



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We hope our Ellon Academy families had a restful October break and we've returned for Term 2 and had a busy and productive week.

This week, we are showcasing the work of learners in the Health and Wellbeing Faculty, and I'm delighted to share more pupil achievements with you again.

Assemblies – There were no assemblies this week because we had Bonfire and Fireworks Safety talks for pupils on Wednesday 1st November. Next week our Exec Team are taking the assemblies for all year groups, and they will be talking about Remembrance.



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. ellon.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Quote of the Week beginning Monday 6.11.23:



Assemblies - week beginning Mon 06/11/23 will be at 8.25am in the Theatre as follows:

Assemblies will be presented by the Exec Team all week.

Mon 6.11.23	S4
Tues 7.11.23	S5
Wed 8.11.23	S1
Thurs 9.11.23	S2
Fri 10.11.23	S3

Weekly Merits

Most Merits/Over and Above:

We are pleased to report that the learners to the right are in the top group of learners for merits this week. Moving forward this term, we will be using messages to recognise those learners who are gaining most merits for 'dedication'. At Ellon Academy we look to develop a Growth Mindset and no better way to do this than praising effort. We will continue to celebrate pupils going Over and Above.

The learners to the right have accrued the most merits over the last week and will receive their canteen fast passes on Mon 6.11.23 after registration in the sunken social area. Well done everyone!



Matteo	Т	1F2	7
Erin	R	1K1	8
Natania	Α	1S2	7
Penny	В	1S2	7
Fraser	Р	1S2	8
Scott	М	2F1	7
Advika	Α	2M2	7
Murray	D	2M2	7
Oliver	В	2S1	8
Hannah	S	2S1	8
Dylan	В	3F1	4
Isabella	S	3S1	4
Abigail	D	4C2	7
Struan	W	4K2	6
Adam	В	4M1	5
Tahlia	N	5C1	4
Josh	С	5K1	5
Aidan	D	5M2	5

Learning in the Health and Wellbeing Faculty week beginning 30/10/23:

This week we are showcasing the work of our Health and Wellbeing Faculty.

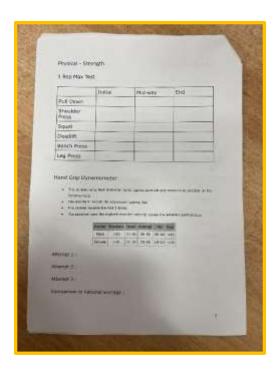
The start of this term has been a busy one in PE with the Sports Leaders taking part in disability inclusion training led by the Inclusion Officer, before leading a session at the Aberdeen Sports Village next week for pupils in Aberdeenshire with physical, sensory, and visual impairments.

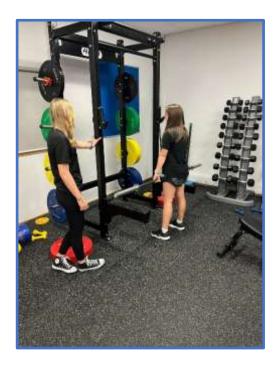




In the Senior phase National/Higher and Advanced Higher classes are working on methods of data collection and analysis of strengths and weaknesses to create personal development plans to improve performance.

For example, In Higher Creative, pupils were doing 1 rep max testing to identify if the factor of strength was impacting their performance in Cheerleading and if it was a strength or an area of development.





In the BGE curriculum pupils have rotated activities due to facilities all cannot do the same activity at once.

Some pupils have begun a block of creative and Aesthetic activity working on trampolining for example, developing their body control and fluency. Some pupils have also been developing their lifts and teamwork in cheerleading developing confidence and body posture.







In Home Economics the rotation has just happened in the S2 BGE with some classes having their first experience of HE. Pupils had an introduction to the kitchen for their first lesson, focusing on safety and hygiene.

They also made Truffles.

Also, our Junior HUB pupils linked with the gardening group to use some of the produce from the garden to produce rhubarb crumble and focusing sourcing food locally.





Furthermore, in S2 those who have continued their rotation in Home Economics have been focusing on the Scottish dietary goals to develop a healthier lifestyle therefore creating regularly eaten dishes in a healthier way. This this week pupils were focusing on making an Indian takeaway Tikka Masala.



Learning at Ellon Academy:

Bonfire and Fireworks Safety Talks - 1.11.23

This week, representatives from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service delivered safety talks to learners about bonfires and fireworks and the hazards and dangers these present.

