



8th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

S5 ATTENDANCE

Following on from SQA exam results, any timetable changes that required to take place have now been completed. Students have full time timetables which include their selected courses, and in most cases a Wider achievement course, PE, RE and possibly study classes. Alongside this, many students also opted to become paired reading buddies and subject ambassadors to support and encourage some of our younger students with their learning.

Dumfries and Galloway Council is working hard with all schools on attendance. There is a very clear link between high attendance and success in assessments. At this important stage of school, senior pupils should be encouraged not to take on too much outside of school (for example, a limit on the number of hours worked in part-time jobs).

Moving forward, we all need to work together to ensure that your child gets the most out of S5. Attending all classes and studying hard both in and out of the class are the foundations of their future success. Every lesson they attend and every hour they dedicate themselves to studying is an investment in their dreams and goals. Success doesn't happen by accident; it's built through consistent effort, discipline, and a desire to improve. Together we want all of our students to show up, stay focused, and give their best.

Unless your child studies a D&G College course or has a bespoke timetable arrangement with their Pupil support teacher, all S5 students should be attending school full time during the hours of 8.50am and 3.20pm. The only time they should be offsite would be at lunchtime. We would appreciate your support to raise attainment and support your child to achieve this and get everything they can out of their time at Lockerbie Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Carrick
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