



To: All Parents and Carers  
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector  
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date  
Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### The Quote of the Week beginning 20.6.22:

KEEP GOING.  
TODAY YOU ARE  
A STEP CLOSER  
THAN YOU WERE  
YESTERDAY.

THEREISNOIMPOSSIBLE.TUMBLR

### A New Ellon Academy 'Home Page' Glow Tile

Thanks to Mr Armstrong's (PT Digital Learning) innovation and hard work, we now have new Staff and Pupil Home Page tiles on our Glow site.

The new tile has been added to the Ellon Academy Launch Pad in GLOW, which takes pupils to a Google site where they can access the most regularly used or required websites for learning. There is also a page for library links and there will soon be links posted for Pupil Support as well. The short video below explains more about how this works and how it can be accessed.

Click on the link to view:

<https://www.facebook.com/1783266508573537/videos/793123411612905>

### Staff up-date:

- English – Mrs Mitchell will return 2 days per week to support our English Faculty
- PE – 2 new members of staff have been appointed and will join the team after the summer.
- Further PE post advertised
- Mrs M Nicholson has been appointed to 0.4 PT Digital Learning and will be working with Mr E Armstrong after the summer
- Home Economics – interviews today (17.6.22)
- Technical – readvertised (No Technical Probationer teachers allocated to Aberdeenshire)
- Computing – readvertised
- Drama – Appointment made – Naomi Cozens, who will join us in August.
- Art – advertised. Interviews last week of term.
- PT Pupil Development – Mr A Pennycook has been appointed to this post and will join us after the summer
- DHT Pupil Support – Mrs M Wilson has been appointed to this post
- PT ASL – Interviews on Mon 20 June

## **SQA Appeals 2022:**

Results day this year is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

General information regarding Appeals can be accessed here:

[https://secure.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/nq-2022-appeals-service.pdf?mkt\\_tok=NTA1LVICSC0zMDAAAAGEvg5OwxpiNO7xwwAnOX7Z3dodVpDUni210g|R4u0NR4JkGg\\_bB  
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### Appeals Information for learners from SQA

*After receiving your results, if you think any of your grades don't seem right, you may be able to appeal.*

*If your final grade is lower than the estimate your school, college or training provider submitted to us before the exam, you may be able to make an appeal directly to SQA, or through your school, college, or training provider. You should always discuss the discrepancy between your estimated grade and your final grade with your teachers/lecturers or centre staff to determine whether the estimated grade and supporting evidence support an appeals request.*

*Estimates form a significant part of the eligibility criteria to appeal. Therefore, it is important that you are aware of your estimate and understand how this was decided.*

*If you have any questions about any of your estimates, it is important that you talk to your teachers and/or lecturers as soon as possible.*

*If your appeal request is accepted, SQA will carry out a clerical check of your exam script and assignments. SQA appointees – practising teachers and lecturers – will also review the assessment evidence that your school, college, or training provider sends to us to decide your final grade. The final grade might be different to the estimate that your school, college, or training provider sends us. In this case, you will be awarded the higher of the two grades based on the two sources of evidence.*

*An appeal can be prioritised if you have a conditional place at university or college, or in training or employment that depends on your grade. Please confirm with your school, college, or training provider if you have a conditional offer as all priority appeals must be validated by your centre.*

**Ellon Academy specific information regarding Results Day (9.8.22) and the Appeals Process will be sent home by Ms Booth, DHT prior to the summer break.**

## **2023 SQA Exam Dates:**

For those potentially planning summer holidays next year (2023), the National Qualification exam diet will start on Monday 24 April 2023 and finish on Wednesday 31 May 2023.

Results day will be **Tuesday 8 August 2023**.

**Technical Faculty Support:**

Staff in the Technical are offering extra support sessions for CAD to all levels of pupils achieve their maximum potential. Although we always welcome drop-ins, we are offering dedicated study sessions for CAD during Friday lunchtimes. By attending, the pupils can get the extra support they need to build up any needed skills and knowledge.

