

Lornshill Academy



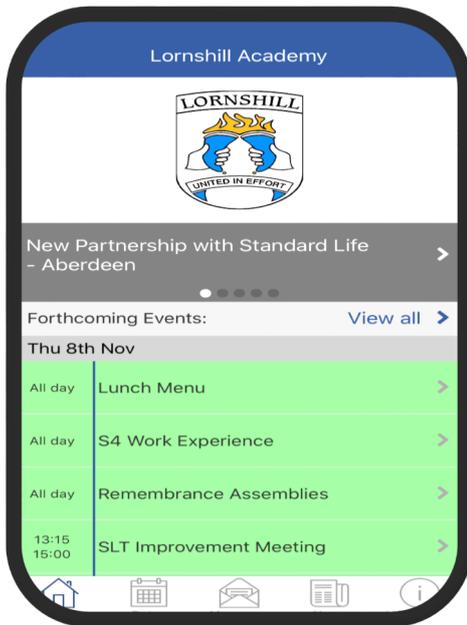
The Lornshill Quarterly Term 2 2020

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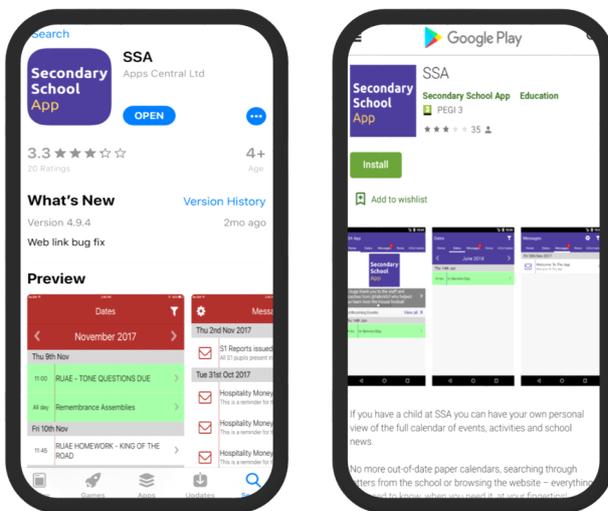
School Communication: School App

To improve the efficiency of our communication we have invested in a brand new **Lornshill Academy App**. This is now available to download on both Apple and Android platforms and is proving to be a powerful communication platform.



How To Download It

Search SSA in your chosen platform, download the app, then select **Lornshill Academy**.



What does it do?

Calendar: A yearly calendar of all school events, keeping you up to date with the information you need, when you need it.

News: Regular news from our school community, giving an insight into the life of a busy and thriving secondary school.

Push notifications: Relevant, important and useful information sent direct to your mobile device to keep you up-to-date with everything you need to know to support your child at Lornshill Academy.

School Information: Static information on all aspects of school life. This section provides quick access to the type of information that parents want: who to contact, how to contact the school, times of the school day etc.

Digital Literacy Update

Guardian Summary feature on Google Classroom

We have now added the guardian summary feature email addresses into Google Classroom for all pupils. This means that parents and carers receive a short summary outlining the work their child has been set during the week and any work which has not yet been 'handed in'. If anyone would like to change the email address which has been added or they're having problems accessing the emails, please get in touch with the school.



Google Classroom

Top Team Update

Over the past quarter, the top team have organised both prom and yearbook committees consisting of S6 pupils. These pupils are working very hard during difficult times to ensure the S6 year group get the send-off they deserve. We have continued to come up with fundraising ideas that we hope to implement over the coming year as restrictions are eased.

We have been impressed by the work of the prefects who have continued to help ensure that lunch times for the S1-3 year groups run smoothly.

From all the top team we hope you have a safe and enjoyable festive period.



Faculty of Maths Faculty of Enterprise

Advanced Higher Business Management - Work Experience

In November 2020, a unique opportunity arose for our Advanced Higher Business Management pupils. GSK usually provide an opportunity for senior pupils to spend a day in their London offices to take part in a work experience day. Due to the Covid pandemic this almost looked impossible this year, however they used the opportunity to switch the experience online, delivering the event via Teams, allowing them access to a wider range of schools. Our pupils spent a morning, initially taking part in various sessions, including recruitment and selection and finding out more about the company. Using Teams they were able to hear presentations from a variety of employees and using the chat function, they were able to interact with them. These sessions were followed up with some team building activities and quizzes, thereby engaging with other pupils from across the UK.

