



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



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To: All Parents/Carers  
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector  
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date  
Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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**Quote of the Week beginning Monday 21.6.21:**

Thinking about our staff and pupils as we head towards the last week of an exceptionally intensive, challenging, and busy term. Almost there! (Some teacher 'red pen' required for the grammar of this quote!)

hey,

i am proud of you. i am happy for  
your growth and progress. you will  
soon achieve all your goals in life.  
just keep going because you are  
almost there!

**Next Parent Council Meeting:**

The next virtual Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm via Zoom.

Please contact them via this email address: [ellonacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ellonacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Here are the up dates for this week:

**S6 Leavers Video 2021:**

If you haven't seen it yet, Holly Allan, S6 pupil who has just left school, put together a great video, celebrating our Class of 2021. To view, follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/1783266508573537/videos/532037937807034>

**SQA Up-date: 2021 Appeals Service:**

Ms Booth, DHT and SQA Co-ordinator will issue a letter to all Senior Phase Parents/Carers on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June regarding provisional results, potential changes to subject choices, and the appeals process for all Senior Phase pupils returning to school and to all S4/5/6 pupils who may have just left school.

**SQA Course Provisional Results Verification:**

This week, Ms Booth and I have been involved in the Aberdeenshire Quality Assurance Verification of our provisional results and we have been given the green light to share these with our pupils on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June by postal letter.

**Staffing Up-date:**

- After summer we welcome Mr F Massey, Biology Teacher, to the Science Faculty and Mrs M Coates, Drama Teacher to the Creative Arts Faculty
- It has been confirmed that we will have 1 Probationer Teacher allocated to Ellon Academy
  - Chemistry – Mr A Whyte

**SLT Strategy Day – Thurs 17.6.21:**

Yesterday, SLT met in person, in the same room (socially distanced and wearing masks) for the first time in over 16 months, having had all our meetings virtually during the pandemic.

We spent the day discussing and planning our strategy for next session with the emphasis on Raising our Ethos, Culture and Expectations. These are some of the themes we discussed:

- Re-establishing school uniform
- Re-establishing extra-curricular clubs and activities
- Re-establishing staff 'Impact Teams'
- Celebrating the positives and pupil successes
- Introducing the 'Late Gate'
- Back to Basics re pupil conduct and expectations
- SLT Relentless Routines
- Re-establishing Learner Walks and Learner Mark linked to the Five Pillars of Successful Learning:

	<b><u>Am I?</u></b>	<b><u>Achieved</u></b> <b><u>all 5</u></b>	<b><u>Achieved</u></b> <b><u>4 or 3</u></b>	<b><u>Achieved</u></b> <b><u>2 or 1</u></b>	<b><u>Achieved</u></b> <b><u>None</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Punctual</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Prepared</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Participating</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Persevering</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Progressing</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## Introducing our new Exec Team:

Head Prefects - Aymara Blinkenberg and Ellen Astley  
Depute Head Prefects - Jenna Milne-Clark, Cody Watson, Owen Edwards and Fergus Slater

Well done to them all and we look forward to working with them next session. Huge thanks to our outgoing Exec Team for all their hard work, commitment, and dedication over the past year. We will miss you all, but you're all headed for great things in the future. What a team!



## S6 Blazers

The first leadership task for our Exec Team is to organise the information regarding ordering blazers for S6 pupils who want one:

If you follow the instructions below, it will take you through the sizing video to the point of ordering:

1. Visit [www.academyuniformsltd.com](http://www.academyuniformsltd.com)
2. Visit Categories - second form the top Sizing Guide and follow the instructions
3. Back to categories - Secondary schools – Ellon Academy
4. Place your order
5. For free delivery into the school early August type ELLON into the coupon code within the shopping cart and click Apply Coupon
6. Your order will be delivered to the school for early August.
7. Alternatively, you can pay for home delivery.

## School Uniform Reminder for Parents/Carers. Expectations for August 2021:

**Ellon Academy SCHOOL UNIFORM (up-dated May 2021)**

It is important that pupils identify with their school and wearing school uniforms helps a sense of pride in being part of the school. This ensures that pupils can come to school in their "best" clothes and can be easily identified as Ellon Academy learners.

**ACCEPTABLE** **"Dress Your Personal Best"** **UNACCEPTABLE**

- Plain black skirt or trousers/black jeans, jeans style trousers, black leggings or joggers
- Ellon Academy school tie worn with a plain white collared/button-down shirt
- A plain black jumper/cardigan or a plain black 'Ellon Academy' jumper
- Black Shoes or trainers (black trainers with colour accents are acceptable)
- Optional
  - A plain black or 'Ellon Academy' blazer/jumper
  - A black skirt (optional)

- Clothes with patterns or other colours
- Baggy/truckert bottoms/faded black jeans
- Advertising brand/logos on jumpers/cardigans
- T-shirts or round neck tops instead of a collared shirt
- Footwear (except for in PE classes and pupils must change back into school shoes after PE)
- Wearing outdoor (jackets, fleeces, hoodies or coats in class or registration)
- Hats off and hands down in school

A change of clothing and footwear for PE is essential. We would recommend that you wear outer jackets in school shoes, dark colours, black, blue or burgundy. Ellon Academy's Comfort Cabinet can help with school shoes and other school essentials. Just get in touch by calling: 01258 281230. Clothing grants can also be accessed here: <https://www.ellon.academy.org/parents>

**Link to this week's Virtual Assembly – 16.6.21:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpMes4M\\_6-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpMes4M_6-s)

**Dates for your diary:**

- Last day of Term 4 – Friday 25.6.21
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- First day of Term 1 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- Occasional days for session 21/22
  - Wed 5.1.22 – occasional day added on the end of the Christmas break
  - Thurs 10.2.22, Friday 11.2.22 (Mon 14.2.22 is already a holiday and Tues 15.2.22/Wed 16.2.22 are in-service days)
  - It has been mooted that May Day and Jubilee Day are combined – National decision, so more info as it is received

**School Calendar 21/22:**

Our new school calendar for session 21/22 is now ready and will be sent to parents/carers before the end of term.

Thank you once more for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

*Pauline Buchan*

Rector  
18.6.21