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## ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

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Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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Dear parents/carers,

It's hard to believe that December has arrived already and we've only 3 more weeks of this term to go!

It's been another busy week at Ellon Academy with our DNA Drama Show, our Community Book Sale, our UCAS deadline and the last of our Faculty Attainment Reviews.

As ever, our learners continue to impress us every week with all of their various achievements in and out of school.

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

Also, this week our Parent Council raised concerns about car parking practices so I have made a short video as a reminder of our car park protocols which will ensure the safety of our learners and drivers too. There is more information on page 21 and to view the video, please click on this link: <https://youtu.be/Y89Gr4ihm-8>

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 4.12.23:



## Assemblies w/b 4.12.23

This week will be taken by the Exec Team at the usual times during Registration in the Theatre as follows:

Mon 27.11.23 S2

Tues 28.11.23 S3

Wed 29.11.23 S4

Thurs 30.11.23 S5

Fri 1.12.23 S1

## S4/5/6 Prelim Exams

This year our prelim exams will be slightly different to consider the additional elements brought back to some courses by the SQA following the covid years.

Learners sitting National 5 Maths and English will have a full exam hall experience in December as per our school calendar:

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - National 5 Maths
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – National 5 English

All other prelim exams will be from w/b Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with study leave for learners. More detailed information will follow from Mr Corser DHT next week along with the Prelim Timetable 23/24.

## 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 last 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.

There are almost 1200 learners at Ellon Academy and 705 of them have been recognised in total.

Wonderful!

The learners to the right have accrued the most merits over the last and will be given their Fast Passes by Mrs Buchan in the sunken social area on Mon 4.12.23 after registration.

Well done everyone!

Anna	A	1F1	5
Katie	M	1F1	5
Finn	M	1F1	5
Emily	S	1F1	5
Connie	D	1S1	5
Molly	N	1S1	5
Scott	M	2F1	5
Hannah	S	2S1	5
Adrijana	P	3M1	5
Libby	W	3M2	4
Murray	D	4C2	3
Sophie	K	5C1	2
Olivia	H	5F2	2
Blair	W	5F2	2
Johnny	A	5M2	2
Leona	A	5M2	2
Logan	B	5M2	2
Aidan	D	5M2	2
Miller	F	5S2	2



## Christmas at Ellon Academy:

There's lots going on over the next 3 weeks!

### Christmas Jumpers:

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, S6 learners have been permitted to wear Christmas jumpers until the end of term. For the rest of the school (S1, 2, 3, 4, & 5), the official Christmas Jumper Day for Ellon Academy will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December when we will be having a foodbank collection on behalf of the Vineyard Catalyst Church Open Doors Foodbank.



### Christmas Foodbank Collection:

We would be delighted if parents/carers would be able to support our Foodbank collection again this year and the items that are most required are as follows:

Tinned soup, vegetables, and tomatoes  
Coffee, tea, sugar, UHT milk  
Custard, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding  
Microwave rice, rice, noodles  
Tinned meat meals  
Cereals  
Baby wipes, toilet rolls  
Shower gels



We'd be delighted to receive anything you can donate on Friday 8.12.23. There will be trollies to collect any donations at the staff and pupil doors prior to registration that day with our Exec Team and Prefects to help and support. A huge thanks to Mrs Brown for her help in organising and for the transportation of donations to the Open Doors Foodbank.

### Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch 2023

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December our Exec Team will be attending the Ellon and District Senior Citizens lunch and will be providing some entertainment on the day too. The event is always appreciated by the members who enjoy sharing Christmas lunch with our Exec Team.

### Christmas Care Home Visits 2023

Week beginning Mon 11<sup>th</sup> December our Exec Team and members of our ASL Community Resource Hub will be visiting all the local Care Home to spread some Christmas Cheer by delivering personal Christmas cards to all the residents and providing some Christmas carol singing too! Again, these visits are hugely appreciated by the residents.



### Music for Christmas 2023

Our annual Music for Christmas concert will be on the evening of Tuesday 19.12.23 at 7.30pm in our Theatre. Tickets for this musical extravaganza are now available at the main reception of Ellon Academy Community Campus, priced at £6 (Adults) and £4 (Child/ School pupil/ Concession).



### Dress As You Please Day – Last day of Term, Thurs 21.12.3:

Learners and staff can come to school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December either dressed down or dressed up! This is the day of the year when everyone can come in fancy dress or just dress down casually for the day. There will be a competition for the best fancy dress for S6 learners Period 2 in the Sunken Social Area.

### S2 Technology Challenge 2023:

Our S2 pupils will be taking part in the annual S2 Technology Challenge next week.