The event allowed pupils to immerse themselves within GSK for a morning. They thoroughly enjoyed the interactive activities, which the online platform facilitated. This event was not scheduled in our calendar this year as we would not have travelled to London; with the current circumstances this year an ideal opportunity unexpectedly arose, enabling pupils to fully participate with no interruptions to their studies and no cost was involved.

Mrs Buchan was delighted by the level of maturity and engagement shown by the pupils on the day.

iDEA award

This term saw a number of pupils gaining their silver awards, having gained their bronze award last term. We are delighted for our pupils; this is a very prestigious award to gain. Our board is filling up nicely. This is the first time that any pupils has gained a silver award in Lornshill - well done to all involved in Miss Liddell's class.



Faculty of Physical Education

Sports Leaders

During the term, our Senior Sports Leaders have been combating the restrictions by creating virtual opportunities for young people across the cluster to support with involvement in physical activity. Our Leaders have worked hard, as part of their Sports Leaders UK qualification, to create short videos that will be shown to our feeder primary schools as part of their Physical Education curriculum. The process has involved key planning as well as working closely with our Sports Development Co-Ordinator, Joe Clarke, to ensure a variety of sports are covered. It's been great to see some of our young people supporting the virtual transition and creating important sporting links across the community.



School of Football Program

Our School of Football programme in partnership with the Scottish Football Association has begun with over 50 talented young people in S1 and S2 being selected to take part. Pupils receive 4 valuable training sessions a week delivered by Max, a club development officer, from Alloa Athletic Football Club. Pupils involved in the programme have demonstrated a fantastic attitude and effort so far in all training sessions and it is evident we have a very capable group of individuals.



Faculty of Social Subjects and RMPS

Remembrance Day



Although the school was not able to commemorate Remembrance Day in the usual way, Lornshill pupils were still keen to show their respect to the memory of the country's servicemen and women. We were helped in this by the loaning of exhibits about the Holocaust from the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem. These exhibits detailed the experience of Jewish children in the Holocaust, and the role of Albanian Muslims in sheltering and helping Jewish victims. These

exhibits were presented under the theme "What do you think of on Remembrance Day", and aimed to deepen learner's understanding of the persecution that our armed forces were fighting to end in World War Two. Pupils were moved by the stories on the exhibits, and this provoked some fantastic classroom discussion.

The whole school was then impeccable in observing the two minutes' silence, demonstrating the school value of "respect" perfectly.

John Muir Awards

Mr Scruton was delighted to present 33 of our current S2 pupils with their John Muir Awards, which were achieved back in the "lockdown days" of spring. Although this award is normally achieved by young people working from school, these 33 young people completed all of the necessary requirements from home. They learned about the life and discoveries of John Muir, one of Scotland's greatest outdoorsman, and gained an appreciation of Scotland's wonderful natural surroundings. Mrs O'Donnell, coordinating, was very impressed by the work produced, which included storyboards of John Muir's life, and nature collages. Well done to all!

