



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 9th June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

It has been good to have our seniors back in school this week and the timetable change has gone well. We are delighted to let you know that the following learners have been interviewed and appointed as our new Exec Team for session 23/24:

Head Prefects: Erin C (6K1) and Matthew M (6K2)
Depute Head Prefects: Tiegan B (6K2), Harris G (6C1), Alyssa G (6K1), Isla M (6C1).

Well done to all the learners who interviewed this week and to those who were successful.

Huge thanks to Kitty B and Alastair H (Head Prefects 22/23) for their work today as part of the interview panel and wishing them and our outgoing Exec Team Molly E, Eve R, Jacob V and Clarissa W all the very best for their future plans.



I hope you continue to enjoy reading about our numerous pupil achievements in this newsletter once again.

Quote of the Week beginning Mon 12.6.23:



Assemblies:

Assemblies will resume from Monday 12th June in the theatre during registration:

- S5 – Mon 12.6.23
- S2 – Tues 13.6.23
- S3 – Wed 14.6.23
- S4 - Thurs 15.6.23
- S6 – Fri 16.6.23

Developing the Young Workforce Up-date from Mr Abberley-Nicoll, PT DYW:

Job Vacancies and Apprenticeship Opportunities

The following job vacancies and apprenticeship opportunities are currently accepting applications from across the North-East (via the DYW Northeast Jobs Portal <https://www.dyw.org.uk/jobs-portal>).

- Assurance Apprenticeship Programme – EY (c/d 12/06/23)
- Apprentice Engineer – Sparrows Offshore Services (c/d 12/06/23)
- Apprentice Draughtsperson – Sparrows Offshore Services (c/d 12/06/23)
- Engineering Apprentice – Offshore Helicopter Services UK (c/d 23/06/23)
- Law Scholarships – CMS (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Draughtsperson – Sparrows Group (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Engineer – Sparrows Group (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Mechanic – A & L Stronach Ltd (c/d 30/06/23)
- Aftersales/Customer Service Apprenticeship – Arnold Clark (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Mechanic – Arnold Clark (c/d 30/06/23)
- Forestry Pre-Apprenticeship – Ringlink Scotland (c/d 30/06/23)
- Administrative Assistant – FRP Advisory (c/d 30/06/23)
- Craft Modern Apprenticeships – ACE Winches (c/d 30/06/23)
- Business & Modern Apprentice – ACE Winches (c/d 30/06/23)
- Apprentice Draughtspersons – TechnnipFMC (c/d 30/06/23)
- Business Administrator (Modern Apprenticeship) – Microcom Training (c/d 15/07/23)
- Finance Customer Service Administrator (Modern Apprenticeship) – Microcom Training (c/d 21/07/23)
- Apprentice HGV Mechanic – Leiths Scotland Ltd (c/d 28/07/23)
- Audit Apprenticeships – KPMG (c/d 11/08/23).

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

Learning at Ellon Academy – S6 Induction Days:

This week we welcomed our new S6 learners back to school and the following sessions were held on Tues 6.6.23:

- Welcome from Mrs Buchan, Mr Corser and Miss Tomlinson
- Negotiating the S6 Senior School Agreement for session 23/24
- Teambuilding with Mrs Campbell
- Study Skills with Mrs Leslie
- Exec Team speeches and voting
- Wider Achievement Opportunities with Ms Booth
- Information on study time with Mr Corser

Thanks to Miss Tomlinson and Mr Corser for organising and to all the staff who led groups and supported.



Sports Day at Ellon Academy – Thurs 8.6.23

Here are some pics from our Sports Day 2023. Sinclair was the winning House and well done to all competitors!

Miss Watt looks ever so slightly pleased! 😊







Celebrating Success: Drama Club Showcase

We are delighted to announce our end of year Drama Club acting showcase on Thursday the 29th of June. The Showcase is a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform a selection of monologues, duologues, and scenes that they have been working on over the last few weeks. Your support of our students is so welcome and is much appreciated. Tickets are available from the school reception from Monday the 29th of May.

Ellon Academy

Proudly Presents



Drama Club

SHOWCASE

Doors 6.30PM - Show Starts 7PM
THURSDAY JUNE 29th 2023

Ellon Academy Theatre

Tickets £5 Adults - £3 Concessions

Tickets are available from the school reception

Join us for our end of year Ellon Academy Drama Club Showcase, where pupils from across the school will entertain you with scenes of comedy, music and a little bit of drama.

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!!!

www.ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk



Celebrating Success: Ellon Academy Dance Showcase

Sign up to take part in the Ellon Academy Dance Showcase to raise money for EASA.

We are looking for dancers and gymnasts to perform solo or group routines alongside our school Cheer Teams in a showcase for parents, carers, and the community.

Sign up using the link below:

CLOSING DATE 09/06/2023

<https://forms.office.com/e/TsmGTZgWnS>



Also a big thank you to [Bare](#) who have generously donated a Graze Box Voucher and Annie's Tea Room who have donated a voucher! Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night of the showcase, 22/06/23.

Tickets for the show can be bought from the school office (£5 adults, £3 concessions).

If you own or know of any businesses who can donate a prize, please get in touch on here or with the school directly. Thanks Miss Williams.

<https://www.facebook.com/barezerowaste>



Annie's
fixed to make you smile

Ellon Academy Reading School - Reading for Pleasure/Recommended Reading for parents, pupils, and staff:

'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' by Holly Jackson



Pippa investigates a murder that took place in her town 5 years previously. She doesn't think the police got the right person...

'A Kind of Spark' by Elle McNicol



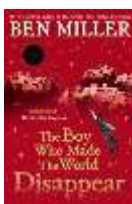
Addie is intrigued by her class topic when they are learning about the victims of witch hunts in her local area. She is bullied due to challenges she faces at school. She spots the similarities between how people treated those accused of witchcraft and how she is treated.

'I Know You Did It' by Sue Wallman



When Ruby was four, she accidentally killed a girl. Now, as a teenager, she is being framed for murders at school...

'The Boy Who Made the World Disappear' by Ben Miller



Harrison has a terrible temper. An unusual entertainer gives him his very own black hole. He starts to put things which annoy him in it – he soon regrets some of his decisions though!



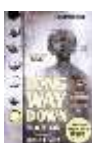
Little People, BIG DREAMS Treasury: 50 Stories from Brilliant Dreamers
This is a beautiful collection of heroes – some well-known ones and some not so well-known. There is also a great section at the end for the reader to recognise their achievements and perhaps plan what adventures they will have as they grow up. A great one for dipping in and out of for those who can find reading tricky and/or time-consuming!

'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas



Starr is a passenger when her friend, a black teenager, is shot by a policeman for no reason. She needs to decide if she is brave enough to testify in the face of protests & pressure from the police. Unfortunately, a very relevant book. There are violent themes.

'Long Way Down' by Jason Reynolds.



Will's brother has been shot. He needs to decide if he is going to get involved in gang warfare. This book is written as a narrative poem and is easy to read. Another one for those who perhaps struggle to find the time to read.

Pupil Notices:

ALL PUPILS – CROCHET WORKSHOPS

If you would be interested in learning how to crochet, or you can already crochet, we are planning to hold some crochet workshops in the Library later this term. Please come to the Library during any lunchtime this week to find out more from Mrs Quantrill.

Mrs Murdoch & Mrs Quantrill, School Librarians

ALL PUPILS – BASKETBALL

Basketball club is now on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Miss Daniel

All Pupils

'Digital Drop-In' sessions will take place in the EOLA space (English Open Learning Area) from 12:30-13:00 every Thursday lunchtime for any pupil who is having a school-related digital problem (either with a device or online). Pupils must ensure that their problem is school-related or for school use.

Mr Armstrong

ALL PUPILS – DRAMA CLUB

We have resumed after school on Thursdays.

Mr Price, Miss Moore & Mrs Cozens

ALL GIRLS – FOOTBALL

We have resumed after school on Thursdays.

Mr McLean

ALL GIRLS – NETBALL

We have resumed after school on Thursdays. Miss Daniel

ALL PUPILS – YOUNG SCOT CARDS

Pupils should ensure that there is sufficient money on their Young Scot cards before buying any items from the Canteen. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of pupils trying to purchase food/drink when their accounts are empty. If parents/carers are having problems when trying to top-up online, pupils can use cash at the Revalve machines (at any time) or at the Canteen (outwith breaktime and lunchtime).

Miss Jarvis, Canteen Supervisor

ALL PUPILS – DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Dungeons & Dragons club is at lunchtime on a Wednesday. Pupils can bring their lunch with them. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Goan.

All Pupils - 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

All Pupils - 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

All Pupils - 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

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

S2 PUPILS – MANDARIN

Mandarin club has resumed on Thursdays.

Mrs Duffus

ALL PUPILS – CHOIR

Choir will resume in G32 at lunchtime today (Thursday 11th May – starting at 12:35). We will be learning a top-secret song which includes choreography – come along to find out more! New members from any year group are always welcome – no audition or experience necessary! Mrs Nicholson

S1 PUPILS – JUNIOR COACHING AT ELLON TENNIS CLUB

Junior coaching is available at Ellon Tennis Club and the sessions take place at 16:45-17:45 on a Tuesday or 12:30-13:30 on a Saturday. It is a 5-week block, and the Tuesday sessions start on 23rd May (finish on 20th June) and the Saturday sessions start on 20th May (finish on 17th June). There is limited availability, so book early to ensure your place. To book or for further information, please pop down to Reception.

Skills Development Scotland Support at Ellon Academy:

Introducing your SDS advisers

- **Career Advice | Employability**
- We offer support with career guidance, employability to help pupils and leavers plan their next steps. This could be speaking about different options, support with college applications, CV support, etc.
- If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak with an adviser or to arrange an appointment, please get in touch using the contacts below:

Ellon Academy
Susan Ritchie & Kirsty Hannon

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 kirsty.hannon@sds.co.uk



Ellon Post School
Amy Healy

 amy.healy@sds.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

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

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

- Parent Council Meeting – Wed 14.6.23, 7pm.
- Dance Showcase – Thurs 22.6.23, 7.15pm in the Games Hall
- Drama Showcase – Thurs 29.6.23, 7pm in the Theatre
- P7 Induction Days – Tues 27th, Wed 28th and Thurs 29th June.
- End of Term 4 – Fri 7.7.23

Thank you for your continued support.

P Buchan

Rector 9.6.23