The competition is run by NESCol and sponsored by Shell. Here is the timetable for S2 classes to attend:



		Class	Staff	Period	Time	Room
1	Mon 4 Dec	2.4	NW	Mon 1	8.35 - 9.25	G48
2	Mon 4 Dec	2.5	RS	Mon 2	9.25 - 10.15	G48
3	Mon 4 Dec	2.6	AC	Mon 3	10.35 - 11.25	G48
4	Mon 4 Dec	2.2	HB	Mon 4	11.25 - 12.15	G48
5	Wed 6th	2.1	AC	Wed 3	10.35 - 11.25	G48
6	Wed 6th	2.10	RS	Wed 4	11.25 - 12.15	G48
7	Wed 6th	2.11	HB	Wed 5	1.00 - 1.50	G48
8	Wed 6th	2.12	PM	Wed 6	1.50 - 2.40	G48
9	Thurs 7th	2.7	NW	Thu 1	8.35 - 9.25	G48
10	Thurs 7th	2.8	RS	Thu 2	9.25 - 10.15	G48
11	Thurs 7th	2.9	AC	Thu 3	10.35 - 11.25	G48
12	Thurs 7th	2.3	RS	Thu 4	11.25 - 12.15	G48

The playoffs will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, periods 2 – 4.

This will involve the best girl and boy from each class.

The winners of the playoffs will then represent the school at the finals in May.



## Ellon Academy Community Book Sale

Organised by Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Quantrill and our Library Helpers, our Ellon Academy Community Book Sale has been a great success this week.

Ythan Valley Rotarians Rosemary, Sue and Eleanor helped out and said it was a great opportunity to meet the students. Well done everyone!



The stock sold so quickly and there were lots of excellent options to choose from. The gift-wrapping service was hugely popular!



We are a  
**Reading  
School**  
Gold

## Learning at Ellon Academy – Maths Faculty:

2A3 were revising converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We worked in pairs and completed a tarsia puzzle. We chose a fraction, converted, agreed on the matching answer and then built up our puzzles. Lots of good conversations about different methods and strategies.

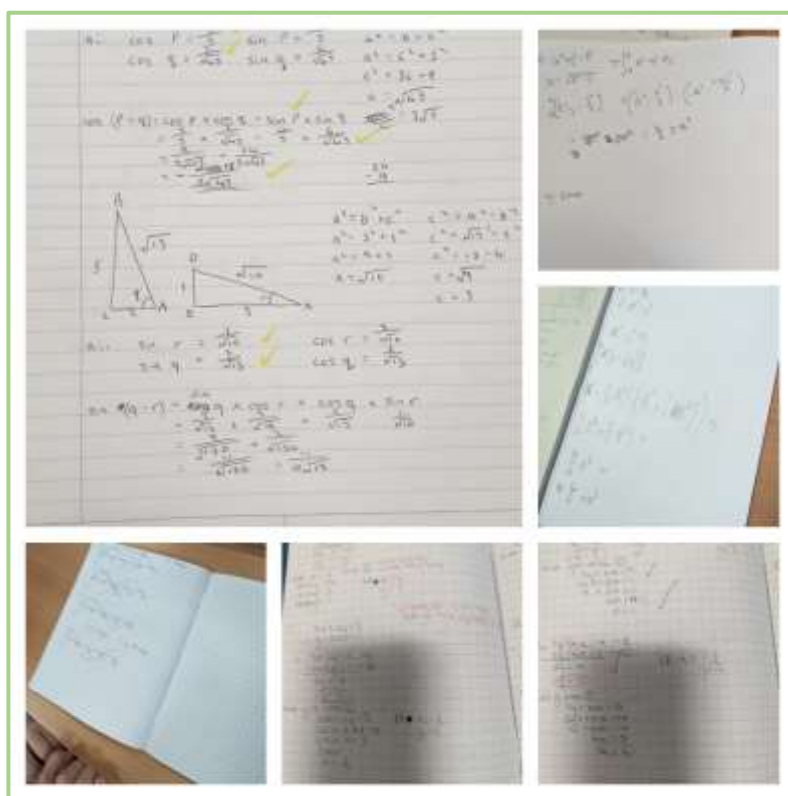
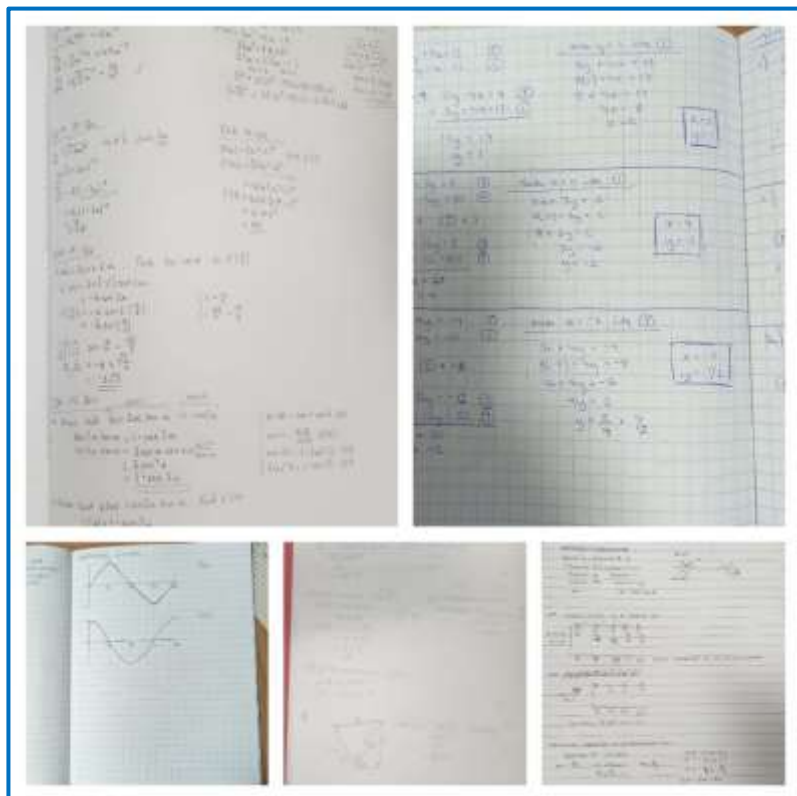
Great work everyone!





