

Dalkeith High School



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P7 Open Evening - October 2024

Booklet for Parents & Carers





Mr S. Illingworth
Head Teacher (acting)

We are delighted to welcome you to Dalkeith High School for our P7 Open Evening.

Our vision for the school is to enable all young people to succeed in an inclusive, respectful and stimulating environment. We hope that this evening you will get a real sense of this vision and the sense of community that is the foundation of all we do.

This evening provides an excellent opportunity for you to explore our facilities and meet the staff who work tirelessly to provide the best possible educational experiences for our pupils. As you explore the school this evening please do not hesitate to ask questions of the staff. The older pupils here tonight are also an excellent source of information, and they will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Whatever your interests, there are a range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities here at Dalkeith High School. My advice to the pupils would be to take up as many of these opportunities as possible and give your best in everything you are involved in - that way you will get maximum enjoyment from school and prepare yourself for the next stage of your life.

To find out more about these opportunities and every other aspect of the school I would encourage you to explore the recently updated school website.

I know that for both parents/carers and pupils the transition from primary to secondary school can be both exciting and daunting. However, pupils will have a lot of opportunities to visit the school, including the transition days in June, and we work closely with the primary schools to ensure a smooth transition.

I hope that tonight gives you a sense of what makes Dalkeith High School a special place to learn and develop, and the exciting opportunities your secondary education will bring.

With best wishes

S Illingworth
Head Teacher (Acting)

Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 24th October 2024 - Open Evening

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Parents/Carers and their P7 children are invited to come along to the High School to visit our faculties who will be showcasing their work. Please choose a time that suits you between 6pm and 7.30pm and stay for as long as you wish!

May 2025 – Curricular Visits

Once a week, throughout May, the P7's will come to DHS for an afternoon to engage in practical lessons. This is a fantastic experience for pupils to start to get to know the school, navigate the building and build relationships with their future teachers.

Monday 2nd June 2025 – Parents Evening

6.00pm – 7.15pm

This is a parents/carers only evening where there will be the opportunity for the pupil support team to introduce themselves, for key information to be shared and any pressing questions that you may have, be answered.

Wednesday 11th – 13th June 2025 – Induction Visits














Pupils will spend three days with us following their S1 timetable and participate in a morning of fun events on the final day.

