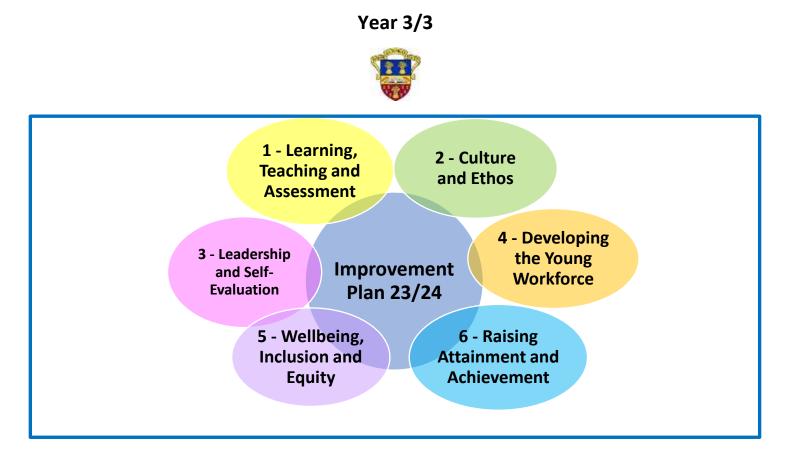
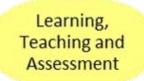
Ellon Academy Improvement Plan Framework 23/24



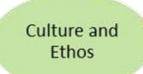




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1.1 LTA Policy, Framework and Toolkit Implementation	This policy has been revised and updated to reflect the further development of digital learning and current	By setting a clear strategic vision for LT&A at Ellon Academy.	TB/Impact Team	Consistent approaches to Learning, Teaching and Assessment across faculties	 Stakeholder feedback Minutes of meetings Improvement Plan reviews Lesson Observations and foodback
	pedagogy	By implementing the LTA Framework Wall, communicating this and aligning PRD, CLPL and Classroom	Faculty and staff input & feedback	Consistent learner experience across the curriculum	feedbackStaff CPD records
		Observation Records		Greater parental understanding of LT&A	
		By developing a toolkit to aid lesson planning and self-	TB/HC/Impact Team	expectations	
1.2 CLPL – Making Thinking Visible (Years 1 & 2)	To provide a robust CLPL offer to staff to further enhance learners' experiences in the classroom	evaluation Year 2 of 3-Year MTV plan devised by K Leslie and Impact Team. Some staff beginning Yr 1. Input for staff in Aug and Nov in-set days 23/24	TB/KL/Impact Team	Up-skilled classroom practitioners Consistent approaches to thinking routines Consistent learner experience	 Stakeholder feedback Lesson Observations and feedback Improved learner engagement Increased learner recognition/merits More active learning good practice More confident staff Staff CPD Records

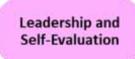
1.3 - Assessment and Moderation Sharing Practice	To enhance teacher understanding of assessment standards	By using the Moderation Cycle to review, plan and	PTGs/Faculty Principal Teachers and faculty staff assisted by link	Better understanding of standards and achievement of a level	Stakeholder feedbackAttainment dataMore accurate data for
	and progressive learning	implement changes to the BGE Curriculum (Year 2/2) & participation in associated training.	DHTs	Learners better prepared for progression. More accurate and appropriate subject choices	 analysis purposes Faculty attainment review analysis PowerBI data
	To share practice across faculties	To broaden faculty experience and understanding across the curriculum	All staff	Better understanding of standards across the curriculum	Faculty minutes and plansLearners' experience
1.4 - Digital Learning (also see Theme 3)	To plan and organise a Digital Security Family Learning Event	To raise awareness of cyber security and responsible use of technology.	TB/PT Digital Learning/ Impact Team PTs/DHT Links/PT Digital Learning and Impact Team	Greater awareness and confidence in using digital technologies. A reduction in cyber bullying type referrals and incidents. Improved practice in relation to online safety and a clear strategic plan for further improvements in Digital Learning & Teaching	 Stakeholder feedback Impact Team Minutes Work of Digital Champions Seemis Bullying Logs
	Review of Google Classroom implementation	Monitor consistency of approach to the use of Google Classroom across faculties	EA/TB/PTs/Staff	Greater consistency of approach contributing to improved learner and parental experience	 Google classroom materials Google guardian summaries Faculty minutes Stakeholder feedback
	Review of S2 Digital Technology course and plans to incorporate coding as part of this course.	To research coding and include this as part of the S2 course.	EA/TB	To increase learners' digital skills and experience. To include challenge and enjoyment.	• Stakeholder feedback

1.5 - Universal Support Circles – Education Scotland/Aberdeenshire Council	To participate in Circles Training this session and plan for implementation in session 24/25	Attending training sessions and planning for in-school training for teaching staff and PSAs	TB/PB/HC/GP Impact Team	To enhance inclusive practice in the classroom by training staff on key principles of inclusion and meeting learner needs	 Key staff trained in Circles and inclusive practice. Plans for 24/25 whole staff training and implementation.
1.6 - Reading Schools Gold Award 23 – 26	To maintain Gold Accreditation for the next 3 years at Ellon Academy	Embedding practice established in session 22/23.	SW/JM/Impact Team Faculty of English PT Literacy Supported by SLT	Embed practices to support and promote reading in school. Promotion of Pupil Voice Embed links between academy and primaries to support reading. Create links with the wider community: businesses, community groups and parents/carers.	 Stakeholder feedback Increased engagement in reading and reading attainment Impact Team minutes Improved transition links Increased links with the wider community/business/parents and carers
1.7 - Increase opportunities for Interdisciplinary Learning supported by Curriculum Mapping	To continue to review the BGE to ensure better understanding of benchmarks and Experiences and Outcomes and to increase staff awareness of cross curricular Es&Os and what is covered where.	Curricular mapping exercise leading to planned IDL experiences for learners	All staff	Planned approach to IDL by ensuring that Es&Os are looked at prior to events and to assess if these have been met as part of a self- evaluation process and learner understanding of learning intentions and success criteria as part of their experience. Learners to record and profile their learning.	 Curriculum map Planning for IDL events Identification of gaps and plans to address these. Learner profiles Faculty minutes Self-evaluation and stakeholder feedback



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2.1 - Continuation of Implementation and Evaluation of Excellence at Ellon	To maintain momentum and to ensure consistency of approach across the school. To provide a clear framework for implementation and accountability at all levels To increase recognition of positive engagement through Merits	By being relentless in our key messaging and daily interactions with learners To work with pupils and parents to maintain consistency.	All Staff GC/Impact Team	An improved ethos of mutual respect A more restorative approach to dealing with inappropriate conduct. Improved relationships and increased engagement	 Stakeholder feedback Less demerits More merits Decrease in exclusions.
2.2 – Growth Mindset	To embed a Growth Mindset ethos across the school	To improve learner motivation Review current document.	TB/HC/Impact Team All Staff	A whole school approach to Growth Mindset	Impact Team minutesStakeholder feedback
2.3 - Curriculum Rationale Refresh	To ensure our curriculum rationale is bespoke to the Ellon Community	By ensuring courses are mapped to Es&O and moderated	GC/SLT	A rationale which better reflects the Ellon context and community	 Curriculum Rationale SLT/Faculty Minutes Curriculum Plans
	Review of BGE	Seek stakeholder opinion and ideas. Pupil Voice exercise.	PTF/SLT	This review and mapping exercise will support future project-based learning.	 Course materials and resources Curricular map Faculty minutes Stakeholder feedback