## Learning at Ellon Academy – Maths Faculty:

Our senior pupils have been putting a lot of effort into ensuring they give as much detail as possible when answering questions. Here are just some of the excellent layouts from a range of N5, Higher and Advanced Higher classes. It's also been great to see so many of you coming along to MOLA at lunch for study and support. Remember MOLA is open to all year groups for maths study and support every lunchtime.



## Learning at Ellon Academy – Miss Noufal’s Science Class

Learners have been hard at work in L2 Science in the Environment class, recycling tin cans into colourful desk organisers!

We are selling them for £1 each - all the money collected will be donated to Cash for Kids Mission Christmas.

Well done everyone!



Aren't these great! Well done all!



## Learning at Ellon Academy:

This week we are showcasing the work of our Guidance and Pupil Development Teams in PSE classes and bespoke courses offered for learners at Ellon Academy.

The Guidance Team and PSE:

It has been a busy term so far in the Guidance faculty.

S1 pupils had their S1 induction led by the Royal Navy focussing on Teamwork and Communication on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils engaged very well with this event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



S2 pupils have been learning about careers. So far this term, most of our classes have had a visit from one of our school SDS career advisors, Susan Ritchie and Elizabeth Bruce. We are also learning lots about different career pathways ahead of starting to think about choosing our subject preferences for S3 after the Christmas holidays.





S3 pupils' focus in PSE has been on lots of different aspects of personal safety. We have learning about alcohol, substance misuse, vaping and mental health. Here are some of the fantastic posters created by some of our S3 learners to inform others of the dangers of vaping.





Our senior phase classes have been focussing on careers: creating and updating CVs, interview preparation, applying for college and university, and learning more about different career pathways available to them when they leave school. Our S6 pupils have all had individual interviews with their Guidance teachers around their progress and post-school plans. We have also done some work on study skills and managing exam stress. Our Educational Psychologist delivered a session during S6 PSE on this on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November. Also, our amazing teams of house captains delivered House Assemblies to all the pupils in their houses – well done to them all!



Thanks to the Guidance Team and learners in PSE for their information and pictures this week.

## Learning in the Pupil Development Team:

### Skills Development

Pupils have been working on their Customer Service NPA and improving their Barista skills while working in the pupil led café. Lattes, cappuccinos, and hot chocolates have proven to be very popular with staff, pupils and parents in for school events.



## Employability:

Pupils in this class have recently completed their “Dragons Den” pitches for their Enterprise and Employability NPA. Pupils had to invent a café name, design a logo, and develop a signature drink for the café. They also had to make a cash flow forecast to predict their profits for the year.



