



Head Teacher: Mr S Steele

Depute Head Teachers: Miss E Gow, Mr E Groat, Mrs I MacKenzie, Mr D MacLean

**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref:**

**Date:** 10 May 2022

Dear S6

### **S6 Graduation Ceremony Thursday 9 June 2022**

Since 1999, the S6 Graduation has been an opportunity for S6 pupils to mark the end of their school career and look forward to the future and we are fortunate this session that we can resume such an event in the school calendar. There are now additional factors which we need to consider when planning an event on this scale and it is with this in mind that we have made some changes to the format of the evening.

We are planning four parts to the evening:

- **Assembly:** a gathering for all S6 pupils in the assembly hall – for pupils and staff
- **Procession:** led by Lochaber Schools Pipe Band – open to family, friends and the wider community to line the route and cheer on the S6 pupils
- **Garden Party:** an opportunity in the grounds of the Highland Soap Company to meet family and friends, take photographs and be entertained by Lochaber High School Wind Band
- **Dinner:** for S6 pupils and staff in the Larder Café, Highland Soap Company

Due to road crossings this event will involve an element of safety planning and the assistance of Police Scotland is part of the planning – the timings of the event will therefore be crucial and details of this are overleaf and will be highlighted in the S6 Classroom.

The event is an opportunity for formal dress, but please don't go overboard with expense! As there is a walk involved, you are advised to wear sensible shoes or take something with you for that part of the evening! If the weather looks a bit damp . . . take an umbrella . . . a procession with colourful umbrellas will add to the photo opportunities! If the weather forecast is a major concern we will require to make amendments to the Procession and Garden Party. We do hope that this is not the case but will send out information as soon as possible.

A form has been created on the classroom to gather required information for the dinner. Please complete this as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 27 May. A completed leaver's form, all textbooks and your chromebook must also be returned to school by this date, unless you require these for exam purposes. The cost of the meal is £24 and you are asked to make sure this payment is made to the school by Friday 27 May.

As this is a school event the consumption of alcohol is not permitted. We are delighted to host this in conjunction with the Highland Soap Company and request that all attending will demonstrate respectful behaviour in this business venue.

Enjoy the occasion, the memory you should have is paving the way for other year groups to celebrate in a similar style.

Yours sincerely

Isobel R MacKenzie (Mrs)  
Depute Head Teacher

<b>Dates and times for your diary!</b>	
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	Last date for completion of google form
	Last date for payment of £24 to the school
	Last date for leaver's form, chrome book etc
<b>Thursday 9 June</b>	<b>S6 Graduation</b>
<b>Assembly</b>	
5.30 – 5.45 pm	S6 gather at school
5.45 pm	S6 group photograph taken
6 pm	S6 assembly for pupils and staff
<b>Procession</b>	
6.30 pm	Pipe Band procession to HSC via the BA park – family, friends lining the route
<b>Garden Party</b>	
6.45 pm	Meet family and friends, take photographs, listen to music from Wind Band
<b>Dinner</b>	
7.15 pm	S6 pupils and staff enter Larder Café
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Formal dinner in Larder Café,
9.30 pm	Pick up from Larder Café, end of school event