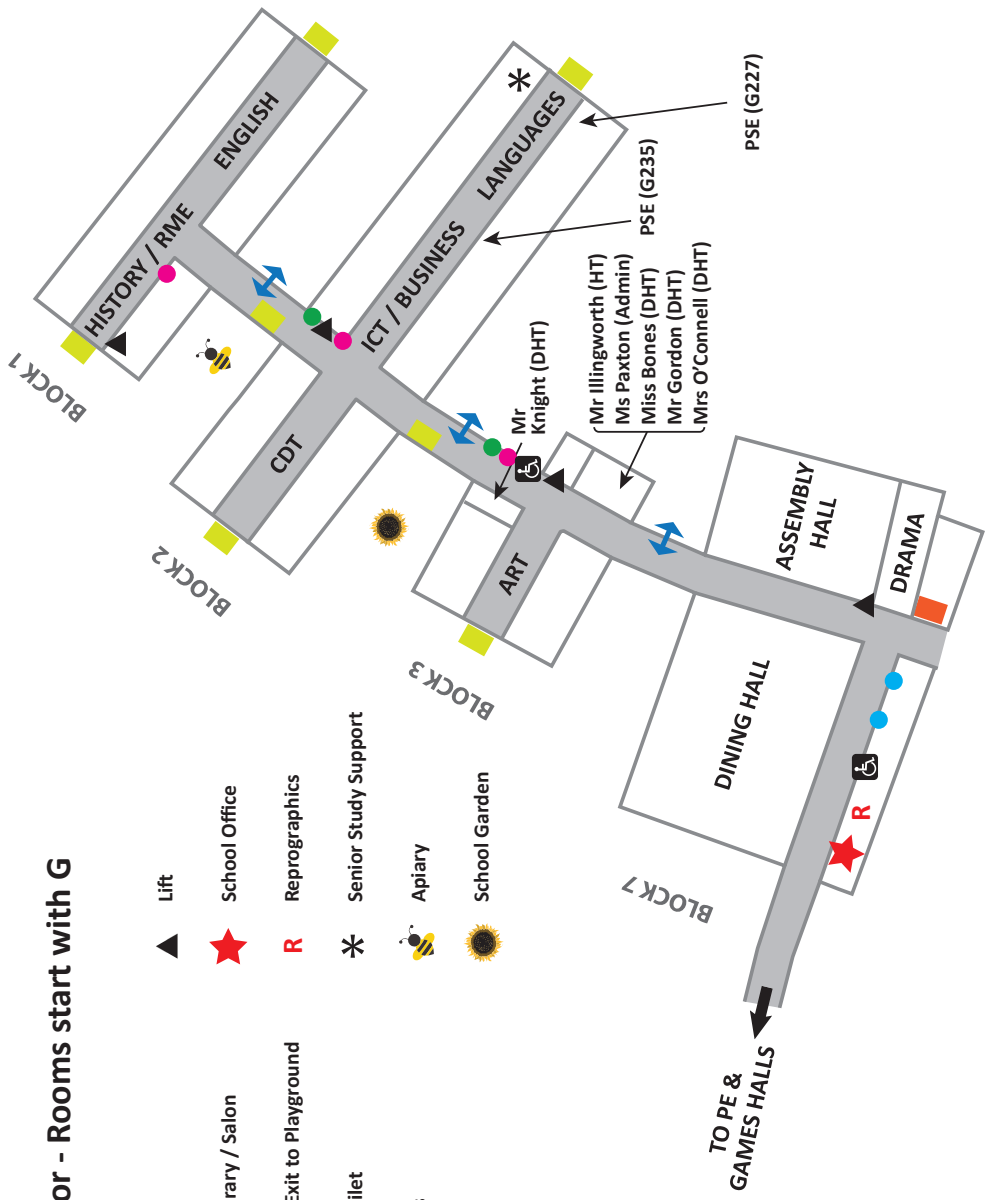
PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024/25














*The school captains: Kara Scott, Cameron Elliot and Ellie Falconer
House captains (Buccleuch): Aila Smith, Evie Donnachie
House captains (Dalhousie): Callum Kunz, Rachel Todd
House captains (Lothian): Grace Wightman, Lucie Reid
House captains (Melville): Rhea Hedlund, Callie MacLeod*

