

ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

To: All Parents and Carers
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date
Date: Friday 24th June 2022

The Quote of the Week beginning 27.6.22:



Staff up-date:

- PE - 3 new members of staff have been appointed and will join the team after the summer.
- Home Economics – Mrs C Godsman will join the staff after the summer
- Technical – readvertised (No Technical Probationer teachers allocated to Aberdeenshire)
- Computing – readvertised
- Art – advertised. Interviews last week of term.
- PT ASL – Ms G Perk will join us in September

SQA Appeals 2022:

Results day this year is Tuesday 9th August.

General information regarding Appeals can be accessed here:

https://secure.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2022-appeals-service.pdf?mkt_tok=NTA1LVICSC0zMDAAAAGEvg5OwxfpiNO7xwwAnOX7Z3dodVpDUni210glR4u0NR4JkGg_bB MFmm2rg_X52GNdkgv9wqoqq59Y4Q3HutpOxpqsP3jwBXWO2xVw

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**.

Ellon Academy Prizegiving 2022

Despite significant staff and pupil absence, we were able to have a smaller scale Prize Giving Ceremony in our Theatre yesterday (Thurs 23.6.22).

It was lovely to congratulate the prize winners and to see 3 former Exec Teams returning to be presented with their medals. Huge thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to make it happen despite the challenges.

Photos to follow.

Girl's football trip to Newcastle, Feb 17th-20th, 2023:

As was discussed at the recent meeting, the cost of the trip has been confirmed as £499.

Could those who want a place on the trip please confirm so by filling out this short form below, by Thursday, 30th June.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

Thanks. Mr McLean



Introducing your SDS advisers



- **Career Advice | Employability**
- Supporting Ellon Academy pupils & young people who have left school in the area with career and employability advice, coaching and guidance.
- Appointments available Thursdays @ Ellon CEC
- Email or call to arrange an appointment



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Not sure what to do next?

Over the summer Skills Development Scotland are offering appointments for young people at Ellon Academy or young people who have left but looking for support. If you would rather contact me, then I will support you to organise an appointment. Email: brenda.thorley@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Pupil Leadership:

We are recruiting more Prefects at Ellon Academy.

Interested S4/5/6 pupils need to join the classroom below and then complete the Google Form.

Deadline is end of the day, Wed 29th June

The Google Classroom joining code is - 4bsoix6

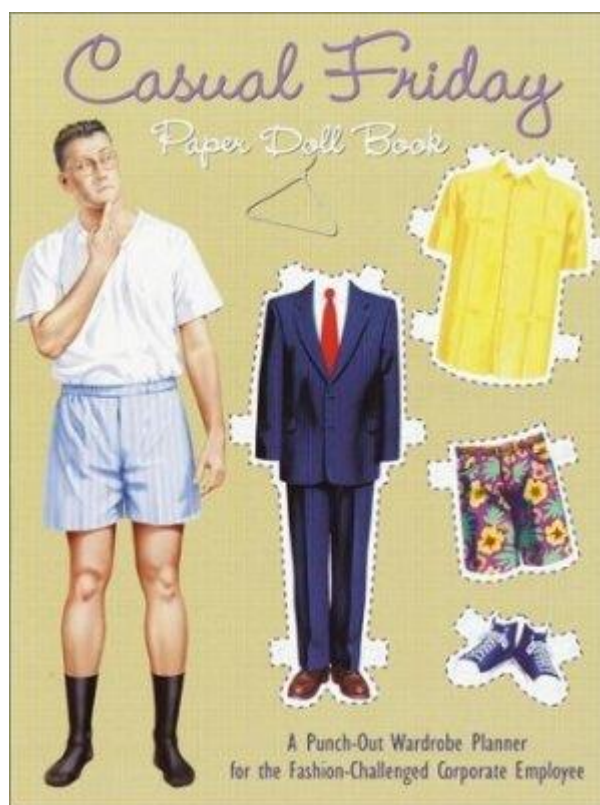


For your Information:

End of Term Ellon Academy Dress Down Day - Friday 1st July 2022

On the last day of term, Friday 1st July, pupils and staff have the option of coming to school in casual, but appropriate for school, clothing.

There is no planned charity collection on that day, and the purpose of this is to give pupils a casual dress day for the end of term.



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

11th - 15th July Peterhead, Huntly, Inverurie, Banff	1st - 5th August Ellon, Portlethen, Banchory, Turriff, Westhill
18th - 22nd July Aboyne, Stonehaven, Mintlaw, Meldrum	8th - 12th August 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 – Pupils will receive their ties next week
- 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 22nd August '22
- Start of Term 2 for Learners – Tuesday 23rd August '22

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Pauline Buchan

Rector 24.6.22