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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 30th September 2022

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Quote of the week beginning 3.10.22:



**Most Merits/Over and Above:**

The pupils below have accrued the most merits week beginning Mon 26.9.22 and will receive their canteen fast passes on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct after registration in the sunken social area. Well done, everyone!

Aleisha	D	1F1
Lewis	D	1F1
James	M	1F1
Lucas	M	1F1
Scott	M	1F1
Logan	T	1F1
Charlotte	W	1F1
Ainoras	P	2S2
Bobby	B	3F1
Emma	H	3K2
Fraser	N	4F1
Ruby	S	4S2
Owen	B	5K1



### **Consultation - Timings of break and lunch at Ellon Academy**

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to complete our survey.

The results are just in, so we need some time to look at feedback from pupils, parents and staff and we will inform you of any changes in due course.

in checking what their children are accessing, posting, and sharing online.

### **Google Classroom Communication:**

As you will be aware, Ellon Academy use Google Classroom which an excellent tool for pupils and staff. Class teachers can post the work of the class, revision materials and any homework on there so that learners can access important information about classwork and homework. Any work/homework posted stays there in the Google Classroom so pupils can use this to look back, consolidate learning and revise for assessments.

Google Guardian is helpful for parents/carers to see their child's 'To Do' list, which provides a parental overview of tasks and homework set by the school so that you can support your child to manage time and deadlines for work and homework due.

One of the many benefits of Google Classroom is that learners can communicate directly with their teachers via a private message application. This has proved to be particularly positive for learners who may not wish to ask questions in front of the 'live' class. It also provides a platform for teachers to praise learners in a private forum, which a lot of young people prefer.

However, several parents/carers are beginning to send messages directly to teachers on Google Classroom and this is not appropriate, sustainable or manageable for staff. As part of our Working Time Agreement for Teachers in Scotland, we as a school have built in additional time for teachers so that pupil communication can take place via Google Classroom. There is no time in this agreement for direct communication with parents/carers via this platform, as it would be over and above the contractual hours for teachers' parental engagement, which includes report writing and parents' evenings.

So, we advise that you as parents/carers, should contact your child's Principal Teacher of Guidance if you have specific queries, and to refrain from messaging teachers via your child's on-line classrooms. This is the most efficient and appropriate means of communication for individual learner queries.

For your information, the Principal Teachers of Guidance are:

Cheyne House – Mrs P Waugh

Forbes House – Miss N Jeffrey

Keith House – Mr K Findlay

McDonald House – Mrs C Kaczmarek

Sinclair House – Mrs L Donald (Mon/Tues) and Miss M Watt  
(Wed/Thurs/Fri)



### **Free On-line Study Support for S4/5/6 Learners from e-Sgoil**

This is a great and highly recommended offer for our Senior Phase Learners to take advantage of professional teacher support in your S4/5/6 subjects!

National e-Learning Offer: e-Sgoil Evening Study Support Webinars:

e-Sgoil Study Support comprises live, interactive webinars focussed on Senior Phase courses.

Webinars are delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers. 50 different webinars are on offer each week during term time, covering all the larger subject areas as well as an extensive range of other subjects. The service is focussed on delivering equitable access to all learners in Scotland and is completely free.

Please find links below which will enable schools to promote the offer:

- Nutshell guide for learners
- FAQ document
- Short promotional video
- 2022 – 2023 Evening Webinars Study Support timetable

Registration is now open. The link to the registration and information page on the e-Sgoil website is here  
Please also find information on how to register as well as support for learners in local authorities not routinely using Glow.



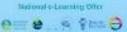
# STUDY SUPPORT 2022/23

49 live online webinars each week, covering 26 subjects, ranging across levels from N4 through to N5, Higher and AH.

To view the full Study Support timetable and find out how to register, scan the QR code below or visit



[www.e-sgoil.com/study-support/](http://www.e-sgoil.com/study-support/)



## European Day of Languages 2022



# European Day of Languages 26 September

[www.coe.int/edl](http://www.coe.int/edl)

#coeEDL



On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of September we took part in some fun activities to celebrate European Day of Languages. There were various challenges for pupils to try and do. It was great to see such a fantastic turn out in the library, thank you to everyone who came along! Miss Mathers.

Bonjour tout le monde!

We have made a video celebrating the different languages spoken in our school community.

<https://youtu.be/CTy5mR4oMx4>

Celebrating European Languages Day - Lesson Starter Tasks.

<https://youtu.be/jEM22tCx1bs>











**Pupil Achievement:**

This week Lauren M 2S1 received her 50 hours Saltire Award for volunteering in the Ellon Academy School Library. Very well-done Lauren.



**Pupil Achievement:**

Congratulations to Aaran S in S5 who has been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship! This is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK and is only awarded to the highest calibre pupils who have the potential to be the country's future leaders within the Engineering Profession.

To achieve this feat he had to undergo a rigorous selection process, which included an aptitude exam and an interview by several Arkwright members and Engineering Professionals.

Well done Aaran, the whole school is extremely proud of your achievements!



### Pupil Achievement:

The first Senior Boys ⚽ game of the year was away to Banchory this week.

The boys came away with an excellent 6-2 win to march onto the next round of the cup. Playing against the wind, Ellon lost an early goal. However, the boys then took control in the first half to lead 3-1 heading towards the break. However just before half time, a slack bit of defending let Banchory back into the game and at half time the score was 3-2. Ellon started strongly in the second half, and never took their foot off the pedal scoring three times more before the end of the game. Final score 6-2

A good performance for their first hit out but plenty to work on for the team in attack and in defence.