Starting Date Sept 2023	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Latte	59	43	60	80	100	100	110	55	110	110	0	0
Cappuccino	28	15	20	40	50	50	60	30	60	60	0	0
Hot Chocolate	48	62	118	100	120	120	130	65	130	130	0	0
Americano	11	6	10	16	16	16	26	13	26	26	0	0
Tea	4	6	10	12	12	12	22	11	22	22	0	0
Other	4	5	10	10	10	10	20	10	20	20	0	0
Extras	32	55	40	50	55	55	65	32.50	65	65	0	0
Total Cash Inflow	£186.00	£192.00	£268.00	£308.00	£363.00	£363.00	£433.00	£216.50	£433.00	£433.00	£0	£0
Caber Coffee	143.51		15.85	15.85	15.85	15.85	159.36	15.85	15.85	15.85	0	0
Brakes	24.67	50.42	89.30	89.30	89.30	89.30	89.30	89.30	89.30	89.39	0	0
Instock	129.30						129.30					
Total Cash Outflow	£297.48	£50.42	£105.15	£105.15	£105.15	£105.15	£105.15	£105.15	£105.15	£105.15	0	0
Opening Balance	0.00	-£111.48	£30.10	£192.95	£395.80	£653.65	£911.50	£1239.35	£1350.70	£1678.65		
Net Cash Flow	-£111.48	£141.58	£162.85	£202.85	£257.85	£257.85	£327.85	£111.35	£327.95	£327.85		
Closing Balance	-£111.48	£30.10	£192.95	£395.80	£653.65	£911.50	£1239.35	£1350.70	£1678.65	£2006.50		



## Sport and Recreation

Pupils in this class are in the middle of a personal training block, working hard in the gym and taking their clients through training sessions to develop their strength and stamina. After getting information from their clients, they have set fitness goals and are helping their clients achieve them.

**Medical background**

Before starting a fitness programme with a client the instructor must make sure that the client is physically healthy enough to engage in the activities you plan.

Read through and complete the following checklist if relevant to your client.

	Yes	No
1. Client's medical background - Do you know the client's medical background? Do you know if the client has any chronic conditions and are you aware of any physical activity recommendations for the client?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Has your client ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should not do physical activity recommended by a doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you frequently have any client in the hall or gym?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you offer the client a full range of services or programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Has your doctor ever said that your blood pressure was too high?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there any past physical injury not mentioned here why you would not undertake a programme of serious exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Are you over 65 years of age and not accustomed to exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Are there any other conditions that would be relevant to the client undertaking physical activity?

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Training session 1** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Warm up: 5 min cycle, lunges, bicep / tricep curls

Main session: 15 min run, 4x5 squats <sup>light</sup> ~~no~~ weight then progressively add, Leg press 4x5 light weight slowly adding on, Leg extension 4x5 light weight

Cool down: 5 minute slow cycle, stretch lower and upper body.

Client's performance and changes for next session

~~stiff~~, ~~form~~, ~~weights~~, ~~enjoyment~~  
more effort, better form, +2 weights, + time

**Training session 1** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Stretches

(10x4) Lat pull down (10x4) overhead shoulder press

(10x3) Chest press (10x4) leg press

Smith machine

Weight exercises

Client's performance and changes for next session:

Good performance, good form, decent effort, good adjustment on weights, enjoyed weights but not easy for all.

**Client's fitness background** (Note client's fitness background and any relevant information about the client's fitness history, including all past injuries and any relevant medical history)

0-30

Play rugby

Football with friends

**Client's aims and objectives** (Note client's aims and objectives for the programme)

Get stronger

Lower BMI

10-15% weight loss

## Fairtrade at Ellon Academy:

The Fairtrade Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas stall last week. £562.50 worth of fairly traded goods was sold, and we would like to thank Mrs Anne Aspden for her support in supplying the goods for the stall. The committee were allowed to keep 10% of the takings which will be used to promote FT at Ellon Academy. The committee also recently sold 96 fairly traded advent calendars to staff in the school. Well done all!





**Pupil Achievement:**

On Saturday 25 November Sol C (1C2) attended the British Taekwon-Do Championships which were held at the Meadowbank sports centre in Edinburgh. The event is capped at 500 competitors.

Sol entered two events; 11–13-year-old Blackbelt sparring, and 11–13-year-old Blackbelt patterns and he won Gold in both events! Well done, Sol, we are delighted for you! What an amazing achievement!

(Sol is pictured in the white head guard).





If your child/children has/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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### **Aspiration at Ellon Academy:**

#### **So, You Want to be a Chemist?**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, some of our pupils studying N5, H and AH Chemistry were invited along to the University of Aberdeen to take part in exciting workshops to find out more about the roles of chemists in society and the range of career opportunities that are available with a degree in chemistry.

The pupils had the opportunity to network with undergraduate and postgraduate students at the university, take part in an advanced practical in the new state-of-the-art Science Teaching Hub, and participated in workshops on careers related to chemistry and applