



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 13th October 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Here we are at the end of a very busy term indeed. I am pleased to say that we're making progress on our new improvement plan for session 23/24 and we're already planning for support interventions in Term 2 for our senior phase learners as they come closer to prelims in January.

We had a successful S1 Pastoral Parents evening on Wednesday night and in this edition of the newsletter, you'll see some of the work of learners in the Creative Arts Faculty. This is another bumper issue of our weekly newsletter with so many learner achievements to celebrate.

Assemblies – This week the assemblies have been led by Ms Booth, DHT and her group of S6 learners who have been informing their peers about re-establishing paper and thin card recycling in school. They've organised a S1 Recycling Poster Competition, new collection bins for every register classroom and a rota of collections each week. Next, they plan to turn their attentions to tin and plastic recycling and we look forward to hearing their suggestions. They are Archie A, Elspie B, Maddison B, Sophie C, Lauren D and Caitlin W.



Registration – Mr Cowie DHT has had an additional push at registration this week to get our learners to access the QR code so they can log their participation and achievements to gain points for their respective Houses. House Captains will be visiting register classes in their respective Houses to encourage learners to log their participation in activities for House points.

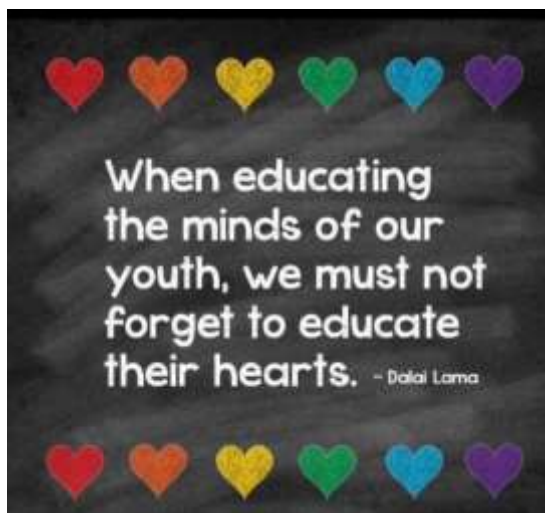
Dress Down Day – A huge thank you to parents/carers, learners and staff who supported and contributed to our dress down day today which was organised by our Exec Team to support former pupil Ethan Walker as he recovers from the serious injuries he sustained following an accident in America. We are thinking of him and his family and sending our love and best wishes to them. See page 3 to find out how they got on!

We hope you enjoy our up-dates and reading about our pupil successes in this week's newsletter.

If your child/children have successes you'd like to share with us, please send us an email via the school email address marked FAO Mrs P Buchan, Rector. Any photos you can share with us are always welcome too.

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Quote of the Week beginning Monday 30.10.23:



Assemblies - week beginning Mon 30/10/23 will be as follows:

There are no morning assemblies at registration this week because we have scheduled talks on Bonfire and Firework Safety which will be delivered by the Fire and Rescue Service at the following times:

Fire and Rescue Bonfire and Firework Safety Talks 2023

Wednesday 1.11.23 in the Theatre

Period 1	8.35 - 9.25am	S6
Period 2	9.25 - 10.15am	S1
Break		
Period 3	10.35 - 11.25am	S2
Period 4	11.25 - 12.15pm	S3
Lunch		
Period 5	1.00 - 1.50pm	S4
Period 6	1.50pm - 2.40pm	S5



Weekly Merits

Most Merits/Over and Above:

Last week the total number of pupils who received a message home from the school regarding their 'Over and Above' merits was 260! That's a record! The total number of learners recognised and achieving at least one merit was 615. Well done to everyone!

The learners to the right have accrued the most merits over the last week and will receive their canteen fast passes on Mon 30.10.23 after registration in the sunken social area. Well done everyone!



Lucy	B	1F2
Molly	B	1F2
Matteo	T	1F2
Emily	G	2C1
Ayleigh	H	2S1
Alicia	M	2S1
Hannah	S	2S1
Ross	T	2S1
Liam	F	3K1
Rachael	R	3K1
Libby	W	3M2
Jack	C	4F1
Kyle	M	4K2
Scarlett	B	5F1
Ryan	L	5K1
Oliver	S	5K1
Francisco	C	5M2

Dress Down Day for Ethan Walker – Friday 13.10.23

As ever, our wonderful Exec Team organised a hugely successful collection for Ethan Walker, former pupil who was injured in an accident in America recently, whilst returning from a training session. With the generous contributions from learners, parents, carers, staff, and friends of Ellon Academy, we have been able to raise £1,543 for Ethan's Go Fund Me Page. This is a fantastic effort and will go a long way to help Ethan. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed, and we will pass this onto Ethan's family with our warmest wishes to them and Ethan as they support him in his journey to recovery.