The slides can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

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



Always follow the Firework Code

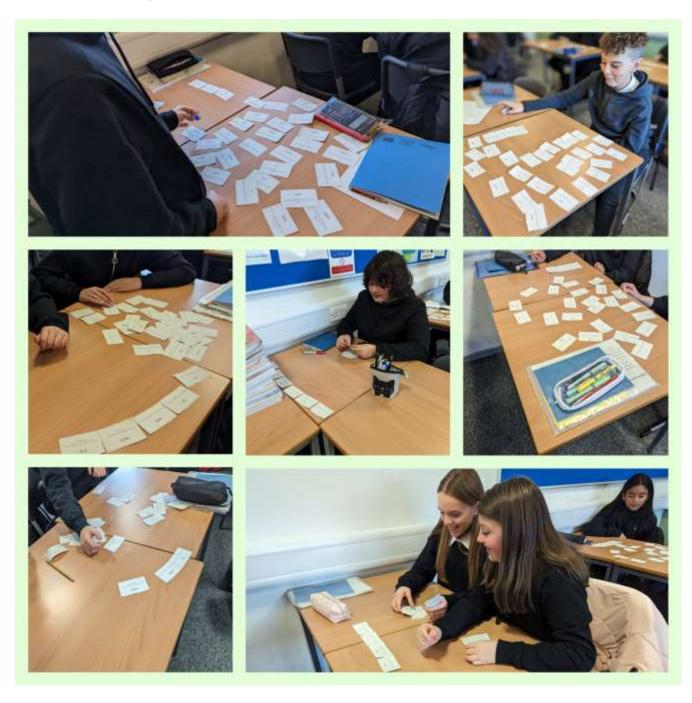
- 1. Displays must finish before 11pm
- 2. Only buy fireworks with BS 7114 or CE mark
- 3. Follow the instructions on each firework
- 4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper
- 5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- 6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit- even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
- 7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- 8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
- 9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- 10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

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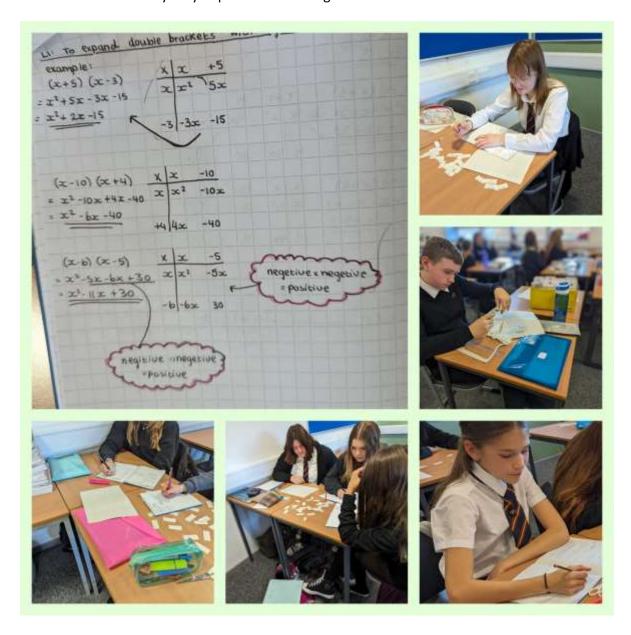
Learning at Ellon Academy:

Maths:

S1 made an excellent start to the new term this morning! We were learning about significant figures and worked together to solve a loop card puzzle. There were some tricky questions in there and some great discussions were heard. Well done everyone!



Also, some great deep thinking from S2 this week! We've been learning to multiply double brackets. We had a set of 30 cards and a grid of 42 expressions. Either in a pair or independently, we picked 2 cards and multiplied to see if we could make any of the expressions. This allowed us to practise the skill and then some of us started figuring out which cards we needed for certain expressions. Teaching ourselves how to factorise trinomials was certainly very impressive! Amazing work S2!



Also, Scientific Notation teamwork in S1 today! Pupils were given a card that would sort them into two teams. Each card had a number written in scientific notation on it. Pupils then had to put themselves in order from smallest to largest value. Lots of great communication and speedy organising! Well done everyone!



Learning at Ellon Academy:

Learners from the National 5 and Higher Media classes went to the Apple Store in Union Square to attend a workshop on editing, using iMovie today.

They had a great time trying out the different editing techniques they were shown, and Apple store staff commented on how well behaved, respectful, and enthusiastic the pupils were. I'm sure all staff on the trip would agree that they represented the school in an extremely positive light, not only during the workshops but also on the bus journeys to and from Aberdeen.

Mrs Corser said, "Well done to all pupils on a productive morning and I look forward to seeing them use these skills in their productions".













