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ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

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Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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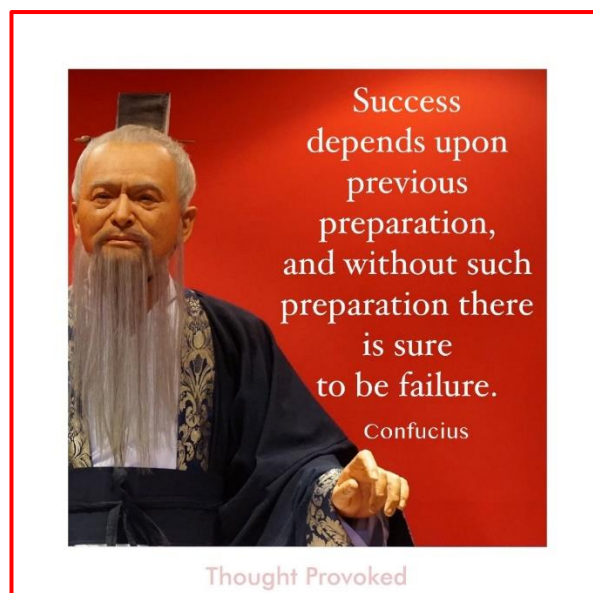
As you will be aware, Ellon Academy is a Confucius School, so Happy Chinese New Year 2023. This year it is the Year of the Rabbit.



To celebrate Chinese New Year, we will have our usual Quote of the Week and a daily quote in our bulletin and a daily quote during the New Year celebrations.

On Thursday 19.1.23 the school canteen prepared some delicious Chinese food choices for pupils and staff. We are looking forward to some further celebrations after the Senior Phase Assessment Block from 31<sup>st</sup> January including calligraphy classes, Chinese board games and will be a lion dance on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Here is the Quote of the Week beginning 23.1.23**



## Assemblies

There are no formal assemblies during the Senior Phase Assessment Block over the next 2 weeks.



## S4/5/6 January Assessment Block

Please find below a link to the finalised Ellon Academy Senior Phase Assessment Timetable for 2022-2023.


This has also been posted to the school website in the Parent Zone.

<https://drive.google.com/.../1cEgv3RB0pWgJ1W3MMwB.../view...>

## Ellon Academy School of Football


In partnership with the Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust, Ellon Academy will be running a ‘School of Football’ for S1 and S2 learners.

Please see the information below from Mr Pennycook, Principal Teacher Pupil Development.



### What is a School of Football?


- Focus on the whole person not just football
- 4 periods per week working with a coach
- Ran by Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust




### Who Can Apply?



- S1 Boys 16-18 Each Group
- S2 Boys
- S1/S2 Girls

Must have some sort of interest in football: playing/supporting/coaching

### How Does it Work?


- Trials will be held on the week beginning January 23rd.
- S.O.F starts week beginning January 30th
- Pupils will not be picked based only on football ability
- Any work missed will be the pupils responsibility to catch up with

### Next Steps

If you are interested then make sure to sign up for the trials by joining the google classroom:

S1 Boys: **7xvhoqc**  
 S2 Boys: **5ajbnib**  
 S1/S2 Girls: **te4vufj**



## Most Merits/Over and Above:

The pupils below have accrued the most merits week beginning Mon 16.1.23 and will receive their canteen fast passes on Monday 23rd January after registration in the sunken social area. Well done, everyone!

Scott	M	1F1	6
Edie	I	1M1	6
Rosie	F	1S1	6
Ross	T	1S1	6
Finlay	R	2S1	6



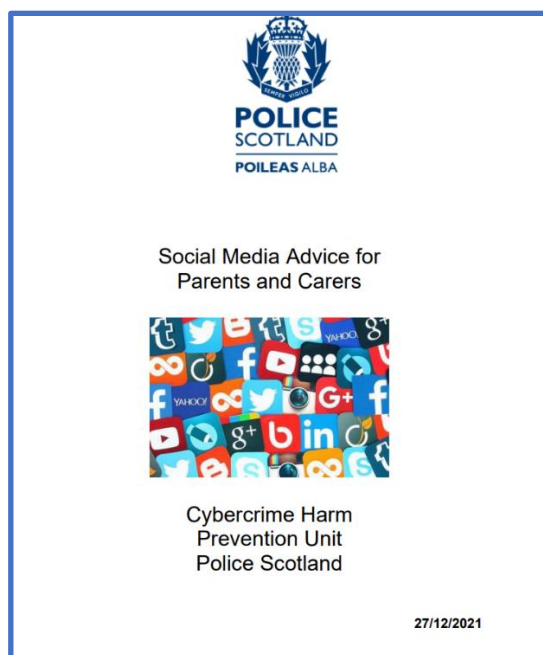
### For your information - Breakfast at Ellon Academy Canteen:

The breakfast menu has been revised for all secondary school canteens. Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will have a £1.00 allowance added to their cards, available to access up until breaktime daily.