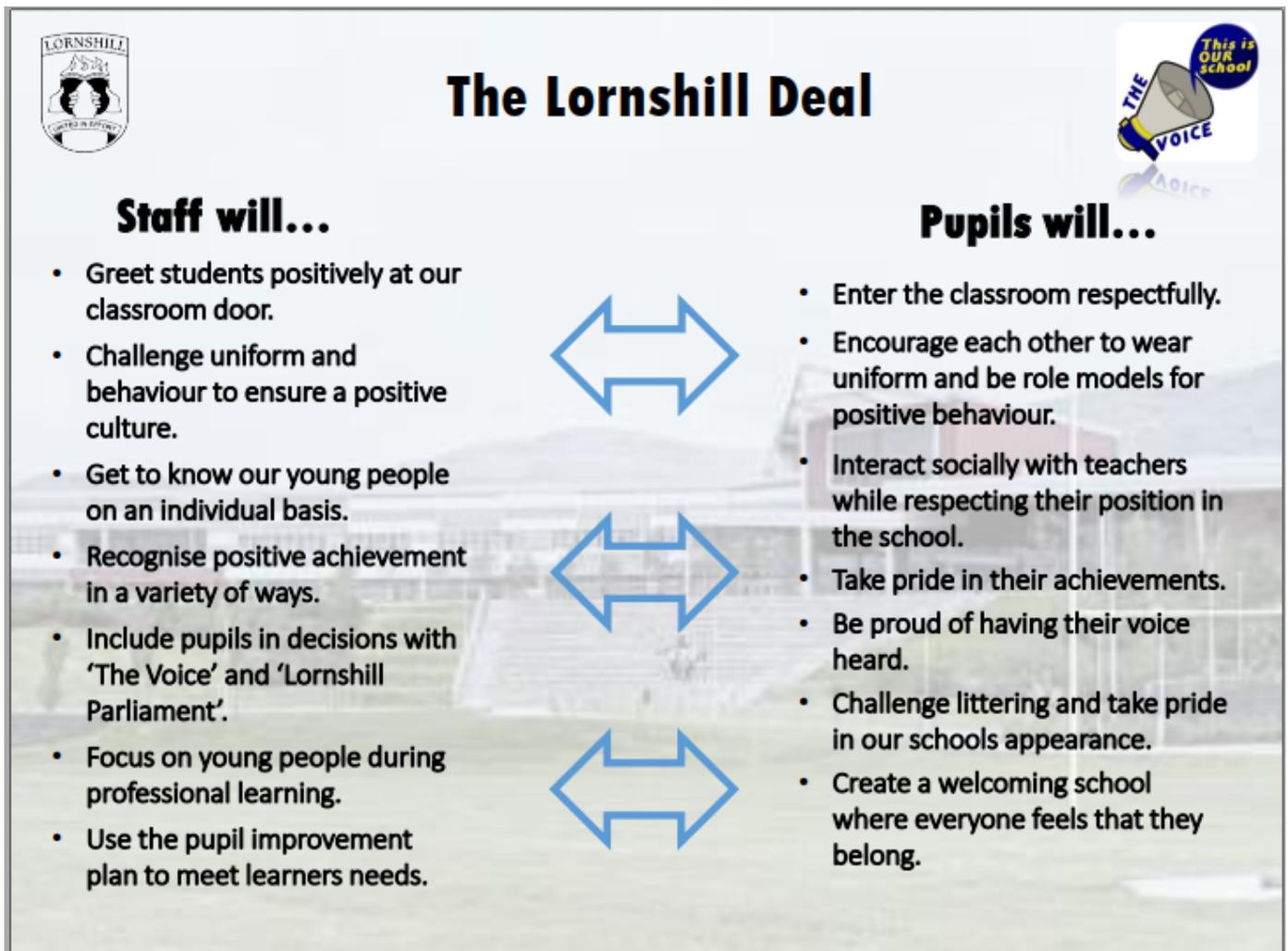


Senior helpers

Although social distancing has meant that senior helpers have not been able to be in and about classes as they normally would, this hasn't stopped many of our young people from still volunteering around the faculty. We have been very grateful for the work done, such as updating our information boards, and look forward to being able to present Saltire Awards to these volunteers!

Lornshill Parliament

Since we returned to school after the October break, Lornshill Parliament has held two virtual meetings that included students from across our different year groups. It is always fantastic to hear directly from our young people about their experiences in the school and how we can continue to improve and move forward. The meeting in November focused on our basic standards with some strong discussion around behaviour and learning in classes. Our senior students also raised some great points about how we can make our supported study programme even better after Christmas. These points were then fed back to our Senior Leadership Team who responded at the beginning of the December meeting. The rest of December's meeting focused on The Lornshill Deal which was created by all members of our school community and focuses on how staff and students can make Lornshill Academy an amazing school to be part of. It was agreed that more emphasis needs to be put on the Deal again and Mr Hillis will lead this with a group of students in the New Year.



The infographic features a background image of a school building. On the left is the Lornshill Academy crest, and on the right is a megaphone icon with the text 'THE VOICE' and 'This is OUR school'. The title 'The Lornshill Deal' is centered at the top. Below the title, two columns of bullet points are separated by three blue double-headed arrows pointing left and right.

The Lornshill Deal

Staff will...

- Greet students positively at our classroom door.
- Challenge uniform and behaviour to ensure a positive culture.
- Get to know our young people on an individual basis.
- Recognise positive achievement in a variety of ways.
- Include pupils in decisions with 'The Voice' and 'Lornshill Parliament'.
- Focus on young people during professional learning.
- Use the pupil improvement plan to meet learners needs.

Pupils will...

- Enter the classroom respectfully.
- Encourage each other to wear uniform and be role models for positive behaviour.
- Interact socially with teachers while respecting their position in the school.
- Take pride in their achievements.
- Be proud of having their voice heard.
- Challenge littering and take pride in our schools appearance.
- Create a welcoming school where everyone feels that they belong.