Pupil Achievement: S1 Digital Champions



Please follow the link below to find out more about our new S1 Digital Champions

https://sway.office.com/MJHCk2iAi1lqZxsa?ref=Link



Pupil Achievement:

Last weekend Ras B in 6C competed at the Scottish Development Boxing Championships in Glasgow, and he came away with Gold as the New Novice Champion in his category. This is an impressive achievement and one of which he and we are very proud. Well done, Ras!







Pupil Achievement:

Well done to Seren M 3C1 who designed the trophies for the Ellon Scarecrow Festival this year - fantastic work!



Pupil Achievement:

Ellis F in 2C1 was selected to attend Ice Hockey Under 15 trials at the Ice Bowl in Dumfries yesterday (Sun 29.10.23). Good luck in getting selected for the Scotland East v Scotland West game in December! Well done Ellis!



Pupil Achievement

Girls U15 Football. Aberdeenshire Cup 1st Round result. Mintlaw 0 - 14 Ellon.

The girls proceeded to the next round of the cup with an emphatic win in terribly cold and wet conditions!! Mintlaw, to their credit, kept battling and never gave up, despite the weather and the score line.

The girls played some very good football today and were clinical in front of goals. Ava R was lethal with her finishing and Emily S was also on fire and her all-round play was excellent. Emily went in goals in second half, or she would have added to her tally of goals. When Amber S came outfield, she also hit 2 goals. Steph F also had a very assured game at the back, in what was probably her best game for the school. Special mention though to Myah R, who scored an excellent goal, assisted 2 and danced up the wing with the ball as if it was tied to her shoelaces!

Well done girls in reaching the next round in another cup.

Players of match Myah R and Emily S.

PS - no pics this time because it was too rainy, dark, and cold for the camera. Goal scorers.

Ava R , Emily S , Millie B , Amber S , Lucy B , Myah R , Og

Assists - Myah R 2, Avah R 1, Emily S 1, Millie B 1, Katie G 1, Steph F 1

Pupil Achievement:

S2 Football Result (U14s) - North of Scotland Cup Ellon 2-4 Culloden

Unfortunately, the S2 football team tonight lost in a very hard-fought game in the cup against Culloden. The boys showed great fight in the first half to come back from 2-0 down to make it 2-2 going into half time. A very closely fought second half resulted in Culloden scoring two goals on the break as the Ellon team tried to clinch a winner! The boys still have the league to fight for and the Aberdeenshire Cup.

Goals: Josh S & Alfie S

Player of the Match: Josh S (selected by the Culloden coach)





Pupil Achievement:

The Junior Netball Team faced their second fixture of the season on Thurs 12th Octo against the tough and experienced Robert Gordons College A team. Despite this only being their second time playing together the team played well and stayed focused and resilient throughout. We look forward to seeing them play more games next term and grow stronger as a team. Top Goal Scorer: Rebecca B S2. Player of the match: Rylee EF S3



Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to gymnast Lily P 3F1 (on the right) and her teammate who have been selected to represent Scotland for the 2nd time this year! Lily will join Team Scotland in December at the Classic Challenge Championship Finals in Guildford. Well done and good luck Lily!



Pupil Achievement:

A fantastic display of attacking football this week from the senior boys team with a 9-0 victory against Milnes High School in the North of Scotland Cup.

Despite going in 2-0 up at halftime and dominating possession, Ellon passed up several chances and allowed Milnes two excellent opportunities. Ellon were too slow in moving the ball and this allowed Milnes to snuff out several attacks. It was all change after halftime with Ellon moving the ball much quicker and scoring a flurry of four goals in a 20-minute spell at the start of the second half. Credit to Milnes who continued to try and create opportunities and play passing football despite the scoreline. Overall, an excellent win and onto the next round.



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e-Sgoil Study Support 2023-24

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.



Higher Education - SAAS - Funding Awareness Online Events



Is your child applying to go to university next year (2024)? If so, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about the upcoming online funding presentations we will be offering from 30 October until 29 November 2023. These sessions can be attended by pupils/students and their parents/legal who are considering starting higher education in the 2024-2025 academic year.

During the online application presentation, we will explain the funding available from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) for those planning to undertake higher education courses (HNC/HND/Degree courses. We will also provide information on how and when students should apply to SAAS for their funding. We can provide bespoke advice to attendees should they have any questions about the funding available or application process. We would be grateful if you could please help us to raise awareness of these sessions by sharing the details with stakeholders you feel would benefit from attending. This could be via a newsletter, social media, or any other channels you use to share information.

These sessions can booked here; ; Join the guestlist – SAAS Funding Presentation - National – Microsoft Teams, Multiple dates and times (tickettailor.com)

If you have any questions, then you can contact us at saasevents@gov.scot Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards Michael Scott, Customer Outreach Manager Funding Awareness

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



beyond the drop off and disabled zones.