Here are all the great choices on offer and the prices:

<b>Breakfast items available or as a Deal 3 items for £1.00</b>	<b>Other items available</b>
Toast 20p	Malted baguette 7.5-inch 50p
Cereal 40p (30gram portion only cereals that comply)	White baguette 10-inch 50p
Bagel 50p	Scones 55p
Petit Pan 35p	Porridge
Beans on toast 50p	Cereal bar
Egg on toast 50p	Fruit salad 85p
Piece of fruit (Banana/ apple/Orange)35-45p	Fruit Salad 1.00
Crumpet/USA Pancake 45p	Granola 85p
Tea 60p (Coffee if instant)	Hot drinks machine 90p
Flavoured milk 45p	Mac B Flav still water 85p
Milk cup 50p	Bottled water 60p
	Bottle milk 60p

### For your information - Police Scotland Social Media Advice for Parents and Carers



Police Scotland have produced a helpful guide with advice on social media for parents and carers. To access the document, please click on the link below:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-zone/>

There is also a guide for pupils too and this has also been uploaded to our school website. Please click on the link below to view:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/pupils/>

## **For your information - School Activities**

### **S6 PUPILS – LEAVERS’ HOODIES**

The Leavers’ hoodies are now available to order. Please see your Registration or S6 PSE Google Classroom for further information. All orders must be placed by Thursday 16th February and the hoodies will be delivered directly to school. Please see Mrs Duffus in S42 if there are any issues.

Mrs Duffus

### **ALL PUPILS – BADMINTON**

Due to the Games Hall already being in use, Badminton will be open to S1 pupils ONLY on Monday 23rd January and pupils should make their way to Gym A instead. Badminton will be back to normal and open to all pupils on Monday 30th January. Please see Mr Murdoch (Humanities) if there are any questions/issues.

### **ALL PUPILS – DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB**

Dungeons & Dragons club has been temporarily postponed due to the upcoming Prelims. Once the Prelims have finished, the club will resume in F12 at lunchtime on a Wednesday. The first session will be Wednesday 1st February and pupils can bring their lunch with them. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Goan.

### **CROSS COUNTRY 2022/23**

Active Schools are delighted to announce the return of our Cross-Country series for this school year! Pupils will run a 3km course in 6 different locations across the North of Aberdeenshire.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR: Each Primary & Academy school will have the opportunity to win an overall winners’ shield. This will be based on the percentage of participants attending all 6 races from each school. Therefore, Active Schools would advise each school to encourage as many pupils as possible to also attend the Run 4 Fun series 2022/2023. To sign up, please follow the link below and complete the online form. Details of payment will be sent in a confirmation email. <http://bit.ly/asabevents>

For more information, please contact your local Active Schools Coordinator. Kelly Green, Active Schools

### **ALL PUPILS – ROCKESTRA CLUB**

Unfortunately, Rockestra club will no longer take place after school on a Tuesday and will not resume until after the summer holidays.

Mr Price

### **Library Homework Club:**

Times this term will be:

Mondays and Tuesdays 1.20pm to 1.50pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 12.30pm to 1.00pm

### **Teen Yoga:**

Teen yoga is held in Gym A from 12:20-13:00 every Wednesday. Pupils should wear leggings or sportswear that can be easily changed into, and all years are welcome.

Please see Mrs Winterbottom if there are any questions. See you there!

Mrs Winterbottom

### **Ellon Academy News Group:**

Where? S8

When? Wednesday 12:20-13:00

If you have a keen interest in all forms of journalism and would like to be involved in reporting about what is happening in our community, then the Ellon Academy News Group would love for you to join the team!

Pupils are allowed to bring their lunch along to the session.

Mrs Cawthorne

### **All Girls – NETBALL:**

Girls Netball takes place after school on Thursdays after school.

Miss Daniel & Miss Mathers

### **S1 Boys – FOOTBALL:**

Training takes place on Wednesdays after school.

Mr Caskie

### **S1-3 PUPILS – JUNIOR BOOK CLUB:**

Where? S8

When? Friday 12:20-13:00

Join us for a range of activities – the links to reading will be varied!

Pupils are allowed to bring their lunch along to the session!