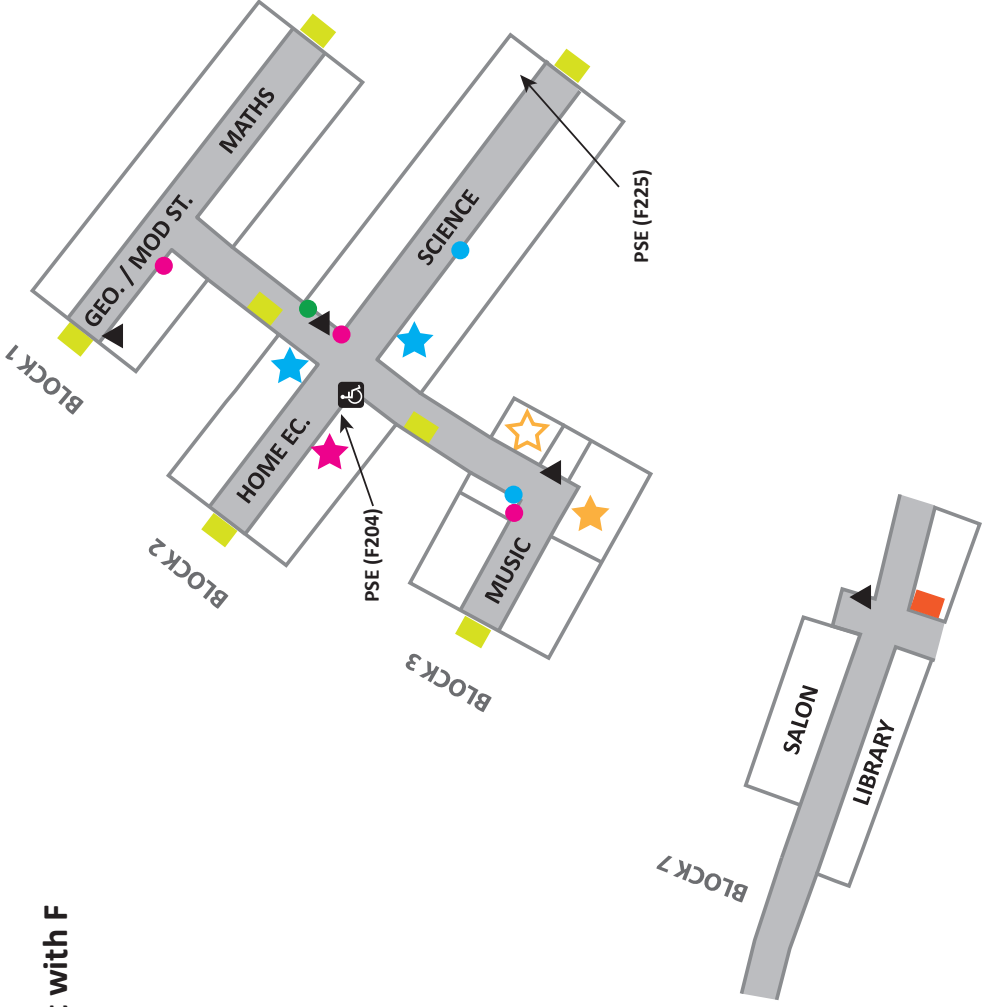
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-  Stairs
-  Stairs to Library / Salon
-  Entrance / Exit to Playground
-  Disabled Toilet
-  Boys Toilets
-  Girls Toilets
-  Staff Toilets
-  Lift
-  School Office
-  Reprographics
-  Senior Study Support
-  Apiary
-  School Garden



First Floor - Rooms start with F

-  Stairs
-  Stairs to Ground Floor
-  Support for Learning / Inclusion
-  Pupil Support Leaders / Sick Bay
-  Nurture
-  The Hive
-  Disabled Toilet
-  Boys Toilets
-  Girls Toilets
-  Staff Toilets
-  Lift





Dress Code

Yes:

- School Hoodie / Zip-up
(No tie expected)
- Plain Black Jumper / Cardigan
(With white shirt & School tie)
- White full length t-shirt / shirt / blouse / polo-shirt
- Plain black jeans / trousers / skirt
- Black trainers (white sole/stripe acceptable) / Black shoes / Black boots

No:

- Non-school logos on t-shirts, cardigans, jumpers
- Baseball caps or hats
- Sports or football tops / tracksuits / joggers
- Blue / Grey / ripped or faded denim
- Cropped tops showing midriff
- Leggings (except with a skirt)
- Coloured trainers, crocs or sliders



Mobile Phone Policy



On entering the classroom you must place your phone in the pocket that matches your desk number.

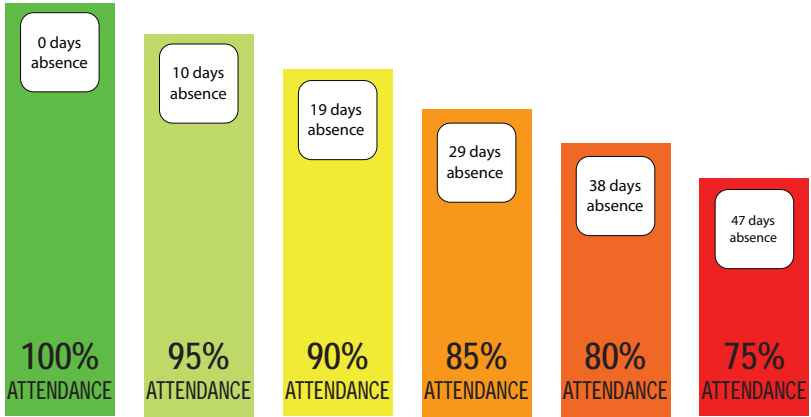
Phones can only be collected on exiting the classroom at the end of the lesson.