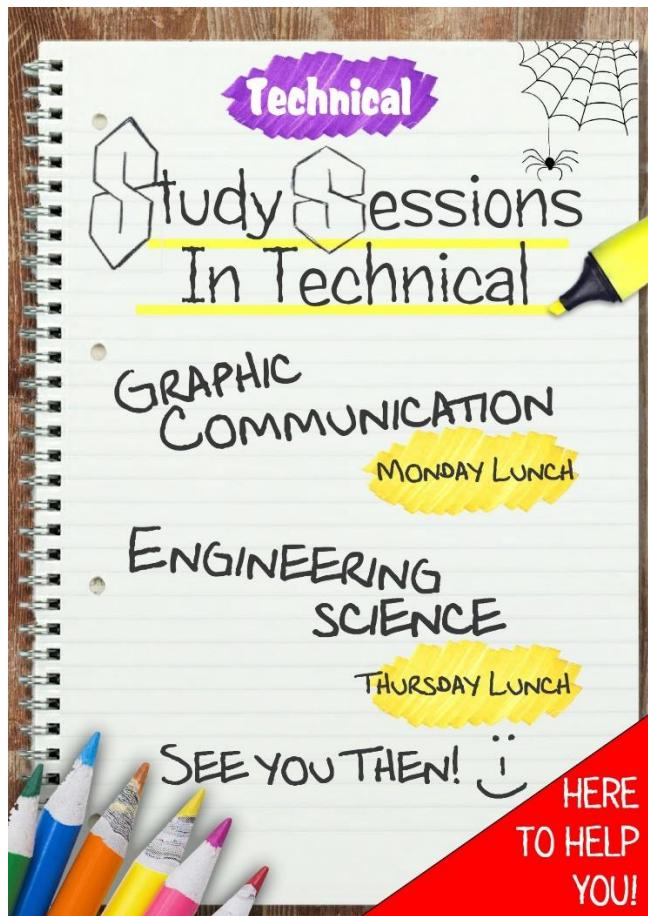


Also, whether your attendance is for 5 minutes, just to have a quick chat, or coming along for the whole time to go over an area of the course, we are more than happy to help. Together, we can ensure progress and help you succeed.

Monday Lunch - Graphic Communication (all levels)

Thursday Lunch - Engineering Science (all levels)

Thank you, Mr MacBeath.



## **Ellon Academy Pupils in a National Competition!**

Please vote for our Pocket Garden in the national competition!

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6HM2PGM> tick Ellon Academy then “submit your vote” at the bottom of the page.

To see photos and details of our garden go to <https://eagerbunch.blogspot.com/>

Voting closes Monday 20th June 9am so please vote as soon as you can and share with friends and family



## **P7 Induction Days**

It was so good to meet our new S1 pupils this week during the P7/S1 Induction Days this week and the P7 Parents on Wednesday evening.



## **Girls Football Trip to Newcastle 2023**

The fixture list came out today for the season ahead and we are delighted to say we have managed to organise tickets for the NEWCASTLE V LIVERPOOL match.

This game will be played on the weekend of Feb 18th-19th, 2023. The trip will be for 4 days, leaving on the Friday morning and departing for home on the Monday.

Further information will be given on the zoom meeting on Tuesday 21st June at 7.00pm. Link for the meeting is given below. Mr McLean

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88147699261...>

Meeting ID: 881 4769 9261

Passcode: 706188



## **Pupil Achievement:**

Thanks to the Eager Bunch for the lovely leeks and rhubarb I bought from the school garden on Friday. Lovely leek and potato soup and rhubarb crumble this weekend!

