



Please ensure the following notices are read out to all pupils at Registration

ASSEMBLIES:	Monday 15 January	-	S1/S2
	Tuesday 16 January	-	S3
	Wednesday 17 January	-	S4
	Thursday 18 January	-	S5/S6

EVENTS: Friday 19 January – Prelim Exams Begin

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

S1	
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 25 October – 4.30-7.00pm
Report Issued	Friday 4 April
S2	
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13 December – 4.30-7.00pm
Report Issued	Wednesday 24 January
S3	
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 14 March – 4.30-7.00pm
Report Issued	Monday 12 March
S4	
Parents' Evening	Thursday 15 February or Wednesday 21 February – 4.30-7.00pm
Report Issued	Friday 17 November
S5	
Parents' Evening	Thursday 15 February or Wednesday 21 February – 4.30-7.00pm
Report Issued	Friday 8 December
S6	
Parents' Evening	Thursday 15 February or Wednesday 21 February – 4.30-7.00pm
Report Issued	Friday 8 December

Spotlight on Rights

Please consider how the simple action that goes with this right would help respect your own or other people's rights

UN CRC Article

Simple Action

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief & religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights of parents to give their children information about this right.

Consider what your beliefs are and whether other people's beliefs are taken seriously around the school.

Congratulations! Many congratulations to the members of our Senior Leadership team who were married during the Christmas holiday. Miss Fisher (Head Teacher) became Mrs Calder, Miss Grubb (Depute Head Teacher) became Mrs Moore and Miss Kerr (Depute Head Teacher) became Mrs Campbell.

Curriculum Consultation: At West Calder High School we have been reviewing our curriculum to strengthen the provision and opportunities available to our young people. It is important to us that you as parents and carers are involved in this process and I would therefore like to warmly welcome you to join us at the curriculum consultation event planned for this week; each session should last for approximately an hour:

Thursday 18 January

Session 1: 4pm - 5pm

Session 2: 6pm - 7pm

If you are unable to attend the above but would like more information about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me. Mrs Calder



Car Park: Parents are reminded that the dropping off, and picking up of children from the school carpark, or at the front door of the school, is prohibited at the start **and** end of the school day. Exceptions are made if pupils are carrying heavy musical instruments or have a medical condition. If there is a medical reason, please contact Pupil Support to discuss.



Art & Design - SQA Returned Work: Could all S5/S6 pupils please collect their SQA Art and Design folios and 3D work from the Art and Design department by **Monday 22nd January**. Those not collected will be disposed of.

Higher English Masterclass: Higher Masterclass will run on Friday 12 January from 12.45-2.15pm. Pupils may eat downstairs then register in room 6. Anyone who has not yet signed up should get an EE2 form from their English teacher. Anyone already signed up who can't make it should let their own teacher or Mrs Bamber know asap.

English Study Support: Study support for N5 and Higher will resume in room 6 on Mondays after school and the learning space on Thursday lunch times. Anyone issued with a parental letter regarding attendance should return the tear-off slip asap.

Use of Classrooms: English Rooms are totally out of bounds to pupils before school and at breaks and lunch. Use of any rooms should be with the express permission of the teacher.

Final Prom Payment: This is now due. Please pay your remaining balance to the office. The total cost of prom is £50. The deadline for this payment is 2 March 2018.

Fire Exit outside Connect Hub: Can tutors please stress to pupils that they should not be using the Fire Exit outside the Connect Hub to exit the building at any time

Behaviour on School Buses: All pupils are reminded that the expectations of behaviour on the school buses is the same as in the school building. Prefects will be looking out for bullying or misbehaviour and if pupils witness negative conduct they should put a report in the bullying box in the Pupil Support Base

FAO S5 Pupils studying Maths and a Science at Higher level: Scottish Space school is a residential at the Strathclyde University. Successful applicants are invited to attend the University for a week-long NASA Space themed experience. Out of the group of 100 pupils selected to attend the week-long university experience, 10 are selected to go to Houston, Texas and get behind the scenes at NASA's Johnston Space Centre! All applicants should speak to Mr Bryce for advice on applying and if successful must be able to attend the residential in Glasgow from the 10th to the 15th of June. Application form and further info can be found at <https://www.strath.ac.uk/engineering/scottishspaceschool/howtoapply/> **Deadline to apply is 21 January.**

Parent Council: The next meeting of the Parent Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8 February.

Tip of the Week

Focus on the goals you have set for yourself – and follow them up!

Quote of the Week

"Pleasure in the job, puts perfection in the work" Aristotle