
LEITH ACADEMY PRESENTS

The Promethean

GIVING *you* THE MIC

Ever feel you've missed what's going on in school?
That's why we created this newspaper – to keep you informed, involved, and maybe even a little excited about school (we'll try!). We'll cover the highlights, the surprises, while also giving you a space to share your thoughts. Because school is better when everybody's heard. Let's make each edition something worth reading – and you can be part of it by attending our weekly meetings on a **Wednesday in room 9**

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would want us
to write about



WHY 'THE PROMETHEAN'

After a long vote with plenty of options, we landed on "The Promethean." Inspired by Prometheus, who gave fire to humanity in Greek mythology, the name reflects our goal - to bring forward the voices of students and shed light on what's happening in our school

Pupil council election

After almost zero to no competition, Aidan Morrice and Foggo Shepherd have been elected as the pupil council leaders. The pupil council election is usually held on the second meeting of the school year but for some people who don't attend pupil council and want to start participating, they might not know when the election is on, as it is usually not advertised.

At first when Aidan and Foggo, who won the pupil council election last year, volunteered to run this year as well, there were crickets for when Mr. Stewart had asked if anybody else wanted to run as well. Nobody was running against Foggo and Aidan, so Mr. Stewart suggested jokingly for the duo to run against each other, which was met with a resounding "No", so when Finn Sheldon raised his arm to run against the duo, there was a relief in the room. Finn ran the election as a joke and promised of "toppling Mr. Irving" if elected.

In the end, Foggo and Aidan successfully won the election with their well-prepared PowerPoint presentation and the dedication they showed throughout last year

Some highlights from the Pupil Council's achievements last year :

- We have conducted a survey to understand how the senior students felt about the prelims this year (since it took place in December and January, instead of just December). Most seniors in the pupil council weren't too happy with the prelim dates this year, so we have brainstormed some potential solutions and passed it on to the senior management team.
- Also, we've gotten several of the taps in the girls' bathroom fixed, and we are still working on getting every tap in there sorted. We have also created a system to keep the girls' bathroom always stocked with sanitary products, and soon, the gender-neutral bathrooms will be just as well-equipped.

If you have any ideas or concerns about the school, then you should join the pupil council to be heard, and maybe even have a problem of yours fixed by the next month. It takes place every Thursday at 1pm at BusEd1 (Business Department).

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

"Democracy: when countries are governed by the people, for the people.

"The International Day of Democracy is celebrated around the world on 15th September each year. It was established through a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly in 2007, encouraging governments to strengthen and consolidate democracy. The International Day is an opportunity to review the state of democracy around the world. Each year highlights a specific theme."

List of themes:

2025: Achieving gender equality, action by action

2024: Peace and democracy: Can ballots replace bullets?

For more information, go to:

www.ipu.org

DO YOU WONDER HOW THE PUPILS AND STAFF IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL?

Rhys Freeman (S2) interviewed Mr. Stewart to find out that we are:

- Making the school more visually appealing with a new design
- Improving attainment and achievement at Leith
- Supporting pupils in overcoming barriers during their time at Leith
- Improving support for students' mental health
- Helping pupils take their next steps after school
- Conducting staff discussions on improving the school, with input from head pupils

Highlighting how our school continues to grow and improve over time. Before we finished, Mr. Stewart had one more thing to say:

"I'm very proud to be part of this school and to help both staff and pupils succeed!"

Student Picks: Top Food Spots Near School



We 'd love to hear your opinions on what you think the best place to eat in school is.

Complete this quick survey and by the next edition, and we'll be sure to highlight your top picks!



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For your watchlist & playlist



Share your most-loved shows, movies and songs or artists.

Do you ever feel like movies and songs don't hit the same as they used to, and the ones that do get barely any recognition? People love to discover new things, especially when they're in a slump and don't have a clue on what they could watch because everything seems repetitive or not as impactful and intriguing — So why not share your favourite contents!

Please complete this survey to. share any songs, movies or films you'd like us to feature.

Netflix and chill?



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different, not less *Poem by Aminah Akram, S4*

a neurodivergent mind,
a constant whirlwind of activity
we might find

a hurricane of ceaseless thought
never slowing down,
never turning to naught

dyslexia, autism, ADHD, and others too
it's these differences that fuel our society
that are an important part of our variety
the difference of each mind
is what truly makes mankind

yet that doesn't change the reality,
that some long for the "normal" they can't embrace,
the ease of communicating in a familiar place

to talk without anxiety,
or read without uncertainty,
of words blurring and sentences fleeing
it's like feeling trapped, the opposite of freeing

but through that dread,
through the "labels"
through the troubles,

there are strengths that are untold,
strengths that truly shine brighter than gold.
they have skills that the world needs to see,
talents and gifts that set them free

don't cast them aside
or make them feel small,
because being different
is not less at all

when we create a place,
where inclusion and diversity are valued
a society that welcomes every mind, every face
we'll grow stronger and bright
embracing difference with all our might



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