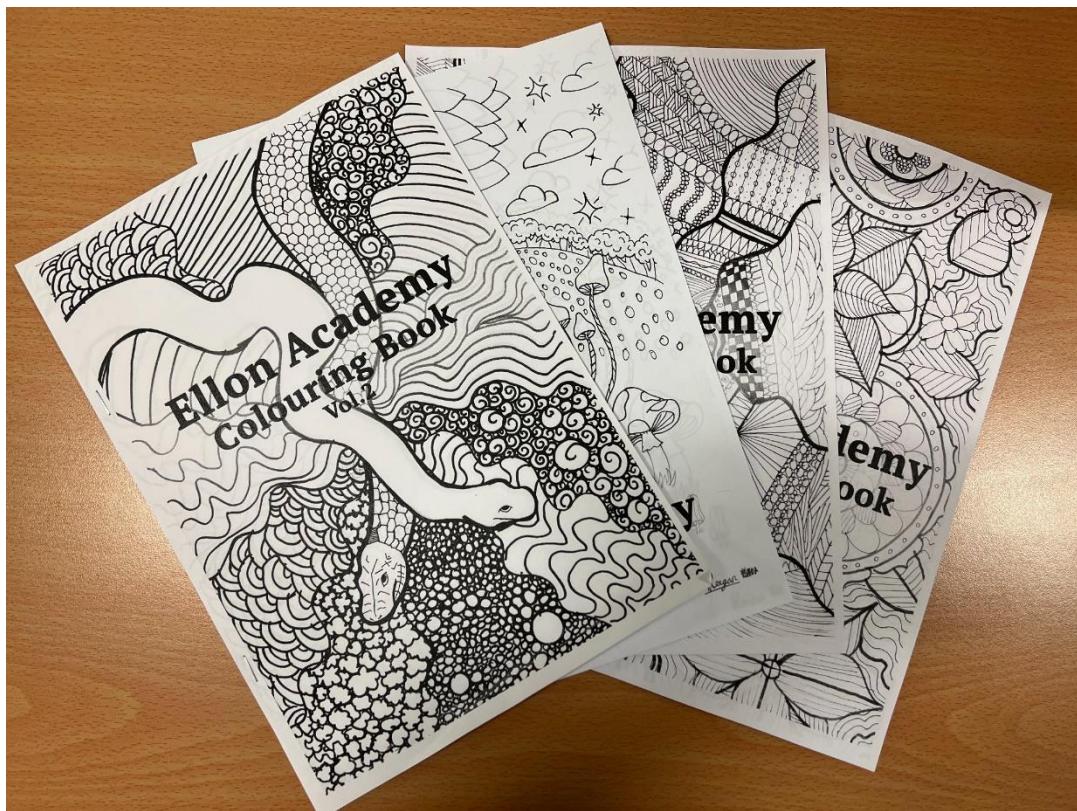


## Pupil Achievement:

Our very talented S1-S3 pupils, have created 4 volumes of Colouring Books, which are now on sale. Volumes are priced at £2 each and are available in the Creative Arts base. They could make wonderful presents for wee ones and adults alike.

Please see the photos attached for the list of artists involved.

Well done! #teamellon #dedication #resourcefulness



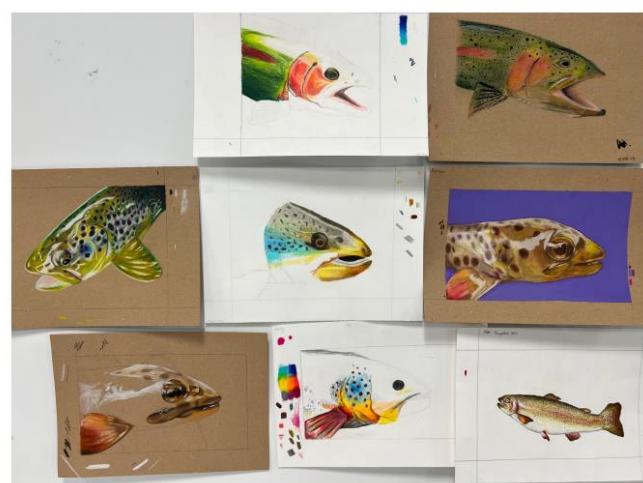
We would like to raise money to support the senior phase with high quality colour pencils. Prisma Colour pencils are extremely expensive but make an incredible difference to the attainment of our young learners.

We are lucky to have some prisma pencils in the department but we are currently not in a position to use these with all senior classes or BGE.

Please see below the difference in standard from regular colour pencils and prisma.



