

LHS Parent Council Meeting

3rd September 2024

Present: Shona Fleming (Chair), Ali Berardelli (Vice Chair), Jane Halewood (JH), Lisa Wharton (Secretary), Laura Kingswood Smith (LKS),

Apologies: Lorraine Servant, Nicola Mair, Becky McCook, Yvonne Clark, Louise Pescod, Alison Stephen, Rachel Tonks,

Welcome: The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: No minutes from June meeting (LW to check)

Treasurer's Report: unavailable, Dee will bring next time.

Head Teacher's Report

SQA Performance – (see table) These are historical key measures which does not include our college courses, and therefore when Insight is received our data should be stronger. Although we have dipped in National 5 results, we have increased in 3 + Highers, 5+ Highers and Advanced Highers.

Staffing

- We have appointed for our office auxiliary post and our science technician post.
- We have adverts out for a Teacher of Gaelic and a Teacher of Physics post.

S6 SQA Leadership – Most S6 students are undertaking this course, and most have passed

Key Measures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
5+ N5s in S4	31%	35%	37%	42%	31%	45.4%	26.4%
3+ Highers in S5	27%	21%	28%	37%	29%	20.2%	35.9%
5+ Highers in S5	7%	9%	9%	10%	12%	6.5%	9.8%
1+ Adv Higher in S6	18%	12%	13%	13%	11%	16.4%	25.6%

Module 1 and Module 2 should begin imminently.

S1 - S1s are settling in well.

S3 - Learner Conversations will take place next week.

The Hike – This takes place on Wednesday 18 September weather permitting.

Football Strips – We have new football strips sponsored by BSW.

Fundraising

- Nicola Mair has stepped down
- Shona Fleming will investigate funding through clothing recycling and report back
- Amy Exeter has volunteered to help with fundraising event
- £1500 from parent council to school for parent evening online booking system
- The pipe band / wind band may request help with funding

Fundraising suggestions still under consideration from previous minutes:

- Local Art Auction was suggested – local artists donate works, fun auction, something a bit different – could this be part of the school art exhibition in December once students have their portfolio artwork back? Suggestion for a silent auction – people put in bids in sealed envelopes over an agreed min price. Being investigated.
- Business sponsorship – letter to go out in first term, with QR code for easy donating – in progress

A.O.B

- The Cannibals of Caol musical is on 10th December

Date of next meeting: Tues 8th October, 7pm, LHS Library

LHS Parent Council Meeting Dates 24/25

- 3rd September 2024
- 8th October 2024
- 12th November 2024
- 10th December 2024
- 21st January 2025 - **AGM + Meeting**
- 25th February 2025
- 25th March 2025
- 6th May 2025
- 3rd June 2025

All meetings start at 7.00pm and will be held in the school library.