they do not mind if they get wet or muddy (no crocs, wellies or flip flops). Bring a waterproof jacket and trousers, if you have them, and a change of clothes and towel and although there is a cafe it is best if pupils bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water.

Your Career Interview Schedule w/c 7th Sept 26
Careers Adviser: Gillian Kelly
Careers Room 1st Floor (F17 next to English)
Monday 7th Sept

Monday 7th Sept: F21

Pupil	Year Group	Appointment Time
Alex Khan	S6	10am
Kayden Green	S6	10:45am
Zara Naqvi	S6	11:15am
Lexie Cochrane	S6	11:45am
Patrick Burns	S6	12:15pm

Thursday 10th September: F21

Pupil	Year Group	Appointment Time
Max McLaughlin	S6	10am
Kai McWhinnie	S6	10:45am
Jay Morrow	S6	11:15am
Daisy Muir	S6	11:45am
Jay Paterson	S6	12:15pm

Tuesday 8th September: Library

Pupil	Year Group	Appointment Time
Sherry Ehigiator	S6	10am
Max Anderson	S6	10:45am
Luke Gilchrist	S6	11:15am
Josh Keenan	S6	11:45am
Kirsty McKee	S6	12:15pm