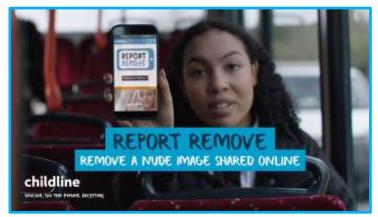
Keeping children and teenagers safe online:

'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/





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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:

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Pupil Information:

Bright Red Publishing - Bag a Bargain Bespoke for Ellon Academy parents/carers!

Bright Red Publishing is Scotland's leading independent educational publisher and home of top Study Guides and Course Books for Scottish Qualifications Authority exams (some of which have been written by our very own Mr MacBeath!) Star!

In conjunction with the school, we have secured a discount code for all to use – ELLON30. If you are ordering a study guide to help support your or your child's studies, please use the discount code ELLON30 to secure 30% off any purchase.

There catalogue can be found here, where you will find many study guides that we offer here at Ellon Academy. https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/Shop



Ellon Academy Careers Fair: From 6 - 8 pm on Tuesday 14th November, we are delighted to welcome volunteers from a whole range of industries, as well as representatives from further and higher education providers, at the Ellon Academy Careers Convention.

All pupils and parents are invited to attend the evening and to find out more information about different careers and the skills, qualities and qualifications that are required to access them.



Pupil Information:

ALL PUPILS – WEEKLY MERITS

Congratulations to all learners who are routinely receiving messages home for the weekly merits and over and above's and/or termly House certificates too. As we enter Term 2, most year groups are preparing for assessments and practising for SQA exams. As a school, we promote a growth mindset and 'can do' attitude. For that reason, we will be sending messages home to those pupils who are being recognised for their hard work and dedication. Working hard and giving it your best effort is the key to success this term. Good luck!

Senior Leadership Team

ALL PUPILS - DIVERSITY GROUP

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

Caitlin will be visiting the Diversity Group this month. 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

ALL PUPILS – INTERHOUSE BASKETBALL

Our next Inter House sports event will take place next week. There will be 8 events throughout the school year where you can compete for your House and win points. At the end of the school year, the House with the most points will win the House trophy!

The next event is basketball! Sports Captains will be visiting reg classes this week to recruit players. Each House needs 4 players per year group (2 boys and 2 girls).

All matches are taking place during lunchtime and players should have a change of kit and come down to the PE department quickly after eating their lunch.

Monday 6th November (13:15) - S1

Tuesday 7th November (13:15) - S2

Wednesday 8th November (12:30) - S3

Thursday 9th November (12:30) - S4/5/6

PE Department

S1 PUPILS - 'PAPER RECYCLING' POSTERS

Please remember to hand in your 'Paper Recycling' themed poster to your Guidance Teacher by the end of today (Friday 3rd November).

S6 Recycling Initiative Team

S2 PUPILS - DYW CLASSES

As explained before the October break, the following classes should go to the rooms listed below for their S2 DYW lesson from today onwards (Friday 3rd November).

Class Period Teacher New Room

2C1 4 Mrs Seifert F51

2F1 6 Mrs Seifert G47

2M1 6 Mr Abberley-Nicoll F19

Mr Abberley-Nicoll

S3 BOYS - FOOTBALL

The S3 football team is due to play Mearns Academy on Wednesday 8th November. It is an away game so pupils will miss period 5 & 6. Please speak to your teachers beforehand so you know what work to catch up on. The chosen squad is as follows:

NAMES IN OFFICE

Please meet in the PE department at the beginning of lunchtime so you can get changed before we leave. Pupils do not need to get out of their period 4 class early. Please bring your usual football kit, boots that are suitable for 3G astro (no metal studs), plenty to drink, and a snack. If you cannot play, for whatever reason, please let Mr MacBeath know ASAP so that a replacement player can be called upon.

Mr MacBeath

For your information - ADVERSE WEATHER/EARLY CLOSURE DRILL

An adverse weather/early closure drill is scheduled to take place during period 6 on Wednesday 8th November. Pupils should go to their period 6 class as normal and await further instructions. If pupils wish to know their assembly point in advance, there are lists posted at both the Pupil Entrance and next to the Reception window. Transport pupils should check that the contract details on their bus pass (if they have one) matches the list before the drill takes place. Please make the School Office aware of any bus pass issues/discrepancies before the drill and remember to bring your bus pass with you on the day! Senior Leadership Team

Dates For Your Diary

Term 2:

w/b 6.11.23 S6 Guidance Interviews over the next 4 weeks Wed 8.11.23 Adverse Weather Early Closure Drill 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 – 6-8pm 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 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 weekend.

P Buchan Rector 03.11.23