

Weekly Update – 12th October

October Holiday

As we come to our half term holiday, we look back on a busy and successful term. We are particularly pleased with progress made on our new approach to Promoting Positive Relationships and want to thank all our young people and families for their support with this. A team of colleagues from City of Edinburgh Council and Education Scotland will be with us on the first two days after the break to find out about our progress since our inspection and we are looking forward to sharing this with them.

The school re-opens to pupils at 8.30 on Tuesday 23 October – please remember that Monday 22 October is an in service day.

S1 Parent Evening Booking

Reminder to all our S1 parents - the online booking system opened on Wednesday and will remain open until Friday 26th October. If you have not already, done so please login and make your appointments. Instructions on how to book and login information were sent out earlier this week.

S5/6 Biology Trip to the Museum

This week we took a group of our senior Biology pupils studying Higher or Advanced Higher Biology to the museum to take part in a workshop run by the University of Edinburgh.

They ran some experiments on their own DNA including PCR and gel electrophoresis. They got a great set of results. They were complemented by the staff running the workshop on their fantastic behaviour. Here are a few photos of the day.



Parent and Carer Support and Information Sessions on Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Issues

Please find information below and attached about the next Information and Support Session for Parents and Carers who are concerned about their pre-teen or teenager's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health. Each monthly session has a different topic focus and there is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet other parents and supportive professionals in a safe relaxed environment. Parents and carers of 11-18 year olds from in and around Edinburgh are welcome to book to attend any of the sessions.



The next Parent and Carer Support and Information session is on - Wednesday 24th October 2018, 6.30-8.30pm, Leith Academy, 20 Academy Park EH6 8JL (Car park available at the venue)

Caring for a Young Person with Emotional Wellbeing or Mental Health Issues – This session will allow parents and carers to explore the impact caring for a loved can have on family relationships, consider ways to improve teenagers' and parents' emotional wellbeing and hear about alternative supports.

Parents should contact Jillian Hart if they would like to attend or be added to the circulation list.
Jillian.Hart@edinburgh.gov.uk

All future Support and Information sessions will be listed at: www.joininedinburgh.org/parenting-programmes/support-and-information-sessions/

Senior pupils, what are your plans for next year?

School is just one of the options open to pupils at the end of S4, S5 and S6 and it is well worth considering what other possibilities there are. Edinburgh College are holding a series of Open Days in November, details are below. College courses can be an alternative route into University for many students (did you know that Edinburgh College is the largest single provider of Students to Edinburgh university?) as well as a route into many industries in addition to the traditional trades.

There is more information on the college web site:

<http://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/newsandevents/edinburgh-college-open-days-winter/>



Interested in starting a course at Edinburgh College in 2019? Come along to our campus open days in November and December to speak to teaching staff about the courses we offer, entry requirements, application advice and finding the right course for you.

22 November at Midlothian Campus

27 November at Sighthill Campus

29 November at Granton Campus

4 December at Milton Road Campus

3 – 7 pm

Staff will be on hand to give you guidance on funding, fees and student support during your time at college. You will also be invited to take a tour of the campus, including classrooms, workshops, libraries and social areas, giving you an idea of what it's really like to be a student at Edinburgh College.

[Find out more on the website](#)