



27 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Lockerbie Academy and to share some key updates on our progress this term.

This has been a very positive and productive period for our school community. A recent Quality Improvement Officer visit recognised the strong, positive ethos across the school, highlighting the quality of relationships between staff and young people, and the purposeful learning taking place in classrooms.

We are particularly pleased that both staff and pupils spoke highly of the range of supports and interventions available, including our Nurture provision and targeted programmes such as Boys to Men. Opportunities for raising attainment through after school study sessions and Easter school was also commented on. These approaches are making a real difference, especially in supporting young people's attainment and wellbeing.

There has also been recognition of progress being made, with a strong focus on equity now embedded across all faculties.

Raising Attainment and Equity

Improving outcomes for all young people remains at the heart of our work. We are seeing an improving picture in BGE attainment data and Insight measures (Senior Phase attainment), which reflects the hard work of both staff and pupils. We have spent time sharing our [Raising Attainment](#) strategy with all stakeholders, this is available on our website.

A key strength this term has been our continued focus on equity. We have strengthened our approaches to identifying and supporting young people, including the development of learner profiles to ensure that support is targeted and impactful.

Looking ahead, we will build on this by:

- Further refining how we track and use attainment data
- Continuing to close the attainment gap in literacy and numeracy
- Expanding opportunities for wider achievement for all learners
- Ensuring all young people achieve key qualifications before leaving school

Learning and Teaching

Our shared vision for high-quality learning and teaching – referred to as the “[Lockerbie Lesson](#)” – is becoming increasingly visible in classrooms. During the visit, effective practice was seen where:

- Learning intentions and success criteria were clearly shared
- Pupils were actively engaged in their learning
- Staff used strategies to check understanding effectively



We recognise that consistency is key, and next term we will continue to:

- Embed high-quality practice across all classes
- Share effective approaches between staff
- Ensure every young person experiences engaging and challenging learning

Pupil Voice and Wider Opportunities

We were particularly proud of our learners during the visit. The pupil focus group was described as a highlight, with pupils confidently sharing their experiences and views.

We are now looking to strengthen this further by:

- Expanding leadership opportunities for pupils
- Increasing involvement in decision-making across the school
- Supporting mentoring opportunities, particularly for P7–S1 transition

Looking Ahead

As we move into Term 4, our priorities remain clear:

- Continue to raise attainment for all
- Ensure equity remains central to our work
- Provide high-quality learning experiences in every classroom
- Support our young people to achieve their full potential

Drop-off Zone

Another reminder- 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. When you visit the school, please use the car park. We request that you do not park in the drop-off zone (additional spaces will be available from the 27th April with our seniors being on study leave!)

School Transport

Pupils are only entitled to travel on school transport they have a school bus pass for. Young Scot cards can be used on service buses only. Pupils who are not entitled to school transport can only travel on service buses. If there was an issue with any of our contracted transport, we need to know who is travelling on that bus.

Comments, Compliments & Complaints

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

Upcoming School Events

Mon/Wed Wk1 Holiday Tues-Thurs Wk2 Holiday	<u>Easter School</u> If any pupil who has signed up does not attend, parents/carers will receive a text
Mon 13th April	Term 4
Wed 15th April	S6 Valediction
Fri 17th April	S3 “Do The Right Thing” multi agency workshops from Police, NHS, Youth Services
Mon 27th April	SQA Exam leave starts (<u>SQA Exam Timetable</u>)

Thurs 30th April	S2 Full Report
Mon 4th May	May Day Holiday
Mon 11th - 13th May	S1 London Trip
Thurs 14th May	S1 Full Report
Tues 26th May	S1-S3 Sports Day
Wed 27th May	S4/S5 Leaver's Ceremony
Thurs 28th May	S1-S3 Alton Towers Trip
Fri 29th May	Pupil Holiday
Mon 1st June	New Timetable
Fri 5th June	S5/S6 Prom
Tues 9th June	Celebration of Achievement (evening)
Mon 15th June	S1 Celebration of Achievement (daytime)
Wed 17th June	S4-S5 Celebration of Achievement (daytime)
Thurs 18th June	S3 Celebration of Achievement (daytime)
Fri 19th June	S2 Celebration of Achievement (daytime)
Mon 22nd June	P7 Induction Week
Wed 24th June	P7 Info Evening
Wed 1st July	End of Term
Wed 19th Aug	Staff Inset Day
Thurs 20th Aug	All pupils return 2026-2027

Finally, I would like to thank our pupils for their hard work and positive attitude this term, and our staff for their continued commitment to improving outcomes for all.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of the session on Monday 13th April.

Yours faithfully,



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