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**ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

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To: All parents/carers  
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector  
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date  
Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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**The Quote of the Week beginning 13.6.22:**



**A New Ellon Academy 'Home Page' Glow Tile**

Thanks to Mr Armstrong's (PT Digital Learning) innovation and hard work, we now have new Staff and Pupil Home Page tiles on our Glow site.

The new tile has been added to the Ellon Academy Launch Pad in GLOW, which takes pupils to a Google site where they can access the most regularly used or required websites for learning. There is also a page for library links and there will soon be links posted for Pupil Support as well. The short video below explains more about how this works and how it can be accessed.

Click on the link to view:

<https://www.facebook.com/1783266508573537/videos/793123411612905>

**Timetable Change:**

We are pleased to report that fewer than 60 tweaks have been made to the 500 new S4/5/6 timetables this week. This is testament to the work of Principal Teachers of Guidance supporting learners to make the correct choices at the start of the process back in January.

Mr Cowie and Ms Booth DHTs passed positive comment on the conduct and proactiveness of S5/6 in ensuring that they were completing their Wider Achievement/Study periods, with many are signing up to In Class Support of junior peers to help gain their Saltire Volunteering Award. Others are picking up classes such as Sports Leaders, Philosophy and Advance Higher RME Unit. This has been a much more settled start and as new timetables bed in, next week we will maintain high expectations with a focus on Senior Dress Code and Lateness. With the appointment of the new Exec Team on Thursday this week, we'll shortly be pursuing ties and blazers for seniors who are already asking for this.

## **New Exec Team for 22/23:**

I am delighted to let you know that the following pupils were successful this morning following their Exec Team 22/23 interviews:

Head Prefects:

- Kitty B and Alistair H

Depute Head Prefects:

- Molly E, Eve R, Jacob V and Clarissa W

Thank you to Miss Tomlinson, Mr Corser, Aymara B and Ellen A from Exec Team 21/22 for their assistance on the Interview Panel. Congratulations and well done to them all!  
We look forward to working with them in session 22/23.



## **Staff up-date:**

- English – Mrs Mitchell will return 2 days per week to support our English Faculty
- PE 2 new members of staff have been appointed and will join the team after the summer.
- Home Economics – interviews next week
- Technical – readvertised (No Technical Probationer teachers allocated to Aberdeenshire)
- Computing – readvertised
- Drama – Appointment made – Naomi Cozens, who will join us in August.
- Art – advertised
- PT Pupil Development – Interviews on Wed 15 June
- PT ASL – Interviews on Mon 20 June
- Mrs M Nicholson has been appointed 0.4 PT Digital Learning and will be working with Mr E Armstrong from August 2022

## **Parent Council:**

At the Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, PC members Helen Wilson, Angela Blanchard and Mara Sturton were thanked for their sterling support of the PC and the school as they retire from their duties. Nick Topping, Chairperson throughout the pandemic will remain on the PC but the chairperson reigns will now be taken by Angela Stott. Mr Topping was thanked for his unfailing support of the PC and the school, particularly leading the parents through the pandemic and providing information in partnership with the school to parents/carers during those challenging times. Please see the PC Facebook page for further information on how you can help support the Ellon Academy Parent Council.



## Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June



Last week, hosted by Mrs J Murdoch and her Library Helpers, we were treated to a wonderful Jubilee Lunch with excellent entertainment from Miss Copeland and her musicians and a Jubilee Quiz. Mrs Murdoch and her dedicated team of Library Helpers did a fantastic job, and it was lovely to enjoy the event all together, just like old times at Ellon Academy. Well done to Mrs M and Miss C and all of the pupils involved!

Andrea V 6M  
Stephanie B - Violin  
Hayley D - Violin  
Enzo and Logan S1 (Guitars)  
Jamie G 3S2  
Cameron T 3S2  
Beth L 1K1  
Calum S 1K1  
Elizabeth D 1K1  
Asaldis C 1M1  
Eilidh G 1M1  
Adrijiana P 1M1  
Lauren M 1S2  
Kata K 1S2 (Harmonica)  
Leah S 1S2  
Viktoria V 2M1  
Margarita A 2M1  
Darcy R 2M1  
Devon T 2K2  
Lucy M 2S1  
Kaci CI 2S1  
Megan C 2S1  
Ryan Stott 4S1



### Technical Faculty Support:

Staff in the Technical are offering extra support sessions for CAD to all levels of pupils achieve their maximum potential. Although we always welcome drop-ins, we are offering dedicated study sessions for CAD during Friday lunchtimes. By attending, the pupils can get the extra support they need to build up any needed skills and knowledge.

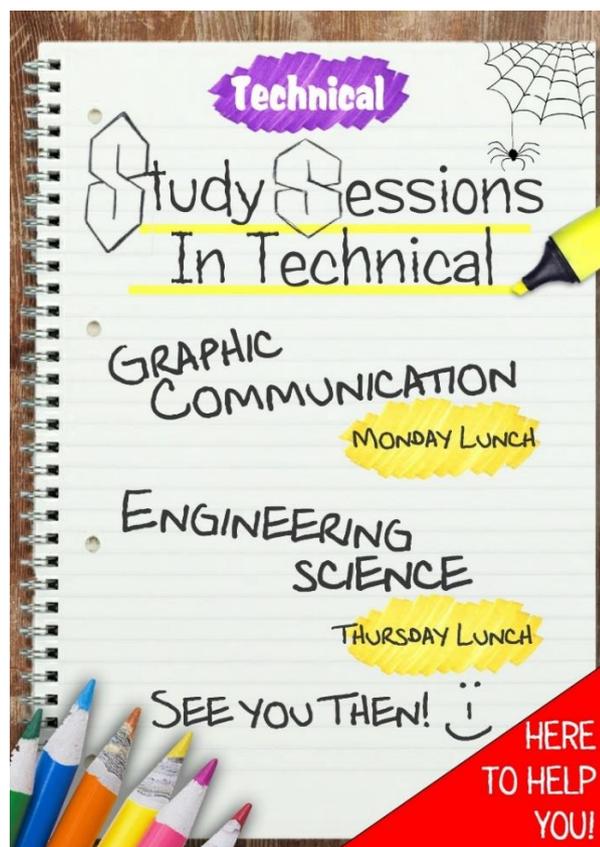


Also, whether your attendance is for 5 minutes, just to have a quick chat, or coming along for the whole time to go over an area of the course, we are more than happy to help. Together, we can ensure progress and help you succeed.

