



Welcome to this *BUMPER* Summer edition of the Head Teacher's Update. Please find a mixture of important information and celebration of our fantastic community below.

Our Senior Leadership Team has changed recently with a permanent addition joining us after the Summer holidays. Our Senior Leadership Team will be:

Name	Position	Year Head Responsibility
Mr. A O'Doherty	Head Teacher	Whole School
Mrs. L-A Baird	Depute Head Teacher	S1 and S4
Mr. Frew	Depute Head Teacher	S2 and S5
Mr. McLauchlan	Depute Head Teacher	S3 and S6
Mrs. Mulvey	Senior Development Officer	Transition and Inclusion



A special note of thanks to Mrs Haskett for all her effort, commitment and impact as Acting Senior Development Officer over the last 18 months. I am confident to state that without her work or support the school would not be in as good a place as it is now. Mrs Haskett will re-join the PE team to deliver lessons and so will continue to be a leader within our community. Thanks again.

The House system is still in place and your first point of contact regarding your child has not changed and is the Pupil Support Leader of their house:

House	Pupil Support Leader	Working Pattern
St. Andrew	Ms. G Kelly	Monday – Friday
St. Bernadette	Mrs. Souness	Monday – Friday
St. David	Mrs. G Kelly Mr. K Fey	Monday – Thursday Friday
St. Margaret	Mrs. D McKillop	Monday – Friday

Parent Council Meeting Dates 2024-25

Please see the meeting dates *and locations* for the Parent Council below and join us as we support and influence the direction of St. Augustine's RC High School. If you cannot make any of the meetings but wish to be involved, please contact the Chair of the Parent Council: Sam Hamilton; [sammparks141414@gmail.com](mailto:sampparks141414@gmail.com)

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	29 th August 2024	1800 - 1900	St. Augustine's
Thursday	10 th October 2024	1800 - 1900	Online
Thursday	28 th November 2024	1800 - 1900	St. Augustine's
Thursday	30 th January 2025	1800 - 1900	Online
Thursday	27 th March 2025	1800 - 1900	Online
Thursday	29 th May 2025 (AGM)	1800 - 1900	St. Augustine's

The Office Team at St. Augustine's RC High School

As the years have passed by, a constant at St. Augustine's RC High School is how supportive and helpful our Office Team are to all members in our community. I wanted to publicly thank them for their tireless commitment in supporting all of us and our young people. Here is a picture of most of them enjoying a "team" day out:



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ISSUE NO. 2



Summer Issue

1. Welcome to Summer

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Dear Community,

As we embrace the joys of summer, we encourage everyone to relish this time of relaxation and rejuvenation. May your days be filled with fun, family, and memorable moments. Please stay safe and take care of one another, ensuring a healthy return. We look forward to welcoming you back in August, refreshed and ready to face the new challenges and embrace the opportunities ahead.

Best wishes,

Tony O'Doherty
Head Teacher

2. Social Subjects Update

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It has been a very busy term for the Social Subjects faculty. Approximately 120 pupils across S3-6 have been involved in a number of fieldwork and excursion opportunities. The N5 Travel and Tourism class enjoyed a Cabin Crew Experience day at Edinburgh College's Granton Campus. S4 Geographers spent a day carrying out data collection in three areas of the city as part of their N4/5 assignment research. S5/6 Historians took of a walking tour of the Old Town focussing on Women's History, and two of our senior faculty ambassadors attended the annual schools service at Corstorphine War Memorial to commemorate Armistice Day. S3 Modern Studies pupils spent an afternoon having a tour of the Scottish Parliament and got the opportunity to sit in the public gallery during a debate. Last but not least, a group of our senior Modern Studies pupils competed in the annual Mini-Trials Competition which concluded with a Mock Trial at the Sherrif Court.

Pupils have been hard at work in school too. Creating presentations and selling poppies for Armistice commemoration. We had a fantastic response to our inaugural Black History Month S1-3 Creative Composition competition. The standard of entries was very high and the judges had a tough job deciding on a winner! Well done to all of the entrants. We look forward to embedding this work into our curriculum throughout the year.

All of our Social Subjects students have been excellent representatives of the school and we are very proud of the work they have done. We look forward to more of these activities next term!

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আপনি কি এডিনবার্গে বেকার বাবা-মা? অ্যাক্সেস প্রোগ্রেস, আমরা আপনাকে একটি চাকরী, শিক্ষা বা প্রশিক্ষণ সন্ধানে স্বতন্ত্র সহায়তা সরবরাহ করি। আজই আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন!

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4. Apology to Lucas Solway

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My sincere apologies to Lucas for leaving him out of the celebration of the Junior Awards last Summer (2023). Lucas Solway achieved the UKMT Mathematical Challenge Gold Award and was best in school! Well done.