Learning at Ellon Academy – Glam Candy Make-Up Artistry Classes:

As part of the NPA in Makeup Skills course, the students are required to complete multiple practical assessments. Recently, "Day Makeup" assessments took place on two sets of models ranging in ages. This showed what the difference is when applying makeup to different skin types and textures of younger and older models. The students did extremely well with their assessments and met the "day makeup" brief perfectly. Our girls are taught by former pupil Molly Cowan.



Developing the Young Workforce – S5/6 Mock Interviews:

S5/6 Mock Interviews

Over the past three weeks, the majority of our S5 learners (and a few of our S6) have taken part in mock interviews with a whole range of experts from a wide variety of careers.

As part of the interview, all pupils were offered some verbal feedback on their responses and conduct throughout the meeting, and we hope that pupils will be able to make use of this feedback when taking part in “real” interview experiences in the future. Generally, there has been a huge amount of praise for our pupils on their confidence and ability to carry themselves throughout the interview, and for their keen preparation and research ahead of the interview.

We continue to be incredibly grateful for all the support that has been offered by our local business community that allows us to provide experiences such as these and look forward to repeating the mock interview experience with our S4 learners later in the session.



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A THANK YOU NOTE
ELLON ACADEMY

Today was just incredible! There is something uniquely gratifying about giving back to the community, especially when it involves the future leaders of our world. The privilege was all mine as I spent the day conducting mock interviews for academy students.

The level of talent and brightness among these young individuals was simply awe-inspiring. Their ambitious dreams, coupled with their unwavering determination, left me in no doubt that they will go on to achieve great things.

The entire day was a fun and inspiring experience. From the nervous, anticipatory smiles as the students prepared for their mock interviews, to the sighs of relief and proud grins once they had finished.

What was even more heartening was seeing their confidence grow with each passing moment. It was clear that these mock interviews were not just a learning experience for them, but also a confidence-boosting exercise. I am thrilled for them as they embark on their next endeavors.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the Ellon Academy staff and pupils. I am truly grateful for the opportunity.

A massive thank you to all of you at Ellon Academy. I am sure that you will continue to inspire and nurture the future leaders of our world.



THE CHOCOLATE BAR

Learning in the Creative Arts Faculty week beginning 9/10/23:

This week we are showcasing the work of our Creative Arts Faculty.

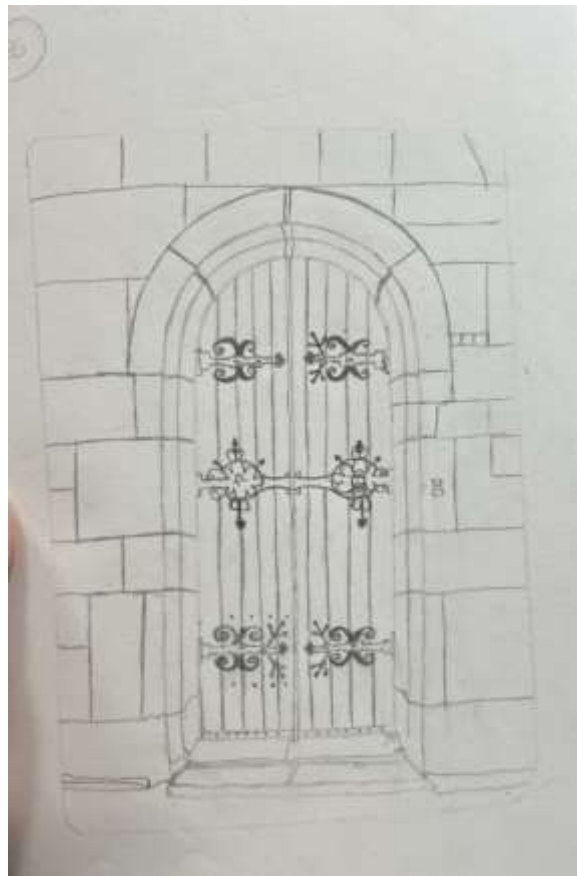
We have had a very busy start to the new session in Creative Arts. Pupils have been working incredibly hard across all our subjects to achieve the amazing work that we have captured in the faculty throughout this week.

Art and Design

S1 – (insects) - Some of our S1 classes have been using pencils to draw and research different insects. They have been focusing online and tone to help them develop their drawings.