2.4 – New House System Launch	To instil House Pride and an improved House ethos. To provide leadership opportunities for House Captains.	Set up roles and responsibilities for House Captains Set up a system to capture and record participation in House events. Set up a mechanism to measure the impact of House participation.	GC/Impact Team	More evidence of learner participation in House Events. Improved House ethos. More opportunities for learners to participate in wider achievement activities. Enhanced leadership opportunities for learners.	 Minutes of meetings Records of participation House points Stakeholder feedback
	S6 Study Classes led by SLT	SLT to meet their study group one period per week to support with progress and involvement in pupil voice activities	SLT	Knowing learners better Additional layer of support Increased pupil voice participation	• Stakeholder feedback



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3.1 - Impact Teams	To provide participation and collaboration opportunities for staff to shape school improvements.	To align Impact Teams with each Improvement Plan theme	All teaching staff	Staff who are more involved in the crucial professional dialogue which shapes school improvement	 Stakeholder feedback Improvement Plan reviews Impact Teams Records of Work
3.2 - Self-Evaluation Framework	To provide a whole school approach to self-evaluation activities	To present a draft framework to staff for discussion and review	PB/Impact Team	More data to show our improvement journey	Stakeholder feedbackData from self-evaluation activities
3.3 – CLPL linked to whole school improvements and Digital Learning	To ensure self-evaluation processes lead to whole school planned improvements and linked staff development.	To review faculty improvement plans 22/23 and classroom observation records to identify staff development needs, including digital skills.	TB/PT LTA, PT Digital Learning Impact Team, KL	Staff CLPL better aligned to whole school improvements.	 Staff CLPL/PRD records Staff feedback Staff classroom observation records
	To deliver a bespoke CLPL offer to staff including Digital skills, Leadership, LTA and MTV.	Creation of a CLPL website – one stop shop for PL			
3.4 – Pupil Voice/Leadership development for pupils	To support learners to develop leadership skills. To develop a peer support and Restorative Practitioner layer within our pupil support systems	By consulting with learners and offering training and support	SLT MW/Guidance	To support learners to build confidence and resilience in leadership. To provide a routeway to peer support for learners To provide further leadership opportunities for learners	 Stakeholder feedback Confident Individuals Increased learner participation in leadership activities and pupil voice Decrease in bullying data.
	To offer paired reading training to senior learners		EC		

	To provide opportunities for learners to be Subject Champions and In-class supporters		PTs		
3.5 Profiling in the BGE	To ensure learners are aware of BGE learning, knowledge and skills and how these build the foundations for senior phase national qualifications.	Review S1 Profile Process Plan/implement plan for roll-out of S2/3 Profiles	PT Digital Learning/TB/MW	A more robust S3 experience for learners which prepares them well for senior phase. Learners to develop a greater understanding of themselves, their learning, and achievements and at the same time gain skills in reflection, evaluation, and self- management.	 Learners' profiles Stakeholder feedback



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4.1 - Embedding Skills across the Curriculum	To build pupils' learner profiles to extend more widely than just academic attainment. Focus on wider achievements and skills acquisition.	Establish a Skills Framework for Ellon Academy Embed a common 'skills' language across the curriculum Consider how this dovetails with profiling and tracking and monitoring.	Impact Team All teaching staff NC/PT DYW	Academic and achievement profiles for all learners Learners able to articulate skills and how they are relevant to their personal development	 Learner profiles Classroom observation records Faculty minutes Increased up-take for clubs and activities. Learner surveys/interviews Positive Destinations
4.2 - Embedding the Careers Standard Across the Curriculum	To provide an up-to- date and relevant context for learning related to the world of work.	Faculty audit of courses to include careers related context and content.	Impact Team PTs NC/PT DYW	Learners gaining better awareness of the relevance of subject related skills and experiences to support them with career pathway planning.	 Faculty minutes Faculty course material and plans Learner work Learner survey/interviews Less subject changes Positive Destinations
4.3 – S4/Post 16 Planning Flexible Learning Pathways	To provide alternative pathways for learners	Continue to offer vocationally based courses and expand offer for lowest 20% of learners.	House Teams, Pupil Development Team and PTsF	Learners engaging with bespoke curriculum designed to meet their needs and career pathways.	 Stakeholder feedback Employer/Partner feedback Learner progress and Attainment Positive Destinations

