



1 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to get in touch to share some observations of our S1s since starting with us.

We feel our S1 are settling in really well. Our **Vision** at Lockerbie Academy is “*Forward Lockerbie; a caring, learning environment*”. We hope your child is coming home and sharing with you how they feel they are being cared for and how they are progressing in their learning.

Our school **Values** are **Compassion, Achieve, Respect and Equity**, which are key to achieving success at Lockerbie Academy. Interactions with, and between, each other has been very good; we are seeing lots of new friendships being established. Staff have commented on how polite our S1s are and their confidence in classes is beginning to show as they build relationships with staff.

Our S1s are displaying our school **Aims** everyday by being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. Uniform is of a very high standard; thank you for supporting us with this. S1s are following our mobile phone guidance- on silent and in bags (unless a member of staff has asked them to use it for learning).

S1 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

As part of our commitment to ensure each young person in our care is given all opportunities to achieve their potential, all S1 pupils will complete CATs beginning next week (8th September), these tests will run over two weeks. Pupils will be informed of their scheduled time slots this week.

Information about CATs (from GL Assessment):

- The UK and Ireland’s most widely-used test of reasoning abilities
- Standardised on 25,000 students with results verified each year, it enables you to accurately baseline your students against national benchmarks
- Measures verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning

There is no need for pupils to revise for these tests – they allow us to create a baseline from which to encourage pupils to improve as they progress through the BGE.

Results from these tests will be used with other data we track throughout your child’s journey with us. This will enable us to plan effectively to enhance your child’s experiences with us; this includes ensuring courses selected in the Senior Phase are at an appropriate level.

Results will not be sent out to parents, but if you contact the school these can be provided.



We **recognise achievement** through our Merits system. Pupils will start to receive certificates for their achievements. Further information can be found on our website by clicking this link [RELATIONSHIPS](#)

We share as much information as we can via Facebook to promote success, but we know we are not going to catch everyone. If you would like us to share successes please send us the information via our website <https://bit.ly/3LqTArg> or using our Facebook Messenger.

We'd like to hear how you feel your child has settled. Please complete this short survey <https://forms.office.com/e/4qYd79DHhu>

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Parent/Carer Council (LAPCC) AGM. This will be held this Wednesday 3rd September at 6.00pm.

Who to contact

ANNAN	MISS THOMPSON
DRYFE	MRS DEMPSTER
KIRTLE	MR WILLIAMSON
MILK	MRS BOWKER

If you need to log a comment, compliment or complaint, please use our electronic form <https://bit.ly/3sZgekc>

Yours faithfully



Ms K Galbraith Currie
Depute Head Teacher