S2 – (Doors) - Pupils studied Eleanor Crow's work, whilst developing their observational drawing skills. They created line drawings of doors and painted them using watercolors.



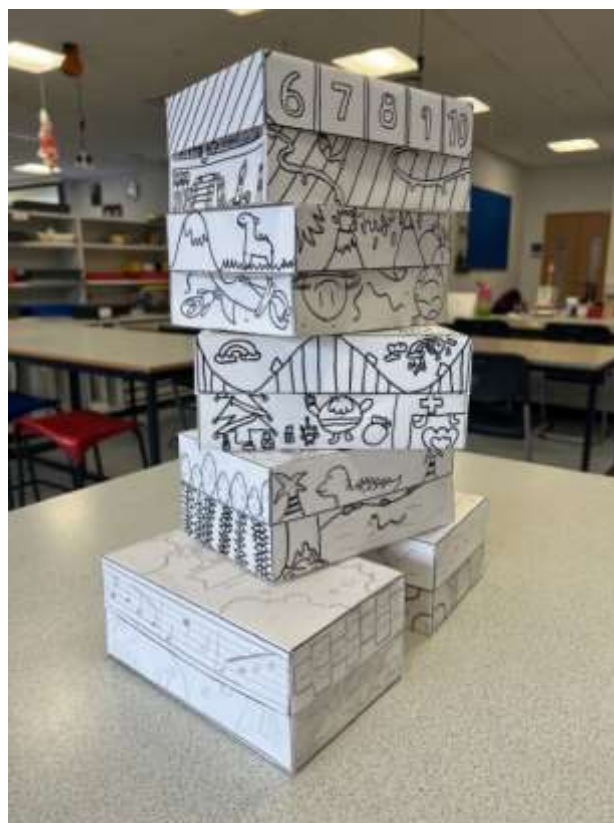


S3 Art

Eyes – Pupils are developing their observational drawing skills by focusing on their own eyes and learning how to draw from life as part of their portraiture project. learning how to draw from life.



Baby Boxes – As Ellon Academy is a Rights Respecting School, pupils have been learning about the importance of their own rights. S3 have been redesigning Scotland's baby box by creating new and exciting illustrations.



Animals – S3 Pupils have been creating these surreal portraits by combining different images together. Once designing and creating their new image, pupils then learned about acrylic paints and how to use them.



Advanced Higher Art and Design:

We cannot take photos of any in-progress coursework for Photography and Art classes, as it will be included in the students' portfolios. We have not yet received last year's portfolios back from the SQA, but we do have a selection of images that were submitted in previous years for Advanced Higher. These images showcase the exceptional talent of our Creative Arts students.





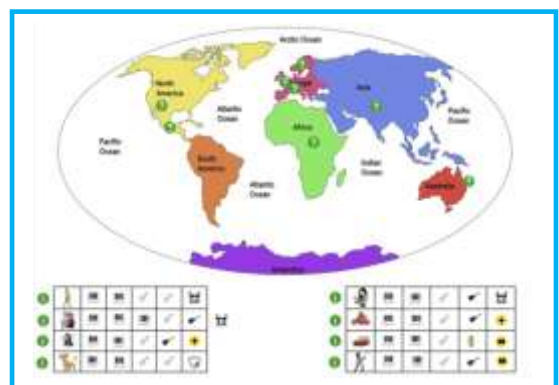
Here is some work from our Art Club:



Music - Broad General Education (S1/S2/S3)

BGE music classes have been learning about the various musical instruments available in the Music classroom. They played different musical styles and picked their favorite classroom instrument to focus on and develop.





S1 Creative Experience – Journey

Art - (Myths and Legends) - Classes have been learning all about the myths and legends of the haggis. Pupils have created a coat of arms in Latin and have learned all about the Highland clearance. They are currently using clay to sculpt a model of their haggis.



Drama – (Journey Through Space) - Pupils were looking at 'journey from space' as a stimulus Whilst learning to use the theatre convention of Freeze frames to tell a story. They were also introduced to the theatre arts, lighting, projection, and sound and how they can enhance the story that they are trying to tell.



Music - (Journey around the World) - Pupil have been looking at Disney music from around the world. They have explored lots of different pieces and have picked their favorite to focus on.



S2 Enrichment:

As part of their S2 Enrichment classes, students have been exploring stop motion animation. They have created their own characters using plasticine and designed their own backdrop for the scenes. Music Technology pupils have been learning how to record real-life sounds and sound effects, which they have incorporated into their movies. Specifically, they took a 30-second clip from the Pixar short film "Piper" and added sounds that they had recorded around the school.



S3 Music Technology:

At the start of the term, our S3 Music Technology class delved into the concept of mindfulness. As part of the curriculum, they created a serene soundscape of Ellon, this involved recording various foley sounds from around the school grounds and incorporating them into their projects. Pupils have also been tasked with remixing a single vocal line and adding in loops to create their own version of the song.



N5 Radio Broadcast Foley Plan	
Sound I want to create	Props and how they will be used
Mixing covers	Rubbing jumper cuffs together.
Stretching	Using the voice.
Switching off alarm	Hit desk with hand.
Opening & shutting cupboards	Pulling and pushing plastic trays with paper in them in a unit.
Fading food	Rustling an empty sweet wrapper.
Yawning	Using the voice.
Putting food in blender	Drop rubbers in a plastic tray.

What I did

Why I did it

The steps I took in GarageBand

How my applied settings changed the audio

Evaluative comment

I applied time domain effects.



To make the station id and frequency in my sweeper sound different to a normal speaking voice.

I went into smart controls went to plugins to modulation and added flanger to the station id. I did the same for the frequency but added phaser.

The flanger made the station id sound distorted, like a jet plane moving through it. The phaser made the frequency sound similar but the effect moved faster.

These effects jazzed up the start to my radio show.

Screenshots of each effects plug-in settings:



What I did

What I recorded

Mic placement

The steps I took in GarageBand
(instructions for a newbie)

Evaluative comment

I captured audio using a dynamic microphone.



Sweeper dialogue, DJ dialogue and Foley.

On the desk, facing the person speaking, about 15cm from their mouth.

I plugged the microphone in to the USB slot on my MacBook then created a new microphone track in Garageband, choosing mic as the input. I then recorded.

I re-recorded twice because the first time the microphone was too far away from the person speaking. Having it closer made the quality better.

Screenshots



Input gain level (GarageBand)

GarageBand project showing the tracks I recorded



Drama:

S2 pupils have been learning about stage combat. Pupils have been learning how to create a fight scene safely and effectively.



Extra-Curricular – Concert Band with Mr Birse

Preparations for the 2023 Christmas Concert are underway in the Music department with various musical groups rehearsing at lunchtime and after school.



Thanks to Mrs O'Connor, Mr Birse, the Creative Arts Faculty staff, and learners for showcasing their work this week.

Next time, look out for Learning in our Health and Wellbeing Faculty!

Pupil Achievement:

S1 Football Result - Ellon 5 - 8 Peterhead

A disappointing result for the boys against Peterhead sees the boys suffer their first defeat of the season.

The boys continued to battle hard throughout but unfortunately struggled to get anything going.

A game by which they will learn from and hopefully come back stronger next time.

There are no more games until after the October break so enjoy the time off boys!

Goals from Nathan x3, Delaney and Ricky.

Player of the match was Ricky Park who displayed an excellent attitude and work ethic.



Pupil Achievement - S2 Football Team (U14s). Ellon 3-1 Peterhead

A great start to the S2 football teams title defence tonight after a very cagey and physical game of football.

In what was a tight game, the boys put in a very solid defensive effort, which was followed up with some great counter attacking football. Our next game is away to Banff this Thursday in the Quarterfinals of the Aberdeenshire Cup.

Goals - Josh S, Ciaran W, Ewan B.

Player of the Match - Ciaran W.

Pupil Achievement:

House Points!

A big thank you to our House Captains, Sports Captains and Subject Champions who have helped launch this year's House Competition.

Sinclair are out in the lead and perhaps that's down to having most young people participating in clubs and the highest accumulation of merits.

A few notable mentions go to the MFL faculty for their House Competitions to promote European Day of Languages, McDonald's performances in Inter House Football, Forbes in the S1 Badminton and the fabulous participation in Drama Club and Study Cafe.

Next term we will continue to promote participation in clubs, and we look forward to more sporting competitions as well as Maths challenges organised by our Numeracy PT and Numeracy Subject Champions.

Cheyne **335**

Forbes **470**

Keith **340**

McDonald **630**

Sinclair **755**



Pupil Achievement:

Term 1 Health and Wellbeing Faculty Pupils of the Month:

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded our Pupils of the Month for term 1.

