



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 19th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had the opportunity to have some family time in the Easter holidays and we were pleased to welcome our pupils and staff back to school on Monday. As you will be aware, this has been the last week in school for our S4/5 and 6 pupils prior to the start of the 2024 SQA exam diet. Our seniors start their study leave on Monday 22nd April and those who are returning, they are due back on Monday 3rd June.

Today, I spoke with our S3 pupils at assembly, offering them an opportunity to step up as prefects over the next 6 weeks. They have access to a Microsoft Form to apply and this can be found on their S3 Registration Google Classrooms. Those who are successful will be given a training session and hopefully will get started on their prefect duties week beginning 29th April.

As ever, our learners continue to impress us every week with all of their various achievements in and out of school and we hope you enjoy our updates and reading about our pupil successes in this week's newsletter. If your child/children have successes you'd like to share with us, please send us an email via the school email address marked FAO Mrs P Buchan, Rector. Any photos you can share with us are always welcome too.
ellon.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



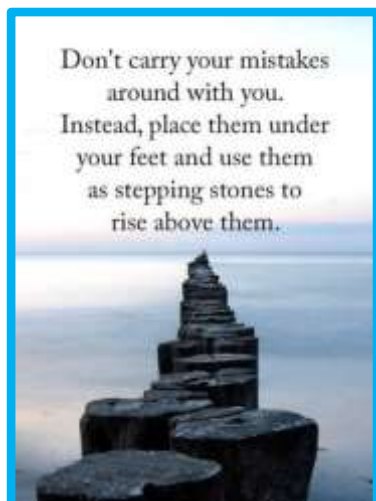
Prefect Applications:

Any current S4 pupil who is returning to school after the exams is welcome to apply to be a prefect. Please join Google Classroom tkbyoaa and complete the short application form. Any questions, please see Miss Tomlinson in S19.

Deadline for applications is the 30th of April.



Quote of the Week beginning Mon 22.4.24:



Assemblies:
Next week assemblies will be taken by Scott M in S2. Assemblies will be during registration as follows:

- Tues 23.4.24 S1
- Wed 24.4.24 S2
- Thurs 25.4.23 S3

Parent Council Up-date:

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm in person at Ellon Academy.
Our new Chairperson Mr James Simpson is keen for more parents to join us that evening.
The Parent Council also want to welcome P7 parents and remind them to answer the security questions if they would like to access the Ellon Academy Parent Council Facebook page.
Thank you.



Most Merits:

Here are the pupils who have accrued the most merits this week: Well done, and they can collect their Fast Passes from Mrs Buchan after registration in the sunken social area on Mon 22.3.24.

Well done all!

Ava	W	1C2	4
Georgie	Q	1S1	4
Kasper	S	1S1	4
Lexi	C	2C2	4
Charlie	P	2K2	4
Murray	D	2M2	4
Hannah	S	2S1	4
Jayden	S	3F2	2
Aulay	H	3K1	2
Scarlett	B	5F1	2
Kayleigh	F	5F1	2
Miller	F	5S2	2

NESCoL College Course End Dates:

Foundation Apprenticeships: Week commencing 24 June.
HNC Business: Week commencing 17 June.
All other courses*: Week commencing 15 April.

Foundation Apprentices and HNC students will be expected to attend College throughout study leave. If an FA is still on placement during this time, they should also continue to attend this. If an FA or HNC student is unable to attend due to an exam coinciding with their class/placement, they should let their lecturer (plus their FA Officer and employer where necessary) know.

S6 Class of 2024 Leavers Day:





We wish our S6 learners all the very best for their up-and-coming exams and for a very bright and successful future.

Senior Study and Exam Support:

Study Skills Support:

Here is a link to Mrs Leslie's Study Skills presentation and the Ellon Academy Study Guide:

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

Lunchtime and after school help clubs:

Faculties continue to offer support via help clubs for all senior phase learners.

Bright Red:

Get quizzical with our N5 Revision Cards for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics! 📖

These cards are great for studying in the run up to exams, as they focus on those tricky questions that students historically get wrong. Visit our website for more info! <https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/revision-cards>



Here are some helpful websites for study:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z6gw2hv>

<https://www.e-sgoil.com/>

<https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/students/higher-education/understanding-qualifications-study-tips>

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/supporting-study/>

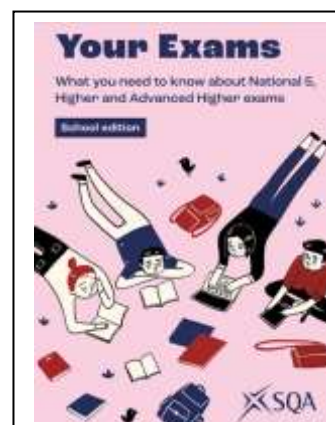
SQA Exam Information:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/100863.html>

SQA Exam Timetable:

<file:///C:/Users/pbuchan/Downloads/ng-2024-exam-timetable.pdf>

Please note that the Ellon Academy SQA exam timetable may vary to accommodate school bus times and additional assessment arrangements. Use this link as a guide only and your child will receive their individual timetable after the Easter break.



