## New pre-school opened at Loretto this week

On Monday they cut the ribbon at the new Pre-School at Loretto School in Musselburgh. Peter McCutcheon who is Chair of the Board of Governors did the honours.

The newly refurbished facility is specially designed for children aged 3 to 5. Selected, experienced teaching staff welcomed the first intake of Loretto Pre-Schoolers this week to the new facility set at the heart of the Junior campus



Andrew L. Dickenson, who heads up the Junior School, is looking forward to this first academic year of the Pre-School, and said: "Our Pre-School is a natural extension of the approach

we take to learning at Loretto. We believe that a structured, teacher-led, Pre-School provision can translate children's natural curiosity into valuable learning and skills development, from an early age. This will inspire in them a lifelong love of challenge and achievement. Safe within the school's grounds, and with a wide range of bespoke facilities, the education provided by the Pre-School is the perfect introduction to the rich curriculum offered by the school from Year 1 and beyond."

Headmaster of Loretto School, Dr Graham R. W. Hawley, commented: "Loretto's aim is to know and nurture children. With young children, especially, it is vital that a close bond is built between families and the school, to give children the confidence to establish their character as individuals. Our new Pre-School environment presents and promotes this personalised approach to learning. We are a small school, and our new Pre-School will be true to our ethos; with small class sizes, and high quality, qualified teachers, we are able to facilitate learning and teaching in creative and engaging ways."



Prospective families have the opportunity to discover the new Pre-School during the Junior School's Open Day, on Saturday, 5 October. For more information, to book a place at Open Day, or arrange an individual visit, please contact Loretto's Admissions team at <a href="mailto:admissions@loretto.com">admissions@loretto.com</a> or on 0131 653 4455.

