



24th September 2026

Dear Lockerbie Academy community,

I hope you and your families are well.

I wanted to share a snapshot with you of everything that has been happening in school over the last 4 weeks.

My last letter was to introduce myself and at that point I had yet to meet our young people. Over the last month I have had the opportunity to begin building relationships with all our pupils and it has been a pleasure doing so. The young people at Lockerbie have modelled our school values in their daily interactions with staff and with each other.

Assembly Input

Since the beginning of term, we have had a number of different assembly themes. I led the first set of assemblies, which gave me a chance to share a little about myself and talk through the expectations I have of everyone at Lockerbie. We then had the opportunity to celebrate our new captaincy teams. Our school captaincy was in place already, so this was the chance to appoint our House Captains. Well done to all our young leaders, I'm sure they will do an impeccable job this year. Mr Stores and Mr Millar then led assemblies on Satchel One, which is now being used by all year groups to support home learning and positive behaviour in school. Last week, Mr Millar then took students through assemblies around Health and Wellbeing, ably supported by the Sports ambassadors. As I write this to you, I have just listened to our young people deliver a message to students on Wider Achievement, which plays a significant part in the life of our students.

Attendance

Attendance is one of the key expectations I spoke about during my assemblies with our young people. I sent a letter to each of you at the start of the week which gives more background on the need for high levels of attendance.

School Maintenance

We are currently doing some work on the first floor of the school building. There should be no disruption to school life, and all work should be completed by the time our young people return after the October break.



Life at Lockerbie

Whilst it only seems like yesterday that we were enjoying the summer holidays, a lot has happened in school since we arrived back. Our S1 pupils are getting used to their new environment and we will continue to support them in adapting to secondary life. Our staff benefited from an input from Bruce Robertson, a specialist in high-quality professional development for the teaching community. The session looked more closely at learning and teaching. We are now using that input to build on the good work already in place. Our Lockerbie Lesson is now a key feature in all classrooms, I'm sure your young people will have seen this and spoken about it to you.

Some of our senior students recently went on a residential Geography & Biology trip to Blencathra. Despite looking absolutely exhausted when they returned, they assured me it was a very enjoyable and memorable trip. Many thanks to Mrs Bowker and Mrs Campbell for making the trip possible.

Last week we welcomed our friends from Syracuse University London. On Friday, they spent time with the young people at Lockerbie Primary and then the afternoon with the 2026/27 Lockerbie Scholars & Fellows. The day was a great success and finished off in style with a gathering at The Somerton House Hotel. We listened to some beautiful messages from Dr Becca Farnum, Ms Currie, as well as past and present Lockerbie Fellows. The night was rounded off with some impressive ceilidh dancing. On Saturday the young people from Syracuse London joined Mrs Carrick and this years' Lockerbie Fellows on a trip to the Citizens Theatre to see a performance of George Orwell's 1984. Thank you to all of the staff who made this a memorable few days.

We were all lifted by the experience and delighted that this special bond is as strong as ever.

Success Stories

It is my intention to make these letters a regular form of communication, and I very much want to share the stories of our young people's success in and out of school. For this, I need your help. I would ask that you encourage your children to share stories with me or that you share them on their behalf. In my short time at Lockerbie, I have heard of so many achievements and want us to celebrate them as a community.

So, with that in mind I would like to share the success of one of our young people in S4. Zak Stankiewicz has been selected to represent Dumfries and Galloway at the Donald Ross Invitational Junior open golf competition being held at Royal Dornoch. We wish him every success in this competition and in the years to come. Well done, Zak!

To help gather these successes and your comments I have placed links underneath which take you to our website. Here you can share the wider achievements of your young people or send your comments, compliments or complaints.

[Wider Achievement](#)

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I look forward to hearing from you and wish you all a restful break when it comes.

Kind regards



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