This policy helps with learning by keeping pupils focussed in class.



Good attendance at Dalkeith High means... ...being in school every day ready to learn!

365 days in a calendar year



190 school days in a calendar year

175 not at school for shopping, holidays & appointments

Did you know?
A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

Did you know?
If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks in a year.

Good time keeping at Dalkeith High means... ...being in school every day ready to learn!



late per day =

2

school days lost per year



late per day =

6.5

school days lost per year



late per day =

10

school days lost per year



late per day =

13

school days lost per year



late per day =

19

school days lost per year



CHILD PROTECTION

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN DALKEITH HIGH SCHOOL

Schools play an important role in child protection. All schools have a Designated Member of Staff for Child Protection who will co-ordinate the schools response to concerns for children and young people's safety and wellbeing.

School staff help keep children and young people safe and well by:

- ▶ Helping them learn about personal safety
- ▶ Being a trusted adult who children and young people may turn to for help, and will take them seriously
- ▶ Identifying when children and young people may need help
- ▶ Understanding the steps that must be taken when there are concerns for children's and young people's safety and wellbeing



The Designated Member of Staff for Child Protection at Dalkeith High School is **Mrs E O'Connell**

The Deputy Designated Member of Staff is **Mr S Illingworth**





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Outwith School Hours, Weekends and Public Holidays, Emergency Social Work Service - Freephone: 0800 731 6969 or Police Scotland 101 or 999 in an emergency

Dalkeith High School is made up of four Houses: Buccleuch, Dalhousie, Lothian and Melville.

Each House has a House Head (Depute Head Teacher), a Pupil Support Leader and a Pupil Concern Welfare Officer.

The table below provides details of the appropriate members of staff for each House.

				
House	<u>Buccleuch</u>	Dalhousie	Lothian	Melville
House Head	Mrs E O'Connell	Mr C Knight	Ms J Bones (all L1) Mrs M Kelly (all L2)	Mr S Gordon
Pupil Support Leader	Mr M Harris	Mrs E Frame	Mrs R Waterhouse	Ms K McCole (acting)
Pupil Concern Welfare Officer	Mrs J <u>Zamal</u>	Mrs E McBride	Mrs J <u>Zamal</u>	Mrs E McBride

In addition to Pastoral Care, Personal and Social Education is planned and taught by the Pupil Support Leaders to ensure pupils learn about and can discuss matters such as healthy relationships, health, progress in learning, careers, education and citizenship.

Teenage years can be difficult for some young people and our Pupil Support staff play an important role in helping pupils who are experiencing challenges in their education or personal lives. During Parents' Evenings there are opportunities for parents/carers to meet Pupil Support Leaders, however if you have concerns about your child's progress or matters of a personal nature, you can contact the school to make an appointment with the relevant House Team.

Midlothian Schools Timetable				
Pattern for all students in a split break/lunch context				
Time	Monday to Thursday		Time	Friday
8.40 to 9.30	Period 1		8.40 to 9.30	Period 1
9.30 to 10.20	Period 2		9.30 to 10.20	Period 2
10.20 to 11.25	Senior Phase Period 3 10.20 - 11.10	BGE Break 10.20 – 10.35	10.20 to 10:35	Shared Break
	Senior Phase Break 11.10 - 11.25	BGE Period 3 10.35 – 11.25	10:35 to 11:25	Period 3
11.25 to 12.15	Period 4		11.25 to 12.15	Period 4
12.15 to 13.45	Senior Phase Period 5 12.15 – 13.05	BGE Lunch 12.15 – 12.55		
	Senior Phase Lunch 13.05 – 14.45	BGE Period 5 12.55 – 13.45		
13.45 to 14.35	Period 6			
14.35 to 15.25	Period 7			

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