5. Congratulations to Gavin Yuan

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I am glad to tell you Gavin Yuan won Champion of Junior Boy North of Scotland Open – 6th January 2024. He also reached the semi-final of Senior competition.

Gavin has also won the North Ayrshire Open:



6. Supports for Autism

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- a) **Number 6** is a local organisation run by Autism initiatives for autistic people aged 16 and over, that provides both social and post diagnostic groups, and 1-1 support.

They can be contacted on number6@aisscotland.org.uk for an initial registration appointment. Further information is available on <http://www.number6.org.uk/index.html>.

- b) **“Ambitious about autism”** is a website that contains a lot of useful resources about autism, as well as information on how to access a peer support course for autistic young people aged 16-25, and an online community for parents and carers.

Further information can be found on

<https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/information-about-autism/preparing-for-adulthood/making-sense-of-your-autism-diagnostic/post-diagnosis-peer-support> and <https://forum.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/community>



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Special Thanks

Thank you to Cramond Kirk for sharing some of their proceeds from the Christmas Fair 2023 with us. We received a huge cheque and we are thankful.

Thank you to our Board members, who are unpaid volunteers that give their time willingly and selflessly to make a difference in our organisation. Thank you to our wonderful staff team who are extremely qualified and who all work from a place of passion. Thank you to our Funders, Allies, Consultants and Business Experts and a very special thank you to our supporters and volunteers. We look forward to working and engaging with you in 2024.

We have diligently served women of African heritage; as well as women and families from other culturally diverse backgrounds living in Edinburgh by bringing race and faith-sensitive specialist services & culturally appropriate, support, services and single sex activities.

We have had a busy and brilliant year with a lot of opportunities; and just before we say goodbye to 2023, we wanted to show off our wide ranging work to inform you and connect with you for future collaborations in the coming year.

The Promise

We launched our Promise Work in October- **Keeping the Promise to Scotland's Black & Minority Ethnic families**, to instil cultural fluency and confidence in those working with young people who have both UASC status and Looked After/Leaving Care status across Scotland. We look forward to seeing some of you at our training sessions to support the workforce in working cross-culturally.

Anti-racism training

We supported several organisations and youth workers on their anti racism journey this year and are also running Anti -racism sessions throughout the year in 2024. Please enquire if your organisation would like to sign up.

If your organisation is an EVOC member please contact them and sign up to **Leading a systemic approach to anti-racism-** A 4 day training programme for their member organisations.

Alberta Whittle Exhibition.

Some of you may know already that we worked collaboratively with Alberta Whittle. Our tapestry that has sat in exhibition all year will be on display until 07/01/24 at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Modern One) as part of the "Alberta Whittle: Create Dangerously" exhibition. We are so proud that the women who attend our very own sewing group crafted this tapestry and contributed to such a powerful exhibition.

Whittle's work pertinently confronts the violence of colonialism and the climate crisis. Portrayals of these themes and the art of black and ethnic minority artists in National Galleries are far from commonplace.

We hope you are inspired to visit the brilliant exhibition before the 7th of January! [#CreateDangerously](#) [#SupportBlackArt](#)

We are looking forward to engaging with more public artists



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Fundraising & Donations

We continue to fundraise for our organisation through our sewing group, please bring your garments in for alterations and buy from our small rail. The money raised goes directly back into the pot to buy resources to keep the group going. We also accept financial donations to benefit our different groups.

Community Engagement

African and Caribbean community members and leaders have been involved in health initiatives on behalf of the Black community this year. We held *Covid Community Film Screening* that highlighted the barriers to vaccination for Black people, mistrust in the government, poor support for Black led grassroots community groups. The same film took us to *Scotland African Voices Parliament film Screening* where MSPs were able to hear directly from representatives of the Black community.

Nothing About Us Without Us- Kwisa in collaboration with Maternity Voices Partnership.

We joined this member group of African and Caribbean leaders and professionals to share the vision and mission of a world where Black womxn and their babies experience positive, respectful, safe and affirming pregnancies and birth experiences. We hosted the second introductory launch of NAUWU in North Edinburgh in October. The wider work is to end maternal inequalities and promote positive pregnancies and births for Black womxn and their babies living in the Lothians. We are involved in this work because the values of this work align with our work around culturally appropriate, culturally safe, anti racist and trauma informed practices to empower Black and multi ethnic communities. Please contact Isioma Okolo at Kwisa for more information about NAUWU.

