



30 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of January, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on progress at Lockerbie Academy and to thank you for your continued support during a busy and purposeful start to 2026.

January has been a settled month across the school. Pupils have returned from the winter break focused, well-presented and ready to learn. Across S1–S6, learning in classrooms has been calm, respectful and increasingly aspirational, with young people engaging positively with lessons and demonstrating our school values of **Compassion, Achieve, Respect and Equity** in their daily interactions.

Our senior pupils deserve particular recognition. Throughout January they have approached prelims, assessments and revision sessions with maturity and determination. Attendance and punctuality for senior pupils during this demanding period has been encouraging, and staff have been impressed by the resilience and commitment shown. We are continuing to support all learners to reflect on progress, identify next steps and aim high as we move towards the exam diet. Easter School will be offered, and all seniors will be encouraged to attend. More information will be sent home in the next week for seniors to sign up. Easter School will take place across both weeks of spring break (Monday 30th March / Wednesday 1st April / Tuesday 7th / Wednesday 8th / Thursday 9th).

Across the wider school, we have seen positive engagement in learning, improving routines between lessons and a strong sense of pride in the school environment. Staff continue to reinforce high expectations around behaviour, relationships and learning, ensuring Lockerbie Academy remains a safe, respectful place for all.

As shared previously, we continue our improvement journey following feedback from HMIE. Our focus remains firmly on raising attainment and achievement for all learners through consistent high-quality learning and teaching, effective use of data, and targeted support where it is needed most. Staff are working collaboratively to strengthen practice, and pupils are increasingly involved in understanding their own progress and next steps in learning. I will continue to keep you informed as this work progresses. Part of this journey involves you, and I share our Stakeholder Survey with you. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your child's experience. The survey is open until **20th February**. Please take some time to complete. <https://bit.ly/3M9KOl1> (we will also send this separately).

Staffing updates shared earlier in the month remain mostly unchanged. Central officers continue to support the school, and I remain fully committed to leading Lockerbie Academy forward with stability, clarity and ambition for our young people.

We have welcomed Ms Whitelaw to our Science team to support the changes to Mrs Bowker and Mrs Aird's remits (outlined below)

	Annan	Dryfe	Kirtle	Milk
PT Pupil Support	Miss Thompson	Mrs Dempster	Mr Williamson	Mrs Aird/Ms McKie
Depute Head Teacher	Mr Downie	Mrs Bowker	Mrs Carrick	Mrs Bowker

Drop-Off Zone

When dropping your child off/picking up please use the drop-off zone. If this is full, drive to the far end of the road and drop-off your child there. Please do not stop on the crossings and do not block the bus park. If visiting the school, please use the car park. We request that you do not park in the drop-off zone (that includes our young drivers in S6!).

Comments, Compliments & Complaints

Please continue to use our website to log any comments, compliments or complaints <https://bit.ly/4jwKLfi>

Upcoming School Events

Thurs 29th Jan	S3 Parent/Carer Evening (4pm-6pm)
Tues 3rd Feb	S3 Curriculum Information Evening (5pm-6pm) S4/S5 Curriculum Information Evening (6pm-7pm)
Thurs 12th Feb	S4-S6 Parent/Carer Evening (4pm-6pm)
Tues 17th Feb	S4-S6 Parent Carer Evening (4pm-6pm)
Thurs 19th Feb	Staff Inset Day
Fri 20th Feb	Mid-term holiday
Mon 23rd Feb	Teen Booster (S3 & catch-ups)
Mon 23rd March	HPV (S1 & catch-ups)
Mon 23rd March	Sports Awards
Fri 27th March	End of Term

Information on options for S3-S6 (2026-2027) can be found on the website:

https://www.lockerbieacademy.dumgal.sch.uk/curriculum/option_choices_/option_choices_.html

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Working together, we will continue to ensure that every young person at Lockerbie Academy is supported to achieve their best and to feel valued, respected and included within our school community.

Yours faithfully,



Kerry Galbraith Currie
Head Teacher (Acting)