Mr. Caskie

August: Kodi M and Ava B

September: Erin M and Robert I

Miss Hepburn

September: Darcy S

Mr. Meechan

August: Iain B and Charlotte W

September: Ryan L and Libby W

Miss Morgan

August: Abby P and Adam B

September: Grace S and Callum M

Miss Williams

August: Sydney V and Tansy B

September: Russell E and Liam F

Mr. Lawson

August: James W and Finlay R

September: Fraser L and Ollie D

Miss Daniel

August: Tegan E and Calum F

September: Lewis C and Lewis A

Mr. McCall

August: Ross C and Arianna M

September: Harris P and Sophie N

Mrs. Godsman

August: Rhys F and Kody S

September: Charlotte W and Amy S

Mrs Donald

August: Anna C

September: Yasmin C



Pupil Achievement:

S2 Football Team (U14s) - Banff 1-12 Ellon

Following a successful league win vs Peterhead on Tuesday the boys followed that up with an impressive cup game win away to Banff. The win puts the boys into the semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup. The photos attached show the boys wearing their new kits sponsored by David Smith Contractors. The team very much appreciates Mr Smith's sponsorship and support!

Our next game is at home vs Culloden Academy on Tuesday 31st October (3pm KO) in the North of Scotland cup.

Players of the Match - Josh S (for scoring 5 goals in the 1st half) and Alfie S (for driving the team forward from midfield)

Goals from: Josh S x5, Ryan M x2, Ewan B x2, Jack M x1, Finlay T x1, Brodie M x1.



Pupil Achievement:

S1 Boys Football - Ellon 4-8 Peterhead. Thanks to Laura Masson for capturing these for us.



Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to our S3/S4 football girls, who reached the Regional Finals Day of the 7 aside competition, to be held in Elgin in November. At the Aberdeenshire round today, Ellon S3/S4 girls played 6 matches, winning 4 and drawing 2. This means they've qualified in 2nd place out of the 7 teams in their age bracket.

This is another amazing achievement for this group of girls, as they have now qualified for the next stage of this tournament 3 years in a row and have qualified for four 7 aside National Finals in the last 2 years.

Ellon went into the 2nd last game against Turriff having won 2 and drawn 2, knowing that they had to get something out of the Turriff game to proceed to the next round. It was another fiercely fought battle against Turriff, but once again Ellon came out tops against Turriff in these 7 aside games with Grace S scoring the decisive goal. There was excellent football on display again with our girls giving a very good account of themselves. Myah R had an excellent tournament, as had Ava R and Nicole I. A mention too for Amber S and the defence who had the best defensive record today, only conceding 3 goals in 6 matches.

Player of the Tournament Myah R, who stepped up at the last minute from the S2 team to help with the older girls because of injury to another player.

Our S1/S2 girls also played today in the tournament and did themselves proud too, winning 2 games and only narrowly missing out on more points in close fought games.

Goal scorers were: S1/S2 - Katie G 3, Molly P 2, Erin R 1, Lucy B 1, Emily E 1

S3/S4 - Grace S 4, Ava R 3, Natalie G 2, Myah R 1, Alisha M 1.



Pupil Achievement:

A great day out at Mintlaw for the annual NASSA Hockey event! Both teams represented the school well and played some good hockey throughout, with both the Junior and Senior teams finishing 4th. 🏑

A big thanks to Mintlaw for hosting and to Gordon M for all his help today. 🍌 Well done ladies!



Pupil Achievement: U15 Girls Football. League and North of Scotland Cup QF Double Header. Ellon 7-1 Peterhead.

The Ellon girls gained another 3 points in the league tonight and proceeded through to the semi-finals of the North of Scotland Cup, just as our senior girls have done! Despite winning 7-1, the girls were really tested tonight against a very good Peterhead side. The girls went in at half time only 2-1 up, but stepped up another gear in the second half, to in the end, record a convincing win. Both teams played some very good attacking football and defences had to be always on their toes. The football on display meant there were a few contenders for player of the match. Emily S did particularly well in central defence for Ellon with some timely interceptions. Myah R once again showed excellent ball control and her dribbling skills is a joy to watch. Ava R also had an exceptional match, scoring 2 goals, the first one coming in the first minute, and she also had her customary couple of assists. As for Millie B, 2 brilliant passes for the first 2 assists, driving forward at every opportunity, tackling as if her life depended on it and the catalyst for almost every promising attack. Of these, Myah R and Ava R would get shared players of the match.

Special shout out for Chloe W too, who played her first game for the school since breaking her leg in March and celebrated her return with a well taken goal!

Well done in reaching the semifinals girls. Mr McLean



Pupil Achievement:

Superstar – Ella C!

Scottish Women & Girls in Sport Week | Female athlete role models play a huge role in inspiring girls to get involved and stay in sport.

