

ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENT/CARERS

To: All Parents/Carers
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date
Date: Friday 25th March 2022

Dear parents/carers.

Thank you so very much for your support of our appeal for Ukraine.

Hopefully we will have some photographs of our Dress Down Day to share via our Facebook page later today.

The drive to support Ukraine has come from our young people and what has been extremely visible in those young people is an increased interest and curiosity around the situation. Many do not understand the history and complexities of Ukraine/Russia however they do see people, whether it is on the TV, social media or through other means, that they want to help. Our pupils have shown great maturity and genuine care for others, and this has been their way to express this.

We wish to thank you for your continued support during these times.

The Quote of the Week beginning 28.3.22:



SQA Up-date:

As per Scottish Government plans, the SQA exam diet will go ahead this year for our Senior Phase learners taking N5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams. Ms Booth is delivering 3 in-person assemblies for S4/5/6 learners on Monday 28th March to ensure they are fully aware of the range of SQA expectations and regulations involved in taking part in an official exam diet. Pupils will sanitise on arrival, ventilation and CO2 monitors will be operational and pupils will sanitise on exit.

We are also working on an 'exam hall' experience for our N5 and Higher pupils after the Easter break on Wed 20th and Thurs 21st April. More information to follow.

Study Leave will also go ahead and will start on Monday 25th April for all S4/5/6 learners and will run until the last exam on Wednesday 1st June. We expect our timetable to change after the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend on Monday 6th June.

Covid Up-Date:

As you may be aware, face coverings in social settings outwith the classroom will still be required after the Easter break and we thank parents and carers for their continued support with this.

Also, we have a large stock of asymptomatic testing kits (LFDs) still available in school. If families wish to stock up, there are boxes at reception which can be collected from 8am – 6pm during the week or your child can take home as many as are required. Thank you.

Staff up-dates:

- Vacancies currently advertised:
 - 1 FTE Teacher of Technical Education
 - 1 FTE Teacher of Home Economics – interviews next week
 - 1 FTE Teacher of Art – interviews next week
 - 1 FTE Teacher of Computing Science
 - 0.4 FTE Acting Principal Teacher Creative Arts – interviews after the Easter break

We have also requested Probationer Teachers for session 22/23 in the following subjects:

- Art, English, Home Economics and Technical

S6 PUPILS – LEAVERS’ HOODIES:

Please follow the link below (it has also been shared on the S6 PSE Google Classroom) to choose a nickname and order your leavers hoodie. Remember, your nickname must be school appropriate – you will be asked to change it if it isn't. Hoodies cost £18.50 and payments must be made no later than 12:00 on Wednesday 16th March so that your order is guaranteed to arrive before you leave school. Orders received after this deadline are unlikely to be accepted because it will mean that the rest of the order will be delayed. Please see Mrs Duffus in S42 if there are any issues. Miss Duffus.

<https://moxieleavers.co.uk/.../dc69a5f80c53b2050f0fc3d7>

Pupil Achievement:

SENIOR FOOTBALL RESULT: Ellon 12-0 Inverurie

Another unbelievable performance from the boys, who showed a great attitude this week with a convincing win over Inverurie. Once again, this was such an exciting game that the 2 coaches forgot to take any photos and only got this one goal on video thanks to some supporters! 📹

That's now 2 games played, 19 scored and conceded 0.

Massive well done to all involved and we look forward to the next game. 🏈⚽

Here is the link to the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/ellonacsport/videos/5331684216855921>

Pupil Achievement:

So good to see the return of the Senior Netball Team. 🌟🌟🌟

The girls travelled to Mintlaw Academy where they played some great netball resulting in a 42-29 win!

Congratulations to Kayla who got POM 🏆🏐💪

Well done girls. A pleasure to coach! 🌟🌟🌟



Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to the U13 football team who picked up their first 3 points in the league as they dominated in a 14-2 victory. A hattrick of hattricks from Owen, Lewis, and Aaron M, as well as 2 goals from Captain Struan, in addition to the one each from Jack, Matthew and Milo. This was enough to comfortably secure victory. The boys played brilliantly, and never rested on their laurels assuming victory, no, they fought for every ball right to the end.

A well done also needs to go to the Mintlaw Academy players, who although were up against it throughout the game, never put their heads down and never gave up. A great attitude shown all round!



E-Sgoil Easter Study School:

Registrations for Easter Study School are coming in thick and fast! 171 schools so far - from Shetland in the north all the way to the Borders in the south. Remember, March is the month to get your registrations in for Easter Study Support webinars.

