



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

**ASSEMBLIES:**

Monday 11 June	-	S2
Tuesday 12 June	-	S3
Wednesday 13 June	-	S4
Thursday 14 June	-	S5
Friday 15 June	-	S6

**EVENTS:**

**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 28** (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Ensure all your homework is done and handed in on time this week.

**New School Update.** I visited our fabulous new building last week. It's great to see it taking shape and it looks like we are on track to 'get the keys' by the end of June. It is important to note that even though the building is nearing completion it does remain a building site so pupils won't be able to access it just now for their own safety.

**New School Ties:** After an extensive period of consultation, engagement and discussion we have decided on the new school ties. This has been a really inclusive process and I am delighted that so many of our young people are excited by the outcome of the process. The S1-S3 ties will be presented before the summer holidays, however, because we took the extra time to get the senior phase ties right unfortunately they will not be available until August. I would rather take a wee bit longer to arrive at the best product for everyone, than having rushed the process to meet the end of June deadline only to be disappointed with the outcome. I've no doubt the new ties will be worth the wait!

**School Blazers:** The final fitting for school blazers took place on Wednesday 6 June. We're happy to help with blazers in any way we can – please contact me if you would like to discuss anything at all about school blazers.

**Open Day:** We're planning to have a couple of 'sneak peaks' at the new school on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 August, prior to the building opening to pupils on Wednesday 22 August. These will be arranged in alphabetical order rather than by year groups e.g. A-Mc on the Monday and M-Z on the Tuesday). This should allow families to visit together. The booking system should be in place next week, with more details to follow.

**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.



**Pupil Safety:** Pupils are reminded that they must not walk through the carpark at any time during the day. They must use the footpath from the school building down to the gate for buses or to be collected by car.

**Improvement Planning:** We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Plan for session 2018/19. We want this to be an inclusive process, with the outcome being a plan which is informed by contributions from the school community. We would love for you to be involved in this, which is why we are invited you to focus group sessions next week. There are three separate sessions, and you are warmly invited to attend one or all.

- Session 1: Wednesday 13 June, 4pm
- Session 2: Thursday 14 June, 4pm
- Session 3: Thursday 14 June, 6pm

**West Lothian Athletics Championships - Wednesday 13 June at Grangemouth Stadium:** All pupils selected to represent West Calder High School at the above championships should attend a meeting at morning interval on



Monday 11 June, bring your completed EE2 forms and £4 for the bus to this meeting. The team list of selected pupils is up in the PE department.

**Scottish Youth Parliament:** The West Lothian Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament want your input on how they should vote at the upcoming SYP sitting in June. Please fill in this short survey to have your voice heard at a national level. YoungScot rewards members will get a code for 25 points after completion!

<https://msyps.typeform.com/to/HKDrYE>

Thank you for your continued support,  
John Walker MSYP

**Jak Trueman Challenge Cup:** The rescheduled Jak Trueman Challenge Cup will take place on Sunday 10 June at Albyn Park, Broxburn. Gates open at 12.30 for a 1pm kick-off. Tickets cost £5 per adult, £3 for high school pupils and primary pupils are free when accompanied by an adult. Come along and join in the fun and watch WCHS take on Jak's Stars. There will be special guests, refreshments, a 50:50 draw and merchandise to buy.

**Royal Highland Show Visit:** The Home Economics Department will be visiting the Royal Highland Show, on 21 June 2018 where pupils will experience one of Scotland's most iconic events which showcases the best of farming, food and rural life. Pupils can get up close to livestock and taste exceptional food and based on availability will experience a baking class with RHET. The bus will leave at 9am and return in time for the school bus home. Cost £8 per person which includes show entry and coach travel. Numbers are limited so a swift reply is encouraged. If you want to attend, collect your forms from Mrs Brennan or Mrs Morland in the HE Department and return payment to the school office.

**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.

**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

**Parent Council:** The next meeting of the Parent Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 June.

#### Tip of the Week

You're 50% more likely to remember something if you say it out loud rather than reading it over and over again.

#### Quote of the Week

"Just believe in yourself, even if you don't – pretend you do and eventually you will." Venus Williams