



# LOCHINVER HOUSE

**Teaching Assistant**  
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## Message from the Headmaster

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Lochinver House School remains a stimulating and vibrant place to learn and develop. Supported by the School, a talented team of hard-working staff continue to invest in their own development so that they are well equipped to inspire our pupils. My heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who pours their commitment, energy and inspiration into this wonderful School and I welcome your interest in joining us at Lochinver House School.

This year has seen a focus upon The Lochinver Language of Learning. Pupils have worked creatively to represent pictorially underlying qualities that we hold valuable for effective learning: To be curious; to be organised and independent; to be persevering and to show plenty of GRIT; to respect the views and contributions of others; but to be honest with them and indeed with ourselves.

The School's forward thinking approach has led to the provision of an iPad to every pupil in Years 6 – 8. This thoroughly secure provision supports independent and creative learning both at school and at home. A purpose built Design and Technology lab creates the opportunity for hands on learning to support such endeavour found elsewhere in the curriculum. Pupils from a local Primary School come to our specialist labs to join us for a science club each week. Our theatre provides opportunities to perform for children throughout the school. One pupil has completed two seasons as the young Simba in the West End's 'Lion King' and has gone on to win a full scholarship at The Place, Euston, a centre for advanced training in dance. Another has played a role in the RSC's production of Coriolanus at The Barbican.

We have pupils in the National Children's Orchestra and one who trains at the Royal Academy every Saturday. Two thirds of our pupils learn a musical instrument and 50% of those, two. Termly progression through ABRSM grade exams sat at our school led to 169 awards being made. Older pupils achieved distinctions at Grade 7. Our weekly composition club which builds on class music lessons and the use of Sibelius software led to a number of pupils hearing their own compositions being played by a visiting professional string quartet. One pupil won the music scholarship to Haberdashers.

The School continues to put out a tremendous number of sports teams and we have competed at the highest level. Lochinver football is highly respected because we are serious contenders and indeed 'giant killers' in the Independent Schools Football Association cup – a national competition – where we were in the finals in March. We nearly become the first Prep School to ever win the Cup. We recently had an outstanding achievement by the U13 basketball team, winning the IAPS National Basketball Tournament.

We have a Rugby Tour to South Africa this month and a soccer tour to Portugal is planned for October 2018. Some of our pupils are contracted to professional clubs and our athletes had a successful last year with 3 golds at the London & SE IAPS championships.

A vibrant PTA worked with passion and commitment to celebrate the School's 70th year in 2017 where 420 guests enjoyed a black tie event on the School's 8.5 acre grounds. As a charitable trust, we vigorously pursue further developments to the site, its resources and the support of our central aim to provide a high quality education to our pupils, working in close relationship with the families we serve. We are enriched by a cosmopolitan and diverse population. We are a warm community and the renovation of our School Office and arrival point to the School has been a welcome improvement.

The School thrives and balances upon or close to, our maximum number of 350 pupils. The Lochinver journey is a powerful one for pupils and enables tremendous personal development and achievement. 14 senior schools attended a recent evening at our school, keen to engage with our parents and the decisions they will be making about preferred follow on schools. Lochinver pupils are in demand and in the last 10 years we have sent pupils to 22 different schools. Academic achievement remains high. Our Year 8 pupils gain successful entry to their chosen senior schools and this year our Top Year leavers have gained 21 scholarships.

The educational journey at Lochinver produces pupils who have learnt how to learn, to communicate and to collaborate in order to solve problems. Our pupils think of others and know what it is to work hard for important purposes. We believe that flexible and resourceful thinkers and communicators are what a fast changing world will need and so we work creatively to enable such preparation.

Ben Walker, Headmaster