MyExams app

Create a personal timetable, view your exam schedule, add notes, and add to other calendars.

- [Download MyExams from the App Store.](#)
- [Download MyExams for Android.](#)

Personal timetable builder

Don't fancy an app? You can also create your own timetable using our online version.

Build your own [online timetable](#)

MyStudyPlan app

Organise your revision by creating your own study plan.

- [Download MyStudyPlan from the App Store.](#)
- [Download MyStudyPlan for Android.](#)

Helping your Teens with Exam Stress:

Parent Club resources are now available to help parents & carers to support their teens with the stress of exams. Nobody likes exams. But some teens find them particularly stressful and difficult, especially S4s who may be sitting exams for the first time this year.

Parent Club has tips and advice for parents & carers to help them support their teen if they are struggling to cope with exam stress - along with what to do if it all gets a bit too much.

You can find out more on the Parent Club website:-

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/how-cope-exam-stress>



Therapets at Ellon Academy – Wed 17.4.24:



We were delighted to host some Therapets and their owners this week. The pupils (and staff) really enjoyed relaxing with these lovely dogs.

Crochet Workshop:

At the end of last term some pupil had the opportunity to take part in a Crochet Workshop and here are the amazing bunnies made on the last afternoon of term:
Well done!





Pupil Achievement:

Over the Easter holidays, several Ellon Academy pupils were involved in the Danz Creations show in Aberdeen Arts Centre, showcasing their creative talents in ballet, tap, street, modern and Highland dancing:
They were:

- S1 – Murrion B, Maria F, Molly N
- S2 – Isla O, Chloe S, Neve S
- S4 – Abigail H
- S5 – Katey F
- S6 – Millie S

Well done girls!



Pupil Achievements:

ELLON SENIORS DO THE DOUBLE! 🏆

The senior boys football team earlier this evening defended the JM Lowe cup they won last year and now have done a back-to-back league and cup double. 🏆

In a very tight match played in awful conditions at times, Ellon edged out Aberdeen Grammar by a score of 5-4 with a goal in the last ten minutes deciding a very competitive fixture. 🙌

Goal scorers:

Aiden T 🏆, Aidan M 🏆, Finlay M 🏆, Alex G 🏆

Everyone in the squad has made a massive contribution to achieving this task of winning back-to-back league and cup titles. Well done to you all! 🏆🏆🏆

The boys have a final chance to pick up more silverware when they play Meldrum Academy tonight at 5pm in the Aberdeenshire league cup final at Fyvie FC where they could win a treble, again! 🏆

We hope to see as many of you as possible along to support the boys tonight.



Pupil Achievement:

Violin/Traditional Fiddle/Viola Music Exam Success!

We are delighted to let you know that the following Violin/Traditional Fiddle/Viola pupils (taught by our very own Mr Hibbs) sat their various Music Exams last term and the results are in!

We are very proud of the result that they have achieved and many of you will have heard them play at our recent Music for Spring concert last month. 🎉🎊🎵🎸🎶

Well done all!

- ✓ Finlay R - 1C1: Trinity College London Scottish Traditional Fiddle Grade 4, Pass
- ✓ Kasper S -1S1: Trinity College London Scottish Traditional Fiddle Grade 2, Merit
- ✓ Dhaksha S -1C2: ABRSM Grade 3 Viola, Distinction
- ✓ Lewis D - 2F1: Trinity College London Scottish Traditional Fiddle Grade 3, Pass
- ✓ Rosie F - 2S1: Trinity College London Scottish Traditional Fiddle Grade 2, Merit
- ✓ Robyn G - 3M2: Trinity College London Scottish Traditional Fiddle Grade 3, Merit
- ✓ Stephanie B - 5M2: ABRSM Grade 4 Violin, Merit
- ✓ Abigail H - 4M1: ABRSM Grade 5 Violin, Merit



Pupil Achievement: North of Scotland Senior Girls Cup Final.

Ellon 0-4 Dingwall.

Our girls put on a brave performance this week against a very strong Dingwall side and gave their all. Our very much depleted team, with several players unavailable for selection because of Aberdeen FC commitments, gave their all against a team who had all their top players available.

Players of match were Alisha M and Kylah K.

It's been a very good season for the girls and a few of them will also have the junior cup finals to look forward to. Well done!



Pupil Achievement – Health and Wellbeing Pupils of the Month (March)

HWB March Pupils of the Month:

Mr Lawson - Gregor A 4S2, Rian G 4F1

Miss Hepburn - Emma H 4K2

Miss Williams - Lexi S 1C1

Finlay R 1C1 - Mr Hatfield

Kasper S 1S1 - Bella M 2F1

Miss Daniel - Grace S 4S1

Eve C 1K1 - Mr Caskie

Joseph B 3F1 - Alex E 3F2

Mrs Godsman - Piper B 4K1, Rachel B 4F1

Ythan Valley Rotary:

This week, members of [Ythan Valley Rotary](#) attended the Interact meeting at Ellon Academy Community Campus. Hilary Gordon took the opportunity to share the latest Rotary GBI magazine with Mrs Murdoch.