We caught up with TrYthan and Triathlon Scotland Academy athlete Ella Chalmers about her own role models and what she loves about swim, bike, run 🏊‍♀️🚴‍♀️🏃‍♀️

<https://www.triathlonscotland.org/scottish-women-girls-in...>

[#SheCanSheWill](#)



Pupil Achievement:

S1 football result

Mearns 3 - 4 Ellon

A fantastic performance on the road saw the boys come out on top in a league/cup double header! A well fought game and a great watch for the neutral fan resulted in a 4-3 win from the boys, with goals coming from Cian, Angus, Hayden, and an own goal (although Nathan will claim it). Player of the match with a real captain's performance was Angus.

Thank you to Mearns for hosting and for a well contested game!

A fantastic atmosphere on the bus back (even with some questionable tunes from Daniel)!



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Welcome to the e-Sgoil Study Support programme page. Registration for Evening Study Support is now OPEN. Check out this Thinglink to find out more: <https://www.thinglink.com/card/1761376381146497510>

Webinars will start in the week beginning October 30th. We offer fifty-one FREE weekly Study Support webinars during term time, covering a wide range of subjects and levels. Study Support is for Senior Phase learners who are working towards National Qualifications.



Study Support Webinars – A Nutshell Guide for Learners

What are the Webinars and who are they for?
The Webinars will complement your subject courses in school. They are for any pupil that is currently undertaking a SQA course. They are offered in the evenings during term time and delivered via Microsoft Teams.

What will I gain?

- Knowledge of different aspects of subjects that I am studying in school
- Different approaches to the subjects that I am studying in school
- Some exam/assessment techniques that will help me to succeed in my assessments
- Topic/subject knowledge that will complement what I am already studying in school

How will I learn?

- Through live online webinars with a specialist teacher
- Alongside teachers from a range of schools across Scotland
- By accessing high quality learning resources that will be available to you in Teams
- By using appropriate digital tools
- By posing questions and queries in the Teams chat during the webinars

What is my role?

- To learn in a different context
- To develop new skills
- To communicate effectively with teams so that teachers can provide the correct level of support
- To share feedback on the experience

How do I sign up?
Visit [e-sgoil.com/study-support/](https://www.e-sgoil.com/study-support/) for more information

“Thank you so much for this brilliant resource! It has developed my learning from school and focused my revision for upcoming assessments.”
— SA, Nelson Attitude

National e-Learning Offer

Education Scotland, e-Sgoil, A, E, Smarter Scotland, and other logos.

Community Information:



Balmedie Scouts
Present...
SCOUT SCARE!!
28th October 2023 5pm - 8pm
Potterton Hall
FREE ENTRY
Dancefloor Welcome

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Balmedie Cubs and Scouts are hosting our annual Halloween Spooky walkthrough at Potterton Community Centre.
Fun for all Ages.
FREE ENTRY

Lots of Halloween stalls including Whack-A-Ghost and Doughnuts, Lucky Dip, Chocolate Tombola...
Tuckshop to purchase Sweet Treats, Slushes, Popcorn, Hot Chocolate etc.
Come along and support your local Scout Group.
Proceeds will go towards Balmedie Cubs Summer Camp 2024

Health and Safety at Ellon Academy Community Campus:

We ask that parents and carers remind their children of the following:


To ensure that learners and staff are safe around the school campus, we are reminding learners not to walk/run through the car parks and bus parks. In the morning and after school there are over (approximately) 200 cars, taxis and buses coming in and out of the campus and learners must stick to the footpaths for their own safety and the safety of campus drivers.

We remind parents/carers/relatives who drop off and pick up learners that they should not access the school via the road past the bus shelter and the bus park. This access is reserved for buses and school staff. Please use the turning to the right at the front of the school (before the bus shelter) all learner drop offs and pick-ups.


We also ask that parents/carers continue to use the front facing parking and the one-way system at the front of the school when dropping off and picking up their children from school. Thank you.

Here is a link to the leaflet with car parking information for parents/carers:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Car-Park-Parents-Leaflet.pdf>




ELLON ACADEMY COMMUNITY CAMPUS



CAR PARK

PUPIL DROP OFF (7:30 - 9 am)
Parent/Carers are asked to drop pupils off and pick them up in the designated drop off lane/zone and **NOT** to enter any of the assigned car parking spaces.



On leaving the drop off/ zone, Parents/Carers are asked to stick to the one way system by following the road down to the turning circle to the West of the Campus, thus ensuring that the traffic flow is all **one way**. Navigate the turning circle one car at a time and give it a wide berth as it has a tight radius.