Mrs Cawthorne

### **ALL PUPILS – MANDARIN CLUB**

Mandarin sessions will resume next week (from Monday 16th January) and will take place during the following times:

- Monday period 5 (S46) - senior pupils
- Tuesday lunchtime (S40) - all pupils
- Thursday periods 1+2 (S40) - S2 pupils

Please see Mrs Duffus if you have any questions!

### **Principal Teacher Developing the Young Workforce – Update**

#### S4-S6 - Apprenticeship Opportunities:

The following apprenticeship opportunities are currently accepting applications from across the North-East:

- Apprentice Admin Assistant (Finance) – Rubberatkins (closing date: 20/01/23)
- Apprentice Admin Assistant (Sales) – Rubberatkins (c/d: 20/01/23)
- Modern Apprenticeship: Admin Assistant – KR Group (c/d: 27/01/23)
- Apprenticeship Programme: Accountancy & Business Advisory – AAB (c/d: 10/03/23)
- Graduate Apprenticeship: Civil Engineer – Balfour Beatty (c/d 31/05/23).

To find out more and to apply for these exciting opportunities, use the DYW Northeast Jobs Portal at <https://www.dyw.org.uk/jobs-portal>.



Mr Abberley Nicoll, PT DYW

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Here is a link to our school calendar on our Ellon Academy website:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-zone/>

- Senior Phase Assessment Block – Mon 16.1.23 – Tues 31.1.23
- No morning assemblies during the senior phase assessment block
- Chinese New Year from Sunday 22.1.23 – Sunday 5.2.23
- S1 Tracking Report to be issued week beginning 23.1.23
- Cluster Occasional Day Holiday – Friday 10.2.23
- Monday holiday – Mon 13.2.23
- In-service Days – Tues 14.2.23 and Wed 15.2.23 (All pupils return to school Thurs 16.2.23)
- World Book Day – Fri 3.3.23
- Music for Spring Concert – Tues 29.3.23 (7.30pm)
- End of Term 3 – Friday 31.3.23

#### Parents Evenings Term 3:

- S2 Parents Evening (Virtual) Wed 1.2.23 - 4.00pm – 6.30pm
- S3 Parents' Evening (In person) – Thurs 16.2.23 (4.00pm – 6.30pm) to include Curriculum drop-in session with Mr Cowie DHT
- S4 Virtual Parents Evening – Wed 15.3.23 (4.00pm – 6.30pm)
- S5/6 Virtual Parents' Evening - Tues 21.3.23 (4.00pm – 6.30pm)

#### S2 – S3 Course Choices Key Dates:

- S2 Full Report to be issued w/b 23.1.23
- S2 – S3 Course Choices Presentation to be sent to parents/carers w/b 23.1.23
- S2 Course Choice Guidance Interviews – w/b 30.1.23
- Planned Industrial Action – Mon 30.1.23 – School closed to all pupils
- S2 Parents Evening (Virtual) 1/2/23 - 4.00pm – 6.30pm
- S2 – S3 Course Choice Preferences Google Form issued to parents/carers – w/b 6.2.23
- S2 – S3 Course Choice Preferences Google Form submission deadline – 24.2.23

#### S3-S4 Course Choices Key Dates:

- S3 Full Reports to be issued w/b 6.2.23
- S3 – S4 Curriculum Pathways Presentation to be issued to parents/carers – w/b 6.2.23
- S3 Parents' Evening (In person) – Thurs 16.2.23 (4.00pm – 6.30pm) to include Curriculum drop-in session with Mr Cowie DHT
- S3 Course Choice Guidance Interviews – w/b 20.2.23
- S3 – S4 Course Choice Preferences Google Form to be issued to parents/carers – w/b 20.2.23
- Faculty Careers' S3 Assembly – w/c 20.2.23
- Faculty Careers/Course Choice Presentations issued to parents/carers – w/b 20.2.23
- S3 – S4 Course Choice Preferences Google Form submission deadline – 3.3.23

#### S4 – S5 Course Choices Key Dates:

- w/b 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Senior Phase Options Form discussed with S4 and S5 in PSE.
- w/b 27.2.23 - Senior Phase Curriculum Slides issued to Parents/Carers.
- w/b 27.2.23 - S4 Guidance Interviews.
- w/b 27.2.23 - Faculty Careers' Assembly and Faculty presentations to Parents/Carers.
- w/b 6.3.23 - S5 Guidance Interviews.
- w/c 6.3.23- Tracking Reports issued to Parents/Carers. Google Course Choice Form issued
- 15.3.23 – S4 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00pm – 6.30pm)
- 21.3.23 - S5/6 Virtual Parents' Evening (4.00pm – 6.30pm)
- 23.3.23 - S4/5 Course Choice form submission deadline

Thank you all for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

*Pauline Buchan*

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