



Parent Council – 8th March 2023

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Largs Academy Parent/Carer Calendar – Session 2022/23

Pupil Term Dates	Reports and Parents' Meetings	Key Dates / Key Events	Main Contacts
<p>Term 1 starts: Thursday 18 August 2022</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 19 September 2022</p> <p>Term 1 ends: Friday 14 October 2022</p>	<p>S1 Tracking Report 1: Mon 10 October 2022 Tracking Report 2: Wed 18 January 2023 Tracking Report 3: Thurs 27 April 2023 Parents' Meeting 1: Year Team 121s in term 2 Parents' Meeting 2: Wed 18th January 2023</p>	<p>Celebration of Success and Prize Giving: Wed 14 September 2022 BGE - 2pm-3:30pm Senior Phase - 6pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Head Teacher: Mr Doherty</p> <p>S1 Year Head: Mrs McTaggart</p> <p>S1 Pastoral PT: Mr Trainer</p>
<p>Term 2 starts: Monday 24 October 2022</p> <p>Holiday: Friday 18 November 2022 - Tuesday 22 November 2022 inclusive</p> <p>Term 2 ends: Friday 23 December 2022</p>	<p>S2 Tracking Report 1: Mon 10 October 2022 Tracking Report 2: Wed 18 January 2023 Tracking Report 3: Thurs 27 April 2023 Parents' Meeting 1: Wed 12 October 2022 Parents' Meeting 2: Tues 7th February 2023</p>	<p>UCAS Info Evening: Thurs 22 September 2022</p> <p>Christmas Concert: Tues 20 December 2022</p>	<p>S2 Year Head: Mr Wilson</p> <p>S2 Pastoral PT: Miss Griffiths</p>
<p>Term 3 starts: Monday 9 January 2023</p> <p>Holiday: Friday 10 February 2023 - Tuesday 14 February 2023 inclusive</p> <p>Term 3 ends: Friday 31 March 2023</p>	<p>S3 Tracking Report 1: Mon 10 October 2022 Tracking Report 2: Wed 18 January 2023 Tracking Report 3: Thurs 27 April 2023 Parents' Meeting 1: Tues 27 September 2022 Parents' Meeting 2: Mon 20th February 2023</p>	<p>Higher & Advanced Higher Prelims: Thurs 1 December 2022 - Mon 19 December 2022</p> <p>National 5 Prelims: Thurs 12 January 2023 - Mon 30 January 2023</p> <p>SQA Examinations: Tues 25 April 2023 - Wed 31 May 2023</p>	<p>S3 Year Head: Mrs Gilmour</p> <p>S3 Pastoral PT: Mr Sinclair</p> <p>S4 Year Head: Ms Gall</p> <p>S4 Pastoral PT: Mr McCoy</p>
<p>Term 4 starts: Monday 17 April 2023</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 1 May 2023</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 29 May 2023 & Tuesday 30 May 2023</p> <p>Term 4 ends: Wednesday 28 June 2023</p>	<p>S4-S6 Tracking Report 1: Thurs 29 September 2022 Tracking Report 2: Tue 15 November 2022 S5/S6 Tracking Report 3: Fri 3 February 2023 S4 Tracking Report 3: Wed 15 February 2023 S4-S6 Tracking Report 4: Thurs 30 March 2023 S4 Parents' Meeting 1: Wed 14 Dec 2022 S5/S6 Parents' Meeting 1: Wed 16 November 2022 S4-S6 Parents' Meeting 2: Tues 14 Feb 2023</p>	<p>Options and Careers Fayre: Thurs 16 Feb</p> <p>S1-S3 Timetable Change: Tues 2 May 2023</p> <p>S4-S5 Timetable Change: Thurs 1 June 2023</p>	<p>S5 Year Head: Mr Frew</p> <p>S5 Pastoral PT: Mrs McIlroy</p>
	<p>Parents' Meetings will be virtual. Info will be issued before each meeting.</p>	<p>S6 Graduation: Wednesday 7 June 2023</p> <p>School Show: Sunday 18 June 2023 to Wednesday 21 June 2023</p>	<p>S6 Year Head: Mrs McClelland</p> <p>S6 Pastoral PT: Mrs Furey-McKenna</p> <p>School contact: largs@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk 01475 687 687</p>

