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### Dates for the diary

#### June

- 4th - Alton Towers Trip
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- 8th - Parent Council Meeting
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### Summer Term conditions



Summer term has arrived and with it comes hot conditions and a very warm school building.

Can we ask all young people to bring a water bottle to school. If you require support with this, please speak to your Wellbeing Teacher who will arrange a bottle for you or your child. Our water fountains can be accessed in the cafe area.

Can we please ask support from parents and carers to remind their young people about the suitability of their clothing in school. We do appreciate that conditions can be warm, however, we ask that pupils are responsible around what is appropriate for school. Any questions or concerns, please speak to your Year Head for clarification.

### Squishy Toys

Over the past week we have had a number of small accidents in the school where 'squishy toys' have burst on furniture and carpets. These have been accidental, however the stains are not possible to remove in some of the cases and causing significant issues for our cleaners.

Can we ask that these toys are not brought into the school building, unless used as a coping mechanism for a young person who requires this for their Additional Support Need.

### Parent Council Meeting - Looking for new members

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place this Monday 8th June at 7pm. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in finding out more, please come along on the evening and have your voice heard to contribute towards school improvement.

Najbliższe spotkanie Rady Rodziców odbędzie się w ten poniedziałek, 8 czerwca, o godzinie 19:00. Zawsze poszukujemy nowych członków. Jeśli jesteś zainteresowany, aby dowiedzieć się więcej, przyjdź tego wieczoru i wyraż swoją opinię, aby przyczynić się do poprawy szkoły.

下一次家長會議將於本星期一，即6月8日晚上7點舉行。我們一直在尋找新成員。如果你有興趣了解更多，請於當晚前來，發表你的意見，為學校改進出一分力。



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## WCHS staff take on The Edinburgh Marathon Festival

Last weekend, a number of our staff took on The Edinburgh Marathon Festival by competing in teams as part of the 'Hairy Haggis' relay! It was an excellent day, in very hot conditions! For some of the team this was their first taste of running in a race and for some others it was an excellent chance to be part of a team, doing something they love to do!

Well done to all involved!

#wearefast&fantastic



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## Young Musician of The Year Rep

Congratulations to our S4 pupil Yani, who represented West Lothian at The Scottish Young Musician of The Year competition last Sunday. Yani had earned this place by representing and winning the West Lothian Young Musician of The Year earlier in the session. Well done Yani!



## Edinburgh and Lothians School - Short Film entrants

Congratulations to a group of our S1 pupils who have entered a short film into the Edinburgh and Lothians school film competition. Their submission "Deadinburgh" has been selected to be shown as part of a screening in June. Jessica, Sienna, Olivia, Faith, Phoebe, Millie, Chloe, Isha, Lucy, Leah and Lucia worked together to write, direct and star in their film, we're so proud of you!



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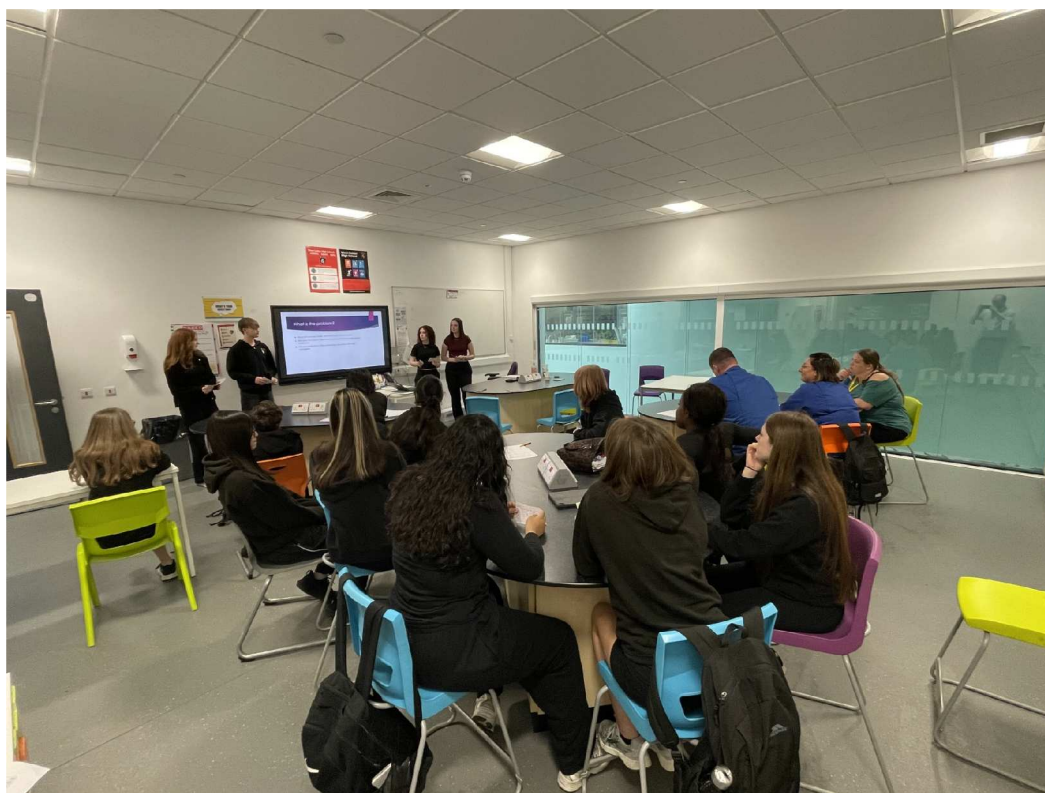
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## Pump It Up Challenge



On Thursday 28th May, West Calder High School welcomed representatives from the West Lothian Chamber of Commerce and Mitsubishi Electric in Livingston to judge the penultimate round of our pupils' presentations as part of the annual Pump it Up Challenge. For this stage of the competition, pupils were challenged to design a new application for a Mitsubishi Heat Pump and pitch their idea to a panel of industry experts. As part of their brief, they were asked to consider environmental impact as well as wider economic and financial implications.

After a series of impressive presentations, the panel selected the team, Thermal Solutions, made up of new S4 pupils Hasya, Ruby, Nonsi, and Madison to progress to the final round of the competition at Howden Park Centre in Livingston on Thursday 4th June. A huge well done to the winning team. We look forward to seeing you represent West Calder High School in the final and compete against other schools from across the region.

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### BGE Award events

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we held two lovely evenings celebrating the success of our junior pupils, through the BGE Awards. There were 4 sessions in total to recognise the individual journey our pupils are making so successfully. Thank you to all who attended!



### QS (SQA) Diet comes to a close

As our QS exam diet draws to a close we held our annual Invigilator afternoon tea to thank everyone for their hard work during the diet. Invigilators praised the young people for their efforts, focus and conduct during these exams. They also noted the welcoming atmosphere within our school. We thank them all for their efforts over the last 7 weeks!





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## Support at West Calder High School

At WCHS we have lots of support for every parent, pupil and carer! We have created a graphic to help you put a face to the name. If you are unsure who your child's Wellbeing teacher is and need support, please contact us directly at the school office and we will point you in the right direction

### Wellbeing Support Team

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## Tracking and Monitoring at WCHS - Parental Feedback

Over the past year we have made significant changes to our Tracking and Monitoring with the Broad General Education. If you are the parent/carer of a young person in S1-3, we would really appreciate your views on our processes and support of your young person. If you could take 5 minutes to complete this survey we would be very grateful.

### West Calder High School Parental BGE Tracking and Monitoring Survey

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# SUMMER SHOWCASE



THURS 18TH JUNE

EXHIBITION 6PM-7.30PM  
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES FROM 6.30PM

WEST CALDER HIGH SCHOOL  
*Creative Arts*

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## WCHS CLUSTER



## ONE STOP COFFEE SHOP

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

- FREE PRELOVED HOODIES
- FREE LOGO BRANDING SERVICE - BRING ALONG PLAIN BLACK CLOTHING



### ADVICE SHOP

- SUPPORT APPLYING FOR BENEFITS
- SUPPORT WITH FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANT APPLICATIONS

### ACCESS 2 EMPLOYMENT

- SUPPORT WITH JOB SEARCHES, APPLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWS



### YOUNG SCOT CARD

- AVAILABLE FROM 11-25 YEAR OLD FOR FREE BUS TRAVEL/DISCOUNTS FOR MANY SHOPS AND ATTRACTIONS

### LOCAL COMMUNITY



- INFORMATION ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY OVER THE SUMMER



**CALDERWOOD PS - 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2pm**  
**ADDIEWELL PS - 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9am**  
**WOODMUIR PS - 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10am**  
**PARKHEAD PS - 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 11am**  
**EAST CALDER PS - 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9am**

## School Canteen

Can we please ask that all pupils bring their card for the school canteen. We are unable to take cash at the counter which is causing difficulties for the serving purposes at lunchtime.

Can Parents/ Carers please ensure that cards are pre loaded with finance in advance. This can be done via <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/mgslp?Bref=NLC>

**We are liaising with West Lothian Council as we have been made aware there is a current difficulty issuing new lunch cards. If you have any concerns around your child getting lunch, please contact your Wellbeing Teacher.**

We have listed the weekly menus below for you which work on a rotation basis. The star signifies which menu is on for the week ahead and shows the rotation for following weeks.

Week 1	Starter	Choice of Main Course		Sweet
Monday	Lentil Soup Bread roll	6" Jumbo Sausage Roll Chips and Beans	Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Sweetcorn and mixed salad	Muller Yoghurt/Apple
Tuesday	Broccoli Soup Bread roll	Breaded Haddock, Chips and Peas	Vegan Meatballs, Mashed Potato, Carrot/Turnip and Gravy	Raspberry Chocolate Slice and Custard/Pear
Wednesday	Cream of Vegetable Bread roll	Jambalaya & Pitta Bread	Baked Potato with Cheese and Coleslaw	Banana and Muller Yoghurt
Thursday	Scotch Broth Bread roll	Roast Chicken, Boiled Potatoes and Brussel Sprouts with Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne and Mixed Salad	Apple and Blueberry Sponge/Satsuma
Friday		Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo Sandwich Mixed Salad & Cucumber Sticks		Banana, Pop Oats

Week 2	Starter	Choice of Main Course		Sweet
Monday	Carrot and Lentil Soup Bread Roll	Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas	Baked Potato Cheese & Beans	Banana
Tuesday	Yellow Split Pea Soup Bread Roll	Gammon Steak with New Potatoes and Cauliflower Cheese	Loaded Curry Wedges with Pitta Bread and Sweetcorn	Pear
Wednesday	Tomato & Noodle Soup Bread Roll	Roast Beef, Boiled Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Baby Carrots and Gravy	Thai Veggie Noodles with Green Beans (Quorn)	Grapes and Muller Yoghurt
Thursday	Scotch Broth	Chicken Sausage, Mashed Potatoes and Peas	Bean Hot Pot with Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Apple Crumble and Custard/Satsuma
Friday	Bread roll	Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo Sandwich Mixed Salad & Cucumber Sticks		Banana, Pop Oats

Week 3	Starter	Choice of Main Course		Sweet
Monday	Leek and Potato Soup Bread Roll	Burger, Chips and Mixed Salad	Sweet n Sour Quorn Dippers, with Potato <i>Rice + Cornets</i>	Apple and Blueberry Sponge
Tuesday	Broccoli Soup Bread Roll	Chicken Curry, Rice, Carrots, Chapati	Bean Enchiladas <i>Wedges e Salad</i>	Apple and Muller Yoghurt
Wednesday	Lentil Soup Bread Roll	Steak Pie, Mashed Potato and Turnip	Vegetarian Spicy Pasta and Sweetcorn Cob	Satsuma and Shortbread
Thursday	Cream of Tomato Soup Bread Roll	Chicken Casserole, Yorkshire Pudding, Boiled Potatoes and Carrot, Green Bean, Baby Corn Medley	Cheesy Pasta and Boiled Potatoes Peas	Banana and Muller Yoghurt
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