Work produced using standard colour pencils



Work produced using Prisma colour pencils

**Pupil Achievement:**

Well done to newly appointed Head Girl, Kitty B, who represented Ellon Academy at the National Scottish Schools Championships at Grangemouth on Friday.

Kitty did amazingly well, winning silver in the Hammer throw and bronze in Shotput. Additionally, Kitty produced personal bests in both events.

Well done, Kitty, another brilliant performance you can be proud of.

**Pupil Achievement:**

Massive congratulations to Hannah T, who today, at Grangemouth, took part in the 800m for Scottish schools representing Ellon Academy, where she won her heat and progressed through to the final.

In very windy conditions she took the gold medal in a race that was a close finish. Hannah's gold medal earns her an automatic qualification for the Siab International event which takes place in Belfast next month.

Well done again Hannah, another magnificent performance.



## Care in the Community - Ellon Parish Church Centre

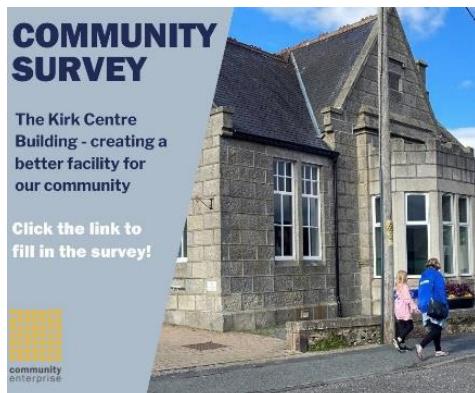
Ellon Parish Church are thinking about how they can best serve the community with the Kirk Centre building. They said:

*'We're excited to hopefully be opening the Kirk Centre Project where we imagine a community space of Café, larder and shop where all are welcomed and treated with dignity and generosity.'*

*'We're also looking at the Kirk Centre spaces as a whole and how we can use the rest of the space to best serve the community. We're working alongside an organisation called 'Community Enterprise' and they've put together a survey that they've asked us to share as far and wide as we can'.*

Please complete the survey below to contribute to the decision-making process. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KirkCentre>



## For your Information:

**FREE ACTIVITIES**

Summer of Play is back with a whole host of FREE activities on offer for all the family. Ranging from Fun Family activities to Multi-Sport & Silent Discos, Ski & Tubing sessions to Create & Discover sessions.

**SUMMER OF PLAY 2022**

**SUMMER IS COMING**

**04.07.22 – 21.08.22**

**MULTI-SPORT**

<b>11th – 15th July</b> Peterhead, Huntly, Inverurie, Banff	<b>1st – 5th August</b> Ellon, Portlethen, Banchory, Turriff, Westhill
<b>18th – 22nd July</b> Aboyne, Stonehaven, Mintlaw, Meldrum	<b>8th – 12th August</b> Fraserburgh, Alford, Mearns, Kemnay

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**After summer information:**

- The one-way system at Ellon Academy has now been removed, but pupils have been asked to stay left whilst using the stairs
- A reminder about our school uniform will be emailed to all parents before the end of term
- Our school day timings will revert to pre-covid times from August 2022:
  - Break – 10.15 – 10.30am (back to 15 mins, not 20 mins)
  - Mon/Tues Lunch – 1.00pm – 1.50am (same) End of the school day – 3.30pm (same)
  - Wed/Thurs/Fri Lunch – 12.10am – 1.10pm (changed back) End of school day – 2.50pm
  - Information regarding our new Ethos – Excellence At Ellon (Ready, Respectful, Safe) will be sent home to all parents/carers prior to the summer break

**Dates For Your Diary**Term 4:

- Sports Colours Awards – date to be decided when Colours ties have arrived  
**(Ties have not yet arrived!)**
- Prizegiving – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Periods 3/4 (Prize winners only)
- Staff v Pupils Sporting Events - lunchtimes last week of term
- Last day of Term – Friday 1.7.22 (non-uniform/dress down day) Just for fun! No donations for charity this time

Term 1

- Start of Term 1 for Staff – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August '22
- Start of Term 2 for Learners – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August '22

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

*Pauline Buchan*

Rector 17.6.22