



September 2008

Dear Parent

I am delighted to have the opportunity to invite you to the Junior School Open Morning on Saturday 11th October 2008. I look forward to meeting you and your family at this event and in anticipation of the visit I have included a copy of the most recent edition of Loretto Today highlighting recent events in the School along with a formal invitation, reply form and *Freepost* envelope. Additional daily news, audio and video clips and information about forthcoming School events can be found on the Loretto website www.loretto.com.

Choosing a new school can be quite a difficult time for families and we would like to give you an opportunity to gain a realistic understanding of what Loretto Junior School has to offer. At the Open Morning you will have an opportunity to look round the Junior School and to meet staff and pupils. Tours start at 10.30 am and the morning ends at approximately 12.30 pm. The tour will include visiting our Nurseries (3 – 5 years), Early Years Department (5 – 7 years) and the Nippers (8 – 12 years). You will see some activities including a short performance by our Junior Choir. Light refreshments will be available in our French Café.

Prospective families are welcome to visit the School at other times and to attend a variety of events. In addition you might like to be aware of the following dates this term:

- Open Morning Senior School (12 – 18 years) on 4th October. Contact Senior School Admissions for information T 0131 653 4455.
- Senior School Music Scholars' Concert 5th December – all welcome. Contact Ginny Brechin, music department, 0131 653 4420.
- Junior School Carol Concert 12th December – all welcome. Contact Mairi Gillies, 0131 653 4570.

To assist us with our planning for the Open Morning, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know if you would like to attend. Reply forms should be returned by the 8 October in the freepost envelope supplied. For further information please contact Mairi Gillies, PA to the Headmaster, email juniorschool@loretto.com or telephone 0131 653 4570.

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We are delighted to welcome Peter Hogan, B Com PGCE MA FColIT FRSA, as our new Headmaster in the Senior School. For nearly a decade, Peter Hogan was the Warden (Headmaster) of Llandoverly College in Wales, a highly successful, co-educational boarding and day school for pupils aged 4-18 with many similarities to Loretto. Peter has previously been a Deputy Head, Head of Business Education and Marketing, Head of Economics and a teacher of Economics and History. Peter has also developed a Stock Market game for schools and is a leading advocate of personal finance education in the UK.

Loretto Junior School is still a small, friendly school and children love being here. We offer tremendous Art, Drama, Music and Sport. Over 60% of our pupils play musical instruments and we stage ambitious musical productions every year. These are always a great success!

Nearly all pupils have a chance to play in a School sports team, and there are opportunities to participate in many other areas of school life. We have a popular activities programme which runs every afternoon of the week and is optional on Saturday mornings. Children can choose from over 20 different activities during the year, ranging from mountain biking to ceramics.

We offer a wide range of boarding opportunities for older children who are interested in experimenting with boarding. This is available from 8 years and can take the form of sleep-overs, flexi-boarding and weekly boarding.

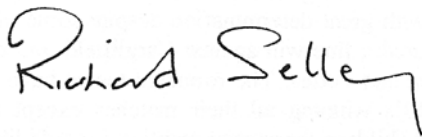
There are three daily Loretto minibuses running throughout East Lothian to and from Loretto. These buses run from Dunbar, North Berwick and Gifford.

If you have recently been to one of our Open Mornings and do not feel the need to attend again, please feel free to pass this invitation on to other parents.

We look forward to seeing you at Loretto again soon.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Selley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Richard Selley
Headmaster of Junior School

Encs.: Open Morning invitation and reply form; Loretto Today, freepost envelope.