[#rotaryscotlandnorth](#) [#rotarygbi](#)



Extra-Curricular Activities:

We are always encouraging our learners to take part in clubs and activities in and out of school to support skills development, so thanks to Mrs Warne for pulling together all the Ellon Academy extra-curricular activities into one booklet for pupils and parents/carers. The booklet can be viewed by following the link to our website below:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/>



Pupil information:

ALL PUPILS – BREAKTIMES IN THE LIBRARY

Reminders for all pupils:

- The library is open at breaktimes for borrowing, returning and renewing library items, reading and printing.
- The library is a RED ZONE at break time – no phones.
- Pupils should have their snack before coming to the library at breaktime.

ALL PUPILS – TABLE TENNIS CLUB

If you want to get involved in playing some Table Tennis, come to gym A on a Wednesday at lunchtime.

Open to all pupils.

Start Date : Wednesday 20th March.

Time: Lunch Break

Location: GYM A

Mr Hatfield

ALL PUPILS – MANDARIN LESSONS

Mandarin lessons have started again on Wednesdays and will run until study leave. They are being held in S42 during lunchtime every Wednesday. Pupils who have a place on the trip to China in July 2024 must attend because they need to have completed at least 10 hours of Mandarin before we leave. However, other interested pupils are also welcome to attend the lessons! Please see Mrs Duffus for more information. Mrs Duffus

Fund Raising for Maggie's

Rachael C 5K1, her mum and brother have signed up to participate in Maggie's Culture Crawl this year, taking place on June 21st. They will be walking 6 miles around different areas of Aberdeen, which will be awesome! These different areas will include food/ drink/ entertainment etc, so it adds to the experience!

Maggie's provides support for those affected with Cancer, whether it be emotional, practical, physical, financial support, or for those with younger children, and other family members. As part of this exciting opportunity, they have to do a wee spot of fundraising!

They have a Mint Aero Chocolate Hamper for £2.00 per square.

A Galaxy Chocolate Hamper to be raffled off, £2.00 per square

3 different Sweetie Bouquets to be raffled off, £2.00 per square

Two x 1000 piece jigsaw + a 2025 Calendar to be raffled off- £ 2.00 per square.

Payment can be made through our Just Giving page @

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SusanClark2024?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=678913f2-e675-4adf-93b4-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SusanClark2024?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=678913f2-e675-4adf-93b4-368064d44e4d&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1708890116649)

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Or PayPal / Bank Transfer/ cash. Thank you.



Period Place

The following events are up and coming and will be organised by the charity 'The Period Place'.

PERIOD PLACE The Period Place a Charity presents

Mothers & Daughters

🕒 2PM - 4PM
📅 4th May, 2024
📍 The Kirk Center, Station Road, Ellon AB41 9AE

Health & wellbeing | Intimate care chat.
Stress & Mental health mgt

Raffle draw to win Tricia First Period Kit
Mum & daughter photoshoot

Girls ages 9-14

Register at Eventbrite

- Resource persons: GP, Medical practitioner
- FREE but registration is required.
- Refreshments available.

Partners >>

Enquiries: email info@theperiodplace.co.uk
website: theperiodplace.co.uk

You are not Walking alone

WALK & TALK ABOUT PERIOD RELATED ISSUES

4K WALK **FREE**

YOUR STEPS CAN HELP A GIRL

📍 Esplanade, Aberdeen Deach
📅 25th May 2024

Powered by:

Get Free Doctor's Advice

Register at www.walktogetheravoice.co.uk

Enquiries: info@theperiodplace.co.uk

Walk to end period shame & stigma

WALK TO END PERIOD POVERTY

2K WALK FOR SCHOOLS YOUR STEPS CAN HELP A GIRL

Date: **28th May 2024**

Powered by:

Enquiries: info@theperiodplace.co.uk

Schools Register at <http://www.walktogetheravoice.co.uk/schools/>

SCAN ME

Dates for Your Diary:

Term 4:

Mon 15.4.24	Term 4 begins.
Mon 22.4.24	Start of SQA Exams and Study Leave for S4/5/6
Mon 6.5.24	May Day Holiday
w/b 20.5.24	S1 Final Reports issue this week.
Wed 22.5.24	Junior and Senior Prizegiving Ceremonies
Thurs 23.5.24	P7 Values Day
Fri 24.5.24	S6 Prom
Mon/Tues 27/28 th May	S3 Build Your Future/Entrepreneurship Days
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st May	S1/2/3 Activities Days
Fri 31.5.24	S2/3 Tracking Report (2) issue.
Mon 3.6.24	Provisional change of timetable
Thurs 6.6.24	Sports Day
25 th , 26 th 27 th June	P7 Induction Days
Thurs 27.6.24	Drama Showcase – 7pm Theatre
Fri 5.7.24	Dress Down Day/End of Term

The Ellon Academy School Calendar for session 23/24 is available to view on our school website by following the link below.

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

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

P Buchan

Rector 19.04.24