Scorers:

Harry C ⚽⚽⚽⚽

Callum K ⚽

Own goal ⚽



### Pupil Achievement

Senior Girls Football Result: Ellon Acad 8-2 Meldrum Acad

The senior girls played their first game of the season this week and beat Meldrum in a good competitive match. The score was 1-0 to Ellon halfway through the first half in a tight match. Then Ellon made some changes and went in at half time 5-0 up. Grace S was one of the changes made, and in her 20 mins played in first half, had created a goal and scored one too. Meldrum battled on and the second half was a closer contest. Lucy D's 30-yard lob over the keeper was as good a goal as will be scored all season. Rhianna S and Emily G also had very good games.

Goal scorers;

Emily G ⚽⚽

Lucy D ⚽⚽

Rhianna S ⚽⚽

Grace S ⚽⚽

Players of match. The 4 mentioned above who scored 2 goals but considering Grace S only played 20 mins in each half, her return of 2 goals, an assist and countless attempts at goal was probably enough for her to claim it.





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**For information:**

**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

**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

**All Girls – NETBALL:**

Girls Netball takes place after school on Thursdays and will resume after school on Thursday 29th September. S

Miss Daniel & Miss Mathers

**S1 Boys – FOOTBALL:**

Training will resume on Wednesday 28th September – see you there!

Mr Caskie

**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

### **Come and learn some Mandarin!**

S2 pupils! Next term there is an opportunity to learn some Mandarin with Miss Li (who featured on our video earlier this week)! If you are interested, please see Mrs Duffus in S42 as soon as possible, or give your name to your usual French/German teacher. 🇨🇳



### **Behind the Scenes:**

#### **Ellon Academy On-going work:**

Here are some of the projects and on-going work of the school:

- Revised Promoting Positive Relationships and Anti-Bullying Policies coming soon!
- Review of Senior Phase tracking and monitoring data and planned support interventions
- S4 Study Skills – Term 2
- Plans to mark Armistice Day (11.11.22)
- Careers Fair planning
- Planning for School Lockdown Drill
- S6 Youth Philanthropy Class Finals and Grand Final
- Planning for Learning and Teaching input during the November In-service Days (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Nov)



**For Information:**

**Primary and Secondary School pupils – Missed Flu Appointments:**

If your child has missed their flu appointment at school, they can visit a participating community pharmacy to receive their flu vaccination. Please [click here](#) to see locations.

Participating pharmacies will only offer flu vaccinations to those young people or eligible school staff who have missed their vaccination in school.

**Introduction to Skills Development Scotland – S1 Parents:**

SDS are delivering a national webinar Introduction to Skills Development Scotland (SDS) for parents and carers of S1 pupils on Tuesday the 4th of October at 6.30pm. This session aims to give parents and carers an introduction to SDS, the role of Careers Advisers in school as well as information to support career planning.

@skillsdevscot careers advisers are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of S1 pupils on 4 Oct at 6:30pm to explain the support they offer your young person and you throughout their time at school. Register here:

[https://fal.cn/parents\\_carers\\_webinar\\_s1](https://fal.cn/parents_carers_webinar_s1)



**Ellon Community Campus & Pool**

You asked, we listened!!

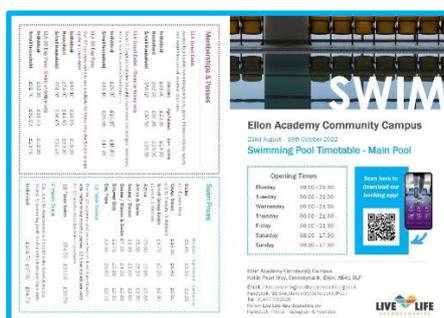
If you fancy a swim after school on a Friday, the pool will be open from 14:50-15:50 for Ellon Academy pupils only. The session costs £3.30 per person and can be booked via the app, online or in person. This is a great opportunity to learn to swim, improve your swimming, or just to have a bit of fun in the pool! Please contact a member of the Live Life Aberdeenshire team if you have any questions.

Live Life Aberdeenshire Staff/PE Department

Did you know we have added some more teen/child and family friendly sessions to our main pool timetable? Here at Ellon Community Campus & Pool we strive to put our customers' needs first and continue to review our timetables to cater to everyone.

Here is our current one of which we will take note on attendances to keep the most user friendly one to you, our customers! Sessions are bookable on the Live Life Aberdeenshire website/app or here at Campus where we are happy to help!

**Ellon Community Campus Pool Staff**



**Endgame Football Coaching** camp for the October holidays is available to book with spaces filling up fast. They are also doing a **GIRLS ONLY** camp!



## Dates For Your Diary

Term 1:

- House Assemblies - week beginning Mon 3.10.22

Mon 3.10.22 Cheyne House Assembly  
Tues 4.10.22 Forbes House Assembly  
Wed 5.10.22 Keith House Assembly  
Thurs 6.10.22 McDonald House Assembly  
Fri 7.10.22 Sinclair House Assembly

- Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October – Senior S4/5/6 Tracking Progress Reports to be issued
- Dress Down Day – Friday 14.10.22
- End of Term 1 – Friday 14.10.22

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

*Pauline Buchan*

Rector  
30.9.22