Regenerative Futures Fund

We were involved in the development work around the Regenerative Futures Fund; a new pooled fund for Edinburgh with a target of £15 million that will launch in 2024 which is being collaboratively designed by funders, community organisations and individuals. It will be a 10 year fund for communities to lead change that is focussed on futures and tackling the root causes of our interconnected systemic challenges in Edinburgh around poverty, climate change and racial justice, as an organisation that does a lot of work around poverty and racial justice, we were involved in the work because we are looking forward to seeing sustainable funding methods in the future as opposed to the short funding cycles that we are accustomed to and also because our work is aligned with the funds mission. We hope that the fund will aid the improvement of local communities through initiatives that will create jobs, enhance living conditions, maintain stability and the wellbeing of all people.

Please contact Leah Black at EVOC for more information about the Regenerative Futures Fund.

To give us feedback on our services or to share your views about our work; to donate financially or get involved with Project Esperanza as a volunteer or collaborator please contact admin@projectesperanza.org.uk



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Black History Month

In partnership with the Gambian Association in Edinburgh, the community gathered to discuss their experiences and reflections on employment, unemployment, discrimination at work, diversity at work, childcare costs, housing, living standards, social isolation, language barriers, access to education, integration, racism, parenting, health, religion and participation in public life. Our young people led part of the dialogue and safe communities, justice and fairness, hate crime, education and curriculum and family life in Scotland. If your organisation would like to collaborate with us around meaning work on behalf of the Black Community during Black History Month, Please get in touch.

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North Edinburgh Community Festival

Last year our volunteers did amazing work at our stall. We showcased some of the sewing projects from the sewing group, and we served some of our favourite food from the cooking group. We are particularly impressed by young people who are aspiring to volunteer in the community. Our young people were involved in handing out flyers and talking about our work to the public. We look forward to having volunteers, young and mature help us out at our stall at this year's event.

Youth Work

Our focus for young people in 2024 is human rights education sessions, employability and culturally nuanced mental health support.

Our Friday space is designed to offer culturally nuanced mental health support for young people; empower young people with knowledge of their rights; as well as provide young people with workplace skills mentoring for the benefit of building their CVs. If your organisation has opportunities for young people, please send us some information.

We are taking referrals to our Friday Space.

Employability.

We have supported parents in various ways to remove barriers to employment, find employment and gain employment skills through our *Volunteer Development Programme*. Please inquire.

Social Integration Activities

Out of the four Integration activities we have for migrant women, we wanted to share that our monthly Exploring Cultures Through Food sessions throughout this year have been well received and the friendships and connections established during this activity have been cherished all over the community. In 2024, we will be extending our sessions to benefit the elderly in our communities via links established through our connection to Cramond Kirk. Please send in your referrals to the contact address below

Wishing you a fruitful 2024.

All of us at Project Esperanza are looking forward to working and collaborating with you!

To give us feedback on our services or to share your views about our work; to donate financially or get involved with Project Esperanza as a volunteer or collaborator please contact admin@projectesperanza.org.uk

8. Senior Netball Update

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Our senior netball team have had an incredibly successful season and are currently standing undefeated.



Our S4 team played Craigmount HS and drew 7-7.

Player Of the Match:

Alicja Szymecka



Our S5/6 girls played Mary Erskine and won 15-12.

Players Of the Match:

Glory Immanuel-Ogie & Tifney Aheimbisibwe



Finally, our S6's made history with our first mixed game v Queensferry HS and won 18-16.

Players Of the Match:

Humphrey Scott & Mia Villamizar

I am bursting with pride with not only the sporting talent that has been displayed within the games, but of the way they have represented the school with such grace, energy, and determination!

Well done all,
Mrs Williams
PE

9. Science Modern Apprenticeship

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Pupils were given the opportunity to work in a laboratory with state-of-the-art equipment, gain hands-on experience with science activities, meet staff from Scottish Water to get an insight into alternative routes into careers in Science, and meet with the recruitment team to learn about Modern Apprenticeships (MA) and applications.



The Lab Science course has a strong focus on developing both the soft skills and practical skills needed in the workplace, and the trip allowed pupils to see this in action. The pupils all applied themselves well and were a credit to the school.

This was the first time that Scottish Water have done something like this and have said that they want to make more links with local schools to do more outreach work, in order to advertise their MA programme. The recruitment team told me that they often struggle to find the right candidates for their Science MA programme so were very keen for me to advertise in the school!



They are specifically looking for pupils with a keen interest and aptitude for Science, but who are not interested in the purely academic route. The starting salary is very competitive (£20k p.a.), is based at Riccarton research park so is close to home, and they get to study for a nationally recognised Science qualification whilst gaining invaluable work experience. Many of the people who we spoke to on Friday were graduates of the MA programme and said that Scottish Water even paid for them to complete a degree after their MA. There is more information here: <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/about-us/careers/modern-apprenticeships>.

10. Career Ready Programme

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Six of our pupils will be taking part in their [Career Ready](#) Internship this summer. Our pupils will be working in the following organisations for a 4-week internship:

Pupil	Organisation
Ashanti Arumugam	Franklin Templeton
Amarachi Mbamalu	The Scottish Government
Amber Denham	Brodies

Antoni Krzos	Phoenix Group
Aaron Pereira	Scottish Water
Tahrim Hossain	Canon Medical

We wish our pupils the best of luck in their internship, and we look forward to hearing about the projects and events they will take part in throughout their internship but also the new and valuable skills they will develop along the way!



11. Edinburgh Schools' Saroj Lal Awards 2023 Winners

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'Artivism' category

Winner: Equalities Lead pupils, St. Augustine's RC High School

The Life and Work of Saroj Lal

Saroj Lal was a trailblazing teacher and campaigner in Scottish race relations. Born and educated in India, she migrated to the UK in the late 1960s. Saroj taught at Edinburgh's South Morningside Primary School for 3 years and was among the earliest Asian primary school teachers in Scotland. She was known for wearing her colourful saris, red lipstick, and being fundamentally proud of her heritage.

Saroj's BME background and experience as a schoolteacher were central to her later work in multi-culturalism and anti-racist education. She would challenge



perceptions throughout her career at the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) and Lothian Race Equality Council, fighting for equal representation of minority ethnic communities in the classroom, children’s literature and the media, as well as setting up Edinburgh’s first dedicated ethnic library, developing minority arts and expanding mother tongue teaching citywide.

Education and women’s rights remained a priority: throughout Saroj’s career she encouraged girls to pursue higher education by creating the Asian Cultural Girls’ Club at Drummond High School and the Continuation Course at Telford College. She also broke new ground with Lothian and Borders Police, defining the nature of racial attacks and encouraging the monitoring of racist bullying in schools. She became the first Asian woman in Scotland to be appointed as a Justice of the Peace. Her pioneering achievements remain an inspiration to many and she leaves a lasting legacy in Edinburgh and beyond.



12. Offer of Nuffield Research Placement – Maya Drapala [back to top](#)

Maya Drapala in 6m1 has been offered and accepted a placement this summer on the Nuffield Research placement programme. Her placement will be based at Edinburgh university where she will be **Generating impactful 3D visualisations from Fluid Dynamics simulations.**

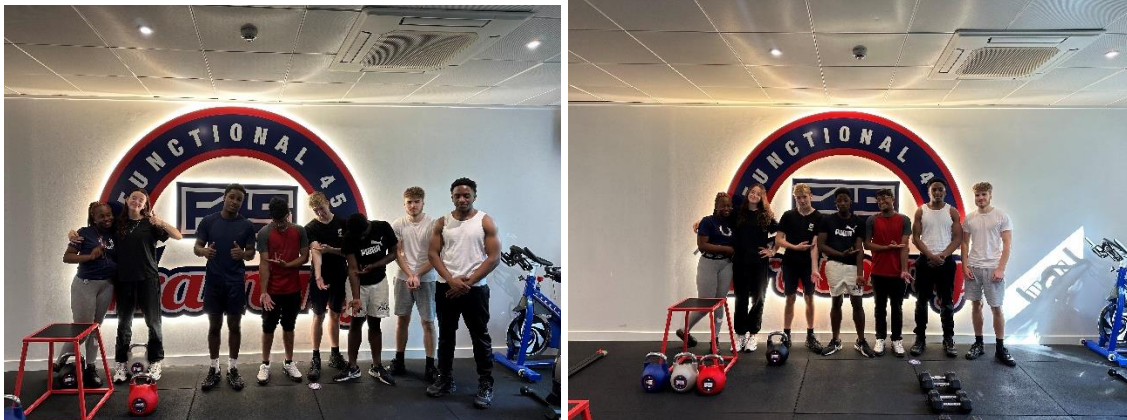
This is a great achievement for Maya, very well deserved, I just wanted to pass on the great news!

Well done to Mr Blair and all of the Science dept who have supported her with her love for science.

She will be a great ambassador for our school!

13. Senior Exercise and Fitness Class

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Part of our Senior Exercise and Fitness NPA course has involved the class making weekly visits to F45 Training West Gym to learn from the F45 coaches about different elements of the course in a real-life setting. The class have shown outstanding commitment, physical effort (these sessions were not easy!), and an excellent knowledge base throughout their time at the gym.

The coaches have regularly commented on how impressed they have been with our pupils and that they are a credit to St Augustine's RC HS. Congratulations to Tinashe Chawainetera who has secured work experience with the gym because of his hard work and passion for the industry.

Well done!
Mrs Williams

14. English Update

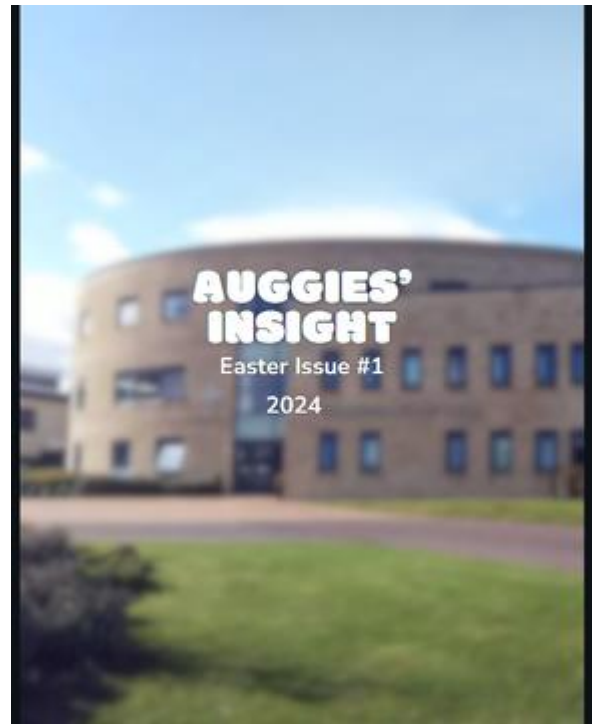
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It's been a very busy year for the English department. We loved working with the National Literacy Trust who mentored and tutored our young people about the value of good literacy skills in the workplace. Our S4s especially enjoyed a visit to the unique NLT offices and were inspired by speakers who shared stories of their own pathways to employment.

We are also very lucky to have S3 pupils create, develop, and share our first school magazine. We look forward to the next monthly issue.

Finally, our Subject Leads, have been instrumental in supporting whole school literacy initiatives this year: – visiting primaries, supporting staff and pupils on World Book Day, as well as helping with wall displays and creating resources, to name but a few of the examples of their ambassadorship for the department and school.



15. Young STEM Leaders

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Congratulations to Alexandra Dajer, Ben Mack, Fateha Anwar, Adam Farboussi and Madison Wilson in their recent success achieving the Young STEM Leader Award this year.

Last year these pupils took part in our school STEM competition which involved the pupils to design a solution to one of three categories of their choice: tackling Climate Change, Energy or Disabilities. They presented their solutions to a team of STEM Ambassadors from various industrial backgrounds; Leonardo, BAM Nuttal, Fugro and Scottish Water to name but a few!

Following their efforts in the competition, the pupils met the criteria for achieving a Level 4 Young STEM Leader Award. A huge congratulations to the pupils and a thank you to Miss Kerr for driving these pupils forward to achieve this award through the Young Scientist Leadership programme.

16. Hairy Haggis Relay

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Congratulations to Brendan Hardie, Matthew Gray, Ciaran Duffy and Liam Guyatt for completing the Edinburgh Hairy Haggis Relay!



17. Performing Arts Update

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It has been a very busy year in performing Arts with many highlights. We had the absolute honour of meeting Ralph Fiennes and Indira Varma with AH drama pupils. The Christmas Celebration and many, many excursions kept us very busy.

The absolute highlight has to be (joint first) the first S3 trip to London in May - Miss Crawford has already booked next year's trip as everyone enjoyed it so much.

The other highlight was our first Musical production - Matilda the musical junior. We enjoyed it so much and auditions are underway for next year's show... Disney's Frozen the Musical Junior - hopefully another sell out.



S† Augustine's RC High School



Learn – Inspire – Grow

A BRIEF GUIDE TO EXTRA FINANCIAL HELP AVAILABLE FOR OUR FAMILIES & CARERS (This Edition - Updated January 2024)

Many families with children in our school are entitled to some extra financial support. If you are struggling on a low income, you may be entitled to this extra help, even if you haven't claimed anything before.

This guide is designed to give you some information and advice on where you can get this help, who qualifies for it and where / how you can apply. The document contains [embedded / underlined](#) links which will take you straight to the relevant site or any application process to help you in what you have to do. Please do pass this guide on to anyone you think can make use of it.

Thank you to CPAG, The Child Poverty Action Group (Scotland) and The City of Edinburgh's Welfare Reform Team, who support us in putting this guide together.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN EDINBURGH SCHOOLS

The current cost of a paid for 2 course school lunch in an Edinburgh Primary School is £2.35 per day per child. Currently, in Scotland, all children in P1 – P5 automatically qualify for a free school meal, so you don't need to apply. When your child enters P6, you must apply if you feel you qualify. A successful application for free school meals in Edinburgh also qualifies you for free milk, a clothing grant (£120 for a Primary School child and £150.00 for a child at Secondary School) and a school meal holiday payment. The holiday payment will be £2.50 per day for each child on free meals. If you currently receive:

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[HOUSING BENEFIT](#)

[PENSION CREDIT](#)

You can apply from June of the year your child is due to enter P6. You can apply by calling 0131 200 2000 or by [clicking on this link](#).

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT

Craigmillar Hub – Thistle Centre of Wellbeing, 13 Queen's Walk, EH16 4EA. 07805 203744

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Pilton - St Margaret Mary, Boswall Pkwy, EH5 2JQ. 07794 850009

OPENING TIMES Mon 13:00-15:00; Tues Closed; Wed 13:00-15:00; Thu Closed; Fri 10:00-12:00; Sat Closed; Sun Closed

THE EDINBURGH POLICE FUND FOR CHILDREN

This fund provides grants for clothing and footwear to children in Edinburgh who are in need of assistance. A family who is resident in Edinburgh and meet the criteria, receive a grant or voucher from the fund to use against clothing or footwear.

Applications can be made by asking the school who can make the application on your behalf. The grant can also be applied for through Social Work, support worker, health visitor or community nurses.

Ask in school if you feel you will meet the criteria for a grant / voucher.

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BANK FOR UNIFORMS

The Edinburgh School Uniform Bank distribute bespoke packs of new school uniform to hundreds of Edinburgh families each year, as well as supplying nearly new uniform to schools and community groups. Click on the link above for more information or you can email info.esub@gmail.com

ADULT DISABILITY PAYMENT

[Adult Disability Payment](#) is extra money to help you if you have a disability or long-term health condition that affects your everyday life. Adult Disability Payment is made up of 2 parts:

- ✓ Daily living
- ✓ Mobility

You may qualify for one or both parts.

The amount you get depends on how your condition affects your ability to do everyday activities and get around. It does not matter if you're working or not. Your income and savings are not taken into account.

BEST START GRANT AND FUNDS

[Best Start Grant](#) and [Best Start Foods](#) are payments that help towards the costs of being pregnant or looking after a child. They're part of the 5 family payments you may be able to get from Social Security Scotland, along with [Scottish Child Payment](#). Best Start Grant is made up of 3 one-off payments:

- ✓ Pregnancy and Baby Payment
- ✓ Early Learning Payment
- ✓ School Age Payment

Best Start Foods is a prepaid card that can be used in shops or online to buy healthy foods like milk or fruit.

You can claim if you or your partner are entitled to:

[UNIVERSAL CREDIT](#) – You must have been getting UC in the monthly assessment period in which you apply, or the one before that.

[CHILD TAX CREDIT](#) OR [WORKING TAX CREDIT](#)

[INCOME SUPPORT](#)

[INCOME BASED JOB SEEKER'S ALLOWANCE](#)

[INCOME RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE](#)

[HOUSING BENEFIT](#)

[PENSION CREDIT](#)

You can also still apply if you are under 18 or you are 18 or 19 and a dependent on someone else's claim because you are still at college. If you have recently become responsible for a child, like a kinship carer, you may also qualify for a payment. Click on any of the links above to apply or call 0800 182 2222.

CHILD DISABILITY PAYMENT

This benefit is for children and young people aged between three months and 18 years who have lived with a disability for at least three months and who can expect to continue to have this disability for at least six months. Qualifying children aged three months or over will be entitled to a payment for their care. Children over three years old can also get a payment to help with their mobility needs.

Qualifying for this may also entitle you to [The Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People](#). This is currently a payment of £235.70 for children and young people up to the age of 18. To get this payment, you must meet two criteria on at least one day in the third full week of September (called the "qualifying week"). On that day you must:

- ✓ Get the highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance for children. (Currently £101.75 per week with a high-rate mobility component of £71.00 per week. This is paid four weekly on a Tuesday.)
- ✓ Be resident in Scotland.

You can click [here](#) or on the title link above or you can call the DWP free on 08001214600.

THE SCOTTISH CHILD PAYMENT

The [Scottish Child Payment](#) gives eligible families on low incomes an extra £25 per week per child which you get every four weeks.

You can claim if you have a child and receive:

[UNIVERSAL CREDIT](#)

[PENSION CREDIT](#)

Click [here](#) or on the title link above to find out more and apply.

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION

- ✓ If you are currently paying full Council Tax payments, you can make a claim for a Council Tax reduction if you:
 - ✓ have savings of less than £16,000
 - ✓ are responsible for paying the Council Tax bill.
 - ✓ have a low income from benefits or work, including self-employment.

You may still get a Council Tax reduction if your savings are more than £16,000 and you or your partner get the Guarantee Credit part of Pension Credit.

You can apply for a reduction at the same time as you claim for Housing Benefit.

You can start your claim with the City of Edinburgh by using this online link – [Start Claim](#)

DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT (DHP)

If your Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Costs doesn't cover all of your rent and you are having difficulty paying the shortfall, you may be able to get a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) to help. DHP can help, for example if you:

- ✓ Are seeking more affordable accommodation and require assistance with a deposit, rent in advance or removal costs.
- ✓ Are affected by the introduction of the benefit cap and are seeking employment.
- ✓ Have been affected by previous Housing Benefit changes such as the extension of the Local Housing Allowance shared room rate to under 35s.
- ✓ Have higher living costs because you are sick or disabled.

Even if you are not sure you qualify, you can still make a claim to find out by using this online link – [Start Claim](#)

SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND(S)

To apply for a grant from the Scottish Welfare Fund, you must be 16 or older and on a low income, or receiving benefits such as Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, or Pension Credit. There are different grants you can apply for depending on your circumstances. **You do not need to pay these grants back.** You can apply for a:

[Crisis Grant](#) – to help with an unexpected emergency like a fire or flood, losing your money or your job.

[Community Care Grant](#) – to help you or someone you care for to start to live, or to carry on living, a settled life in the community.

You need to apply through your own local council. The link to apply for Edinburgh is here. [Edinburgh Welfare Fund Application](#)

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowance or EMA gives financial support to eligible 16- to 19-year-olds, who have reached school leaving age but who want to continue in their learning. There are three main qualifying elements to EMA.

Residency - There's different arrangements in place for different immigration statuses. Your own local council and place of education will be able to let you know if can get EMA with your current residency status in your area.

Household Income - To qualify, households with one dependent child must be earning £24,421 per year or less, and households with more than one dependent child must be earning £26,884 or less, before tax. Dependent children are those up to the age of 16 and those between the age of 16 and 25 in full time further or higher education.

Education - As well as the above, you can only qualify for EMA if you're any one of these:

- ✓ Attending school full time.
- ✓ Home Educated or in Flexi-Schooling
- ✓ On a full or part-time non-advanced course in a college or education centre.

You can only get EMA if you're on a non-advanced course (those studying up to and including Advanced Highers at school, college or through home education). If you think you qualify for EMA, you need to complete the following every academic year:

- ✓ An EMA application form
- ✓ A learning agreement.

EMA is a weekly payment of £30, paid every 2 weeks in arrears. You can apply direct to your school or college or using this link to Edinburgh Council. – [Apply for EMA](#)

WINTER HEATING PAYMENT

You can get a winter heating payment if you live in Scotland and you are on qualifying benefits on any day in the 'qualifying week', which is the week starting on the first Monday in November. To be entitled to a winter heating payment, you have to be on one of the following benefits during the qualifying week:

[UNIVERSAL CREDIT](#)

[CHILD TAX CREDIT](#) OR [WORKING TAX CREDIT](#)

[INCOME SUPPORT](#)

[INCOME BASED JOB SEEKER'S ALLOWANCE](#)

[INCOME RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE](#)

[HOUSING BENEFIT](#)

[PENSION CREDIT](#)

If you get pension credit, there are no further conditions to meet. If you are on one of the other benefits you must also satisfy some [other conditions](#) which relate to ill-health, disability or having a young child in your household. A winter heating payment is an annual payment of £55.05. You do not have to make a claim for a winter heating payment. If you are eligible, it should be paid by Social Security Scotland automatically, starting from February 2023. If you think you are entitled and you have not received a payment, you should contact Social Security Scotland on 0800 182 2222.

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Social Care Direct Edinburgh – During office hours, you can call 0131 200 2327 to report any concerns you have about the care and welfare of any child or young person in Edinburgh. The Edinburgh Out of Hours Emergency Social Work number is 0800 731 6969 which is available out of normal office hours.

The City of Edinburgh main website also has a very comprehensive guide and advice section if you are worried about money, debt or your personal circumstances have changed dramatically. It also has an easy-to-use online benefits calculator that you can use to see what you may be entitled to. You can go directly to this section of the website by [clicking here](#).

One Parent Families Scotland is an organisation that offers a free helpline number and provides general advice to lone parents on issues concerning them.

Citizens Advice Scotland - The Citizens Advice Bureaux in Scotland offer free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on a wide range of subjects.

KinshipScot – A great website full of links and supports for families in Edinburgh.

Kindred – This is a charitable organisation run by parents to support children and young people with complex needs. Its website provides great ideas and links to information and financial grants which families meeting the criteria can apply for.

Parenting Across Scotland – Another great website for helplines across Scotland, access to parenting information and benefits advice as well as a great ‘Top 10 Tips’ section for parents and carers.

Children 1st Parentline – This website gives valuable information about means tested benefits and counselling advice to all parents and carers in Scotland.

Partners in Advocacy – provide independent advocacy for individuals living with learning disabilities, autistic spectrum disorders, physical disabilities. They also provide independent advocacy to children and young people who are living with mental health issues, additional support needs and learning disabilities.

CPAG – The Children’s Poverty Action Group Scotland – The CPAG site is a one stop shop for welfare rights and benefit advice for families with children and young people. It offers national guides and guidance to many of the benefits mentioned in this guide.

ClothesBank+ - This is part of The Edinburgh City Mission which provides valuable help in lots of areas for vulnerable families. Like the Police Clothing Scheme, the school can make a referral on behalf of a family who require good quality day to day clothing for both children and adults.

CHAI - The Community Help and Advice Initiative support people living across Edinburgh and the Lothians to relieve poverty, provide social welfare assistance, practical help and to provide information, advice, and support. Their website is easy to navigate to all the services they provide.

Edinburgh Carer Assistance Fund - To support carers, VOCAL has received funding from the Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh to establish a Carer Assistance Fund. Each carer household can apply for a one-off £250 - £500 grant.

Care & Repair Edinburgh

Care & Repair offer a range of services designed to make it easier for older and disabled Edinburgh residents to live independently. Using a set of trusted and vetted tradespeople, they can help with maintenance tasks, small repairs, and electrical work. The full range of their services offered can be found by using this link or by calling them directly on 0131 337 1111. [Care & Repair Edinburgh](#)



Anything you think is missing from this advice that others would like to know?

We will update this guide every school term, get in touch with us and let us know what you would like us to include. admin@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk

19. [High End TV Production](#)

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Dear all,

The High End TV Industry Insights video, produced by Screen Education Edinburgh and commissioned by Screen Skills High End TV Fund and Film Edinburgh, is now live on our website: <https://www.screen-ed.org/News/hetv-industry-insights>

I'd like to thank you and your pupils for your contribution to what turned out to be a great production. ScreenSkills and Film Edinburgh are delighted with it, as are we. We hope you can share it far and wide within your school community as an educational resource that will help pupils learn more about career pathways and insights into working in Film and TV.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Laura

Dr Laura Findlay
Creative Engagement Officer
Screen Education Edinburgh

20. TEEN Triple P – Parent programme

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Find a Teen Triple P group [near you](#)

Evening Face to Face

St Augustine's RC High School, 208 Broomhouse Rd, Edinburgh, EH12 9AD

Thursday: 26/9 Intro, 3/10, 10/10 (no group 17/10), 24/10, 30/10m, 7/11, 14/11, Last session 21/11 - Time: 6.00pm-8.00pm

Application Form

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/support-families/parenting-course-help-ages-11-16-years>

The City of Edinburgh Council runs Teen Triple P groups in each area of the city in venues such as community centres, schools and libraries. Programmes run during the day and in the evenings. They are free for parents and carers of children who live or attend school in Edinburgh. Find details of local groups on www.joininedinburgh.org

To apply or for more information

Email supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone the Parent and Carer Support Team on 07860 736129, between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/teentriplep



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21. Passion4Fusion STEM competition

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(message from Mrs Croome)

Just a quick note to let you know the amazing news that the following pupils competed in a National Robotics Competition on Saturday held at The University of Cambridge. Fettes College and Broughton HS were amongst the notable opponents, and I hear Broughton HS were very mad that Passion4Fusion pipped them. 🍷🍷🍷

Please congratulate them for getting this far **and winning the competition!** Have a look at the brilliant work that the youth organisation Passion4 Fusion (based in Wester Hailes) does in the community. [Huldah Aina Babs](#); [Jessica Ehimen](#); [Sharon Ehimen](#); [Emmanuel Ayodeji Onamade](#)
<https://passion4fusion.com/first-tech-challenge-we-are-going-to-cambridge/>



[First Tech Challenge: We are going to Cambridge - Passion4fusion](#)

We're still buzzing with excitement after getting the prestigious Inspire Award from the Judges at the recent FIRST Tech Challenge UK Robotics competition. What an incredible journey it has been, [...]
passion4fusion.com

22. Work Experience

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This summer along with The University of Edinburgh the following S6 pupils will be completing work experience and a YourEd+ Assignment in their chosen subject area.

Amarachi	Mbamalu Givba	Biomedical Science
Clara	Haruna	Biomedical Science
Courtnee	Ekenedo	Biomedical Science
Disha	Akther	Biomedical Science
Grace	Thomas	Biomedical Science
Mithila	Alamgir	Economics
Nabia	Benzeloun	English Literature
Nadia	Sameer	Biomedical Science
Natalia	Dajer	Philosophy
Nihaa	Gofur	Biomedical Science
Vincent	Manhando	Economics
Wendy	Manyathelo	Biomedical Science
Yam	Yaseen	Biomedical Science

Moment of Reflection

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"Thou movest us to delight in praising Thee; for Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee."

St. Augustine

This quote captures the essence of seeking spiritual fulfilment and finding peace in God's presence. Have a great Summer.