PUPIL PICK UP
Parents/Carers should **forward park** in the angled parking bays (the angled design does not allow for reverse parking) then reverse out and continue to follow the road down to the turning circle to the West of the Campus, thus ensuring the traffic flow is all **one way**. Alternatively, park in the Community car park behind the swimming pool.

PARK AND STRIDE
Parents/Carers can also use the Meadows car parking facilities for pupil drop off/pick up. This will help alleviate traffic pressure on campus.


COMMUNITY USE
For access to Swimming, Leisure and Community Resources during the school week and outwith the drop off times for pupils please park in the public spaces beyond the drop off and disabled zones.



DISABLED
These spaces are reserved for blue badge holders and emergency vehicles only. They should not be used for dropping off/picking up.




CYCLING
It is advisable that all pupils who cycle to school are aware of wet and icy conditions, road safety, cycling in the dark and have working lights, visible clothing and cycle helmets. Cyclists should stick to cycle paths and ideally have passed their cycling proficiency test. Cycle stands available on campus.



The Ellon Academy Community Campus Management Team and Parent Council consider the safety and wellbeing of all campus users to be of paramount importance.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
Email: ellon.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01358 720715



Keeping children and teenagers safe online:

'Report Remove'

The NSPCC has developed resources to support learners who have shared explicit photographs of themselves online. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/report-remove/>



COVID-19 symptoms and what to do:

As you may be aware, some strains of Covid-19 are on the rise, so this information from the NHS website is for parents/carers. Covid-19 symptoms can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

Most people feel better within a few days or weeks of their first COVID-19 symptoms and make a full recovery within 12 weeks. For some people, it can be a more serious illness and their symptoms can last longer.

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19

You may be able to [look after yourself at home if you have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19](#).

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you or your child have symptoms and either:

- have a high temperature.
- do not feel well enough to go to work, school, childcare, or do your normal activities.

You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school or childcare.

If you are eligible for treatments for COVID-19, you should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test as soon as you get symptoms.

[Find out more about treatments for COVID-19 and who can have them](#)

What to do if you have tested positive

You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms, but if you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day you took your test if you are under 18 years old.
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over.
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test.

[Find out more about who can get a free NHS COVID-19 test](#)

Ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111 if:

- you're worried about your or a child's COVID-19 symptoms or are not sure what to do.
- the symptoms are getting worse or are not getting better.
- you or a child have other signs of illness, such as a rash, loss of appetite, or feeling weak.
- you or a child have a high temperature that last 5 days or more or does not come down with paracetamol.
- a child under 3 months old and has a temperature of 38C or higher, or you think they have a high temperature.
- a child 3 to 6 months old and has a temperature of 39C or higher, or you think they have a high temperature.

It's particularly important to get help if you're at increased risk of getting ill from COVID-19, such as if you're pregnant, aged 60 or over, or have a weakened immune system. You can call 111 or [get help from 111 online](#).

Extra-Curricular Activities:

We are always encouraging our learners to take part in clubs and activities in and out of school to support skills development, so thanks to Mrs Warne for pulling together all the Ellon Academy extra-curricular activities into one booklet for pupils and parents/carers. The booklet can be viewed by following the link to our website below:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/>



Health and Wellbeing Extra-Curricular Timetable for Term 2:

	Sanctihome	Afterschool Games Hall	Afterschool Gym B	Afterschool Gym A	Afterschool Fitness Suite	Afterschool Pitches	Athlete Space
Mon			SL 6 Badminton 3:30 – 4:30pm			SL 6 Girls Rugby Active Schools 2:30-4:30pm	
Tues				SL 4 Chess Mrs Clark, Mrs Williams 3:30 – 4:30pm		SL 6 Rugby Mr McCall 3:45 – 4:45pm	SL 6 Girls Hockey Mr Moorhead 3:30-4:30pm
Wed		SL 6 Netball Mrs Williams 2:40 – 3:45pm		SL 3 Chess Mrs Clark 2:40 – 4:00pm	SL 4 Fitness Mr McCall 3 – 4pm	SL 6 Girls Football Mr McCall 3:45 – 4:45pm	
Thurs	SL 4 Teen Yoga Mrs Winterbottom 2:40 – 3:45pm	SL 2 Netball Mrs Williams 2:40 – 3:45pm		SL 6 Gymnastics Sports Captain 2:40 – 3:45pm		SL 4 Girls Football Mr McCall 3 – 4pm	Staff Yoga Mrs Winterbottom 2:40 – 3:45pm
Fri		SL 6 Basketball Sports Captain 2:40 – 3:45pm		Staff Badminton 2:40-3:45pm			

Pupil Information:

ALL PUPILS – ART CLUB

Art club returns! It will take place at lunchtime every Friday (12:15-13:00) so come along, bring your lunch, and get creative! Miss Geoghan

ALL PUPILS – GARDEN CLUB

The last lunchtime session will take place on Tuesday 10th October, and we will then pause for winter. Please keep an eye out in the new year for the 'start-up' date – there will be lots to keep us busy so see you then!

Miss Swallow

JUNIOR GIRLS – NETBALL

Net has resumed from Thurs 12th October.

Miss Morgan

ALL PUPILS – GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP GROUP

The Global Citizenship Group meets in S28 at lunchtime on a Thursday (12:15-13:00) and pupils can bring their lunch with them. We are looking for pupils with an interest in children's rights, environmental issues and raising awareness of global issues. Activities include creating displays and assemblies for the whole school, fundraising charity events, crafts and making new friends. This term we are looking at Black History Month (October) and will also be preparing for our Remembrance Day activities in November. Mrs Leslie.

ALL PUPILS – ART & DESIGN SUPPORTED STUDY

Supported Study for all Art & Design and Photography pupils will take place in Miss Geoghan's classroom after school every Wednesday (14:40-16:00). The sessions are a great opportunity to complete any outstanding coursework for SQA portfolios.

Miss Geoghan

ALL PUPILS – DIVERSITY GROUP

Caitlin Turriff (She/Her) - LGBT+ Inclusion Advisor, Four Pillars

Caitlin will be visiting the Diversity Group in November. If anyone feels that they need information/support relating to LGBT+ or inclusion, please come along to the Library at lunchtime on Monday 6th November. All are welcome at the Diversity Group – no questions & no judging! Mr Higgins

S2 PUPILS – HOME EC/DIGITAL SKILLS TIMETABLE CHANGES (BLOCK 2)

Block 2 – Monday 30th October 2023-Friday 9th February 2024

TUESDAY P1+2

2.1 Home Ec Miss Hepburn G75

2.3 Home Ec Mrs Godsman G75

2.2 Digital Skills Mr Armstrong F7

TUESDAY P6+7

2.7 Home Ec Miss Hepburn G75

2.9 Home Ec Mrs Godsman G75

2.8 Digital Skills Mr Bunton F2

WEDNESDAY P1+2

2.6 Home Ec Miss Hepburn G75

2.5 Home Ec Mrs Godsman G75

2.4 Digital Skills Mrs Penny F1

FRIDAY P1+2

2.10 Home Ec Miss Hepburn G75

2.12 Home Ec Mrs Godsman G75

2.11 Digital Skills Mr McDonald F7



Mr Cowie

Technical Faculty Facebook Page:

Our Technical Faculty has created its own Facebook page! There the Faculty will celebrate and show off what happens in Tech. You will be able to see pictures of pupils work, success stories will be shared, and generally they will just show off what they do. Please like this page and see what goes on.

<https://www.facebook.com/EllonTech>



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Dates For Your Diary

Term 2:

Mon 30.10.23	Start of Term 2 (usual times)
w/b 6.11.23	S6 Guidance Interviews over the next 4 weeks
w/b 13.11.23	S2/S3 Tracking Report 1 issue to parents/carers.
13 th – 19 th Nov	Book Week
14.11.23	Ellon Academy Careers Fair
Thurs 16/Fri 17 Nov	In-service Days

Mon 20.11.23	S2 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Weekly from 29.11.23	Christmas lunches in the canteen (S1 – 29.11.23, S2 – 6.12.23, S3 – 13.12.23, S4/5/6 – 20.12.23)
Mon 4.12.23	Interhouse Swimming Gala
Fri 8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day (Foodbank collection)
Thurs 7.12.23	S4 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Wed 13.12.23	S5/6 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Tues 19.12.23	Music for Christmas Concert – 7.30pm
Thurs 22.12.23	Christmas Ceilidh
Thurs 22.12.23	Dress Down Day
Thurs 22.12.23	End of Term 2 (Fri 23.12.23 is an Occasional Day holiday for the Ellon Cluster)

Term 3:

Mon 8.1.24 Term 3 begins.

The October holidays this year are from Monday 16.10.23 – Friday 27.10.23 inclusive and Term 2 starts on Monday 30th October '23 at the usual time.

The Ellon Academy School Calendar for session 23/24 is available to view on our school website by following the link below.

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

Thank you for your continued support and we hope our Ellon Academy families and friends have a lovely October break.

P Buchan

Rector 13.10.23