Year Group	Date	Event
S1 – S3	18th January 2023	S1 – S3 Tracking Report Issued
S5-S6	31st January	S5 – S6 Reports Issued
S2	7th February	S2 Parents’ Evening
S2	7th February	Virtual Parents’ Information Evening 6.30pm to 7.00pm
S2	7th February	S2 Option Form Issued and Assembly
S4-S6	14th February	S4-S6 Parents Evening Virtual (In-service Day)
S4	15th February	S4 Reports Issued
S2 – S5	16th February	Careers Fayre
S2	Wb 13th February (13th Holiday, 14th In-service Day)	S2 Pupil/Parent Interview on Parent Booking, options inputted live into Seemis. 2x PTPS, 2x YH, 2x PS Teachers
S4 & S5	15th February	S4/S5 Option Form issued and Assembly
S4 & S5	15th February	Virtual Parents’ Information Evening 6.30pm to 7.00pm
S5	Wb 20th February	S5 Pupil/Parent Interview on Parent Booking, options inputted live into Seemis. 3x PTPS, 2x YH, 1x PS Teacher
S3	20th February	Option Form and Assembly
S3	20th February	S3 Parents’ Evening Virtual
S3	20th February	Virtual Parents’ Information Evening 6.30pm to 7.00pm
S4	Wb 27th February	S4 Pupil/Parent Interview on Parent Booking, options inputted live into Seemis. 3x PTPS, 2x YH, 1x PS Teacher
S3	Wb 6th March	S3 Pupil/Parent Interview on Parent Booking, options inputted live into Seemis. 3x PTPS, 2x YH, 1x PS Teacher

Quick updates:

Theme	Update
Industrial Action	Members of all unions are being balloted with a closing date of this Friday.
Options and Supported Study	<p>The options process will be complete for all pupils by Friday. SQA study leave begins on April 24th until May 31st. We will change TT for BGE on Tues 2nd of May.</p> <p>Senior Phase study offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Virtual sessions via Teams over the Easter fortnight- 2 days of workshops and drop-ins with teachers in school (Tues 11th April for N5 and Wed 12th April for H and AH)- Masterclasses with a staff member two days / evening before exams

In March 23, 249 parents responded to our survey exploring the following areas of school improvement:



Building Strong Relationships

Most parents (89%) believe that their child is treated respectfully by their peers and almost all (95%) believe that they are treated respectfully by staff and that Largs Academy cares about their child(ren). These figures are all more positive than when we asked similar Qs in October 2021.

Almost all parents (94%) support the school's uniform policy.

Common strengths identified from the comments:

- Staff availability and readiness to help.
- Approaches to address bullying behaviour.
- Our Year Team structure (PT Pastoral/Guidance and Year Heads).
- Our inclusive approach to uniform.

Areas for development and suggested next steps:

A minority of parents reported that they have contacted the school and still feel that they have a specific issue that is unresolved in their feedback. If this is the case, please get back in touch with your child's Year Head / Head Teacher.

You Said... We Did...

The majority of parents (62%) would like to see a return to in-person parents' meetings at Largs Academy. With this in mind we will ensure that each year group has one in-person parents' meeting next session. Due to the sizeable minority who wished to maintain the flexibility offered by the online appointments we will blend this with one virtual parents' meeting each session.



High-Quality Learning & Teaching

Almost all (95%) believe that learning and teaching at Largs Academy is high quality and that there are high expectations in the classroom. Almost all (90%) believe that their child is supported and challenged in their learning and most (85%) believe that they receive information on how their child is progressing.

Common strengths identified from the comments:

- Positive learning environment in the school.
- Work ethic and attitude of staff.
- Variety of subjects to engage young people.

Areas for development and suggested next steps:

Whilst the majority of parents believe that learning is not impacted by the behaviour of others a sizeable minority believe that it is. This session we have introduced text messages home from class teachers if young people have been removed from class and updated our relationships policy.

If you feel that your child's learning and progress is being impacted by others then please contact us to discuss.

You Said... We Did...

Several parents commented on inconsistent approaches to homework and difficulties checking pupil homework. We will undertake a review of homework at Largs Academy to create a homework policy with information on expectations and how to monitor homework tasks, revision and assessments.



Developing Skills for Life & Work

Most parents (89%) believe that Largs Academy is preparing their child for life after school and that their child is developing their skills for learning life and work through our curriculum and extra-curricular programme.

Common strengths identified from the comments:

- The information provided during the options process including the Careers Fayre and Information Evenings.
- The quality and quantity of extra-curricular opportunities offered.
- The re-introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in S4.

Areas for development and ideas:

- Reintroduce more excursions post-Covid
- Explicit teaching of financial management
- More support with work experience

We will take these ideas forward in our future planning and discussions.

You Said... We Did...

Several parents state that they feel less connected to Largs Academy than they would like to be. We will create a Parent Partnership programme with termly in-person after school workshops focused on areas of interest. The Head Teacher will be available for appointments at future Parents' Meetings and would encourage anyone who wants to come in for a chat or meeting about any school-related matter to email me directly:

gw20doherthyjohn@glow.sch.uk . Our Parent Council can be contacted at largsacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com

We thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation!

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