<https://e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support/#nelo>

A promotional poster for Easter Study Support. The background is yellow with a geometric pattern. At the top, it says "Easter Study Support" in large black letters, followed by "7th - 14th April 2022". Below that, it lists "Live webinars covering 66 courses across N4, N5, Higher & Advanced Higher, delivering three sessions per course." On the left, there is a graphic of a cracked Easter egg with the e-sgoil logo on top. On the right, a blue oval contains the website "www.e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support/". At the bottom, it says "National e-Learning Offer" and has several small logos.

Fundraising and Support for Ukraine:

Mrs Warne's English Class 3B1 and our Exec Team are keen for the school to take part in raising awareness of the plight of the Ukrainian nation and its people so 3B1 have also pledged to do some challenges to support the fundraising.

Some ideas that 3B1 want to try are:

- Cooking the tea at home for the family
- Asking some Staff to do a 'TikTok' to raise money
- Walking their dog for a week
- Etc, etc!

Look out for our challenges on the school Facebook page.

Also, the Aberdeenshire Educational Psychology Team has pulled together resources to support parents, carers, teachers and school staff to have discussions with children and young people about events in Ukraine: <https://bit.ly/TalkUkraine>

NESMS - Northeast of Scotland Music School

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

NESMS would like to invite all students who are, or will be, in full time education from September 2022— June 2023 to apply for our scholarship auditions.

Successful scholarship recipients will have several lessons over the academic year paid for by our generous supporters.

A fund solely for students in Local Authority schools in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire is available. There is also specific funding in place to benefit the increasingly more "uncommon" instruments, viola, oboe, horn etc.

Auditions are open to students on any instrument that NESMS currently offers.

LIVE in-person auditions will be held at 21 Huntly Street in the last week of May* but online submissions will be accepted for geographical or self-isolating reasons.

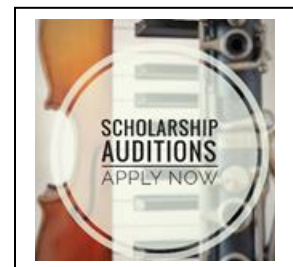
Auditions, both live or by online submission should consist of two contrasting pieces.

Application deadline: Monday 25th April 2022

*exact audition dates to be confirmed after application deadline.

Apply online following the link below or download an application form along with further information about any video submissions from our website.

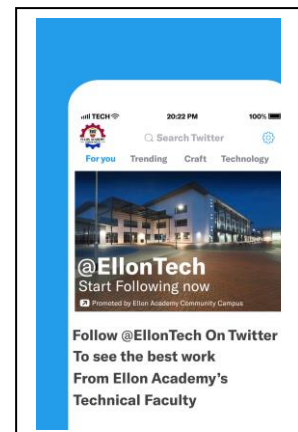
<https://forms.gle/aAsy1sUZVNEJQiy8>



Ellon Academy Technical Faculty Twitter Page:

To help celebrate the high-quality learning and teaching that happens within the Technical Faculty, a twitter page has been set up to share pictures of pupils work and to celebrate their achievements. Please feel free to follow the page as see for yourself what happens within Engineering Science, Graphic Communication, Woodwork and Metalwork.

twitter.com/EllonTech



Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme:

Information about this scheme has been uploaded to the school website and has been sent home via email. To view, please click on the link below:

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



Dates For Your Diary

Term 3:

- S4/5/6 SQA Exam Assemblies – Monday 28.3.22
- S2 Columba 1400 Training Session 1 – Monday 28.3.22
- Last day of Term 3 – Friday 1st April

Term 4:

- Start of Term 4 – Monday 18.4.22
- S4/5/6 Exam Experience – Wed 20th/Thurs 21st April
- S4/5/6 Leavers Assemblies – Fri 22nd April
- S2 Columba 1400 Training Session 2 – Wednesday 20.4.22
- Study Leave for S4/5/6 starts Monday 25.4.22
- S2 Columba 1400 Training Session 3 – Tuesday 26.4.22
- S2 Columba 1400 Residential Leadership Training on Skye – Mon 9th May – Fri 13th May
- S1 Parents Evening – Wednesday 18.5.22 (4.00pm – 6.30pm)
- Public Holidays – Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd June
- Change of timetable – Monday 6.6.22
- Prizegiving – Mid June (to be decided)
- P7 Transition Days – Tues 21.6.22 – Thurs 23.6.22 (inclusive)
- Last day of Term 4 – Friday 1.7.22

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Pauline Buchan

Rector
25.3.22