As always, we appreciate the input of all involved and should your child want to get involved in the next meeting in January, tell them to pass their name over to Mr Burrell.

Wider Achievement

This term has been challenging for our Saltire and Wider Achievement ambassadors due to social distancing and also the first assessment window. However, we are figuring out ways to highlight and celebrate all the achievements that our young people achieve. The enthusiasm from the young people continues to impress me.

Pupil Achievements



Thank you to all the young people who genuinely are loving receiving the acknowledgment from their teachers that they are working hard and trying their best. I am excited to see more names being added to the star pupil list. Since the end of September to the end of November, we have had an amazing number of pupils be awarded pupil of the week or month;

S1— 79 pupils
S2— 72 pupils
S3— 77 pupils
S4— 77 pupils
Seniors— 82 pupils

At the end of each month a group call will be sent from the school to inform parents/carers that their young person has been selected as a star pupil. This is in case your young person has not told you about this achievement at the time.

Saltire Stars

This term we have had two pupils achieve Saltire awards. Erin Winters has received her 10 hours award whilst Gemma Lindsay has achieved her 200 hours award for her work with Clackmannan Nursery before lockdown. Well done to both pupils and I hope we will be sharing more in the coming months.

Saltire Ambassadors

This term the Saltire Ambassadors have been spending some time on training for the role. This included a zoom call with the other Ambassadors and CTSi. Lucy Hensman was one of the ambassador taking part in the call.



"During the call we went over benefits of volunteering, how we could raise awareness, and activities we could do to encourage people to volunteer. There was a volunteer who spoke about his experience with volunteering and how beneficial it was to him as a person as well as his career. It was very informative and good to talk to people who are all interested in volunteering and raising awareness of the saltire award."

Wider Achievement

This term we have seen Wider Achievement Certificates be presented to pupils for involvement in sports, iDEA awards, and John Muir Discovery award. Year heads have been honoured to present these to the young people and we hope this number will grow as we progress through the year.

All pupils who received a star pupil certificate or another wider achievement certificate were entered into a draw for term 1 & 2. These pupils were picked at random on a name generator.



The winners were;

1. Mr Singhs voucher—Kai Dawson
2. Tesco voucher—Lewis O'Connor
3. Dominos pizza voucher—Jack Bonner
4. Baynes Voucher—Nathan Smith, Harris Mooney, Kadi Wilson and Emma Ferguson.
5. Surprise goody bag—Aimey Dysart

We hope to continue with this and should any businesses wish to provide prizes then please contact Mrs O'Donnell (clgodonnell@glow.sch.uk)

Parental/Carer Nominations

Our young people achieve a lot outside of school and many of the teachers at Lornshill would like to hear more about this so we can celebrate these achievements. Therefore, we are asking parents/carers to nominate young people who have an accomplishment we should be celebrating by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/BR1b6nyw8BeomL468>. This could be linked to volunteering, exams in dance or sporting to name a few.



Celebrating Achievement

As part of raising the profile of our young people's successes both in and out of school, we created a video to highlight all the ones we are aware of. We hope that this will continue to grow in the coming sessions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tIAReGQXLY&feature=youtu.be>

Faculty of Languages

Lewis Smith from Mrs McGrouthers S1 class, won a class creative writing competition.

The task was to use imagery to create a sinister atmosphere within two paragraphs of descriptive writing. (Extract from his entry: 'The cursed demons of the night screamed in the trees of darkness in the endless, empty, black cursed woods. It was nothing but trees for miles and the sound of those crows gave me the chills.')
His prize is a new copy of:



S1 Transition Ambassadors

This year to help and support the Primary 7 pupils in the cluster schools we have the pupils meeting to discuss how they can best support our P7's. They have also created little welcome videos that will go live on our P7 Transition Website. They are all super keen and excited about the opportunity and we are looking forward to working together in the new year to create more material.



S1 My World Of Work Ambassadors

Over the past few weeks, a number of S1 pupils have signed up to become a My World of Work Ambassador for the school. This school leadership role is an exciting opportunity for pupils to work closely with staff to increase the opportunities that all pupils have in the school to engage in their career pathway. Ambassadors have the opportunity to gain valuable experience working on My World of Work promotional activities in school, while building employability and career management skills that can be used in their future education and working lives. This will include helping to upskill staff, pupils, and the wider school community on the career opportunities available in the school and how to use the My World of Work website resources.





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