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5.1 - Sharing of information review	To support staff to differentiate learning and teaching to meet needs.	Engaging with key staff to seek views.	MW/GP/PTsG/Impact Team	Increased awareness of long- and short-term barriers to learning	 Stakeholder feedback Lesson planning and observation Faculty plans for universal support.
5.2 – ASL Tracking and Monitoring	To ensure staff are confident in meeting learners' needs in the classroom setting	Develop a robust tracking and monitoring of progress, benchmarks, Es&Os and milestones.	MW/Pupil Support Teams	Improved planning of interventions to support progress, development, and attainment.	 Faculty tracking and monitoring. Faculty assessment arrangements Data from tracking systems
5.3 - Universal Support Circles – Education Scotland/Aberdeenshire Council	To ensure consistent approaches to supporting learners' needs using inclusive practice in the classroom	Training for key lead staff as a first step then offering a range of CLPL inputs (including Circles) as part of supporting learning, teaching, and assessment.	SLT/HC/GP All staff PT ASL/MW	Improved inclusive practice in the classroom to better meet learner needs.	 Interventions and actions
5.4 – Refresh of Anti- bullying Policy	To up-date current practice and to align with Excellence at Ellon and school values.	Establish an Impact Team to review current policy and prepare new up-dated whole school policy.	PB/PTsG/Pupil Development Team, Parents, Learners	Improved systems for recording instances of bullying. Reduction in referrals.	 Stakeholder feedback Seemis Pastoral Notes Review of policy implementation

5.5 - Cluster Approach to Health, Wellbeing and Resilience	To build upon existing good practice in transition to include wellbeing themes.	Establish a cross-sector working group to plan initiatives. Work collaboratively with Ellon Academy Exec Team in their Health and Wellbeing Week plans.	SLT Rep/Cluster HTs, Working Group, Learners, H&W Lead Teacher	Confident individuals Successful learners Responsible Citizens Effective Contributors	 Stakeholder feedback Collaborative plans Review of plans Impact and outcomes
	To provide Circles Practitioners Guides for staff	These will complement the Circles inclusive classroom training to be rolled out next session.	MW/Impact Team	Support for staff in implementing inclusive strategies in the mainstream classroom settings.	 Staff feedback Learner/Parental feedback Lesson observations



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6.1 - Making use of evidence data and interventions via BGE and Senior Phase Tracking	To improve faculty and whole school tracking of progress to aid with planned and targeted interventions	Review of data after each tracking period	SLT, PTs, Class Teachers	 More robust evidence- based data, planning and interventions. Earlier identification of underachievement. Evidence based learner conversations and parental conversations. Raised attainment. Increased staff and learner confidence. 	 BGE and SP Trackers Faculty and SLT Minutes. Targeted intervention plans. House Team Meeting Minutes.
6.2 - Use of SP Tracker to identify Mentoring - Term 2	Early intervention and support planning.	Review of September SP tracking data	Faculties, PTs, SLT	Earlier identification of under achievement and earlier implementation of the Mentoring Programme	 Increased learner confidence and progress data Tracking data Exam results
6.3 – Strategy for Wider Achievement	To provide a mechanism to capture learners' wider achievements	Establish an Impact Team Gather stakeholder views. Implement plan	TB/Impact Team, Learners	Improved recognition of wider achievement.	 Stakeholder feedback Records Learners' achievements Newsletters

6.4 – Improved Quality	To measure the	Cross reference course	SLT/Guidance	More robust and	•	Course choice data
Assurance of Course Choice	appropriateness of	choices with exam		progressive learner		
Data v Raising Attainment	learners' choices and	results		pathways	•	Assessment data
	attainment profiles					
				Increased attainment	•	SQA exam results