Monday Lunch - Graphic Communication (all levels)

Thursday Lunch - Engineering Science (all levels)

Thank you, Mr MacBeath.



## Sports Day 2022 at Ellon Academy

For the first time in 2 years, we were able to have Sports Day here at Ellon Academy and the rain stayed away until we were done.

A huge thank you to the competitors, spectators and the staff who organised and were involved in a range of tasks throughout the day, and also thanks to Mr Cruickshank and his BBQ helpers and to Mr McLean for his great photographic skills.

It was very special to be out of the field with the competitors and to share in the excitement and enjoyment of events. The staff relay is always a highlight!



## Ellon Academy Pupils in a National Competition!

Please vote for our Pocket Garden in the national competition!

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6HM2PGM> tick Ellon Academy then "submit your vote" at the bottom of the page.

To see photos and details of our garden go to <https://eagerbunch.blogspot.com/>

Voting closes Monday 20th June 9am so please vote as soon as you can and share with friends and family



### **Pupil Achievement:**

Scottish Schools Football S1/S2, 7 a side National Finals.

The girls put in a good shift this week at the national finals, but ultimately lost out to stronger teams in the league games. Although the girls didn't reach the knockout stages, they have performed amazingly well this season. For a small school like Ellon to have reached 2 national finals, and given a really good account of themselves in both, is quite an achievement!

We are very proud of their efforts, especially considering 7 out of the 9 players in the two finals were S1 pupils, playing against teams that contained a lot of S2 players.

Player of tournament today was Amber S, who did very well in goals, producing some excellent saves. Natalie G was a close second and was unlucky on a few occasions not to score.

We are looking forward to next season already.

Mr McLean



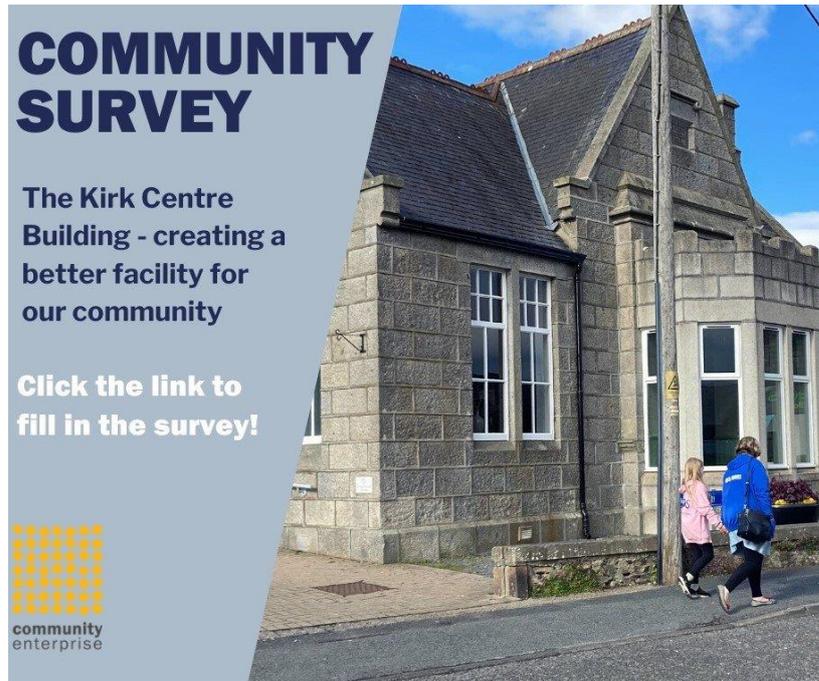
## Care in the Community - Ellon Parish Church Centre

Ellon Parish Church are thinking about how they can best serve the community with the Kirk Centre building. They said:

*'We're excited to hopefully be opening the Kirk Centre Project where we imagine a community space of Café, larder and shop where all are welcomed and treated with dignity and generosity. We're also looking at the Kirk Centre spaces as a whole and how we can use the rest of the space to best serve the community. We're working alongside an organisation called 'Community Enterprise' and they've put together a survey that they've asked us to share as far and wide as we can'.*

Please complete the survey below to contribute to the decision-making process. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KirkCentre>



**COMMUNITY SURVEY**

The Kirk Centre Building - creating a better facility for our community

Click the link to fill in the survey!

community enterprise

## Dates For Your Diary

### Term 4:

- Sports Colours Awards – date to be decided when Colours ties have arrived  
**(Ties have not yet arrived!)**
- P7 Transition Days – Tues 14.6.22 – Thurs 16.6.22 (inclusive)
- P7 Parents' Evening – Wed 15.6.22 – 6-7pm
- Prizegiving – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June Periods 3/4
- Staff v Pupils Sporting Events - lunchtimes last week of term
- Last day of Term 4 – Friday 1.7.22



Thank you for your continued support,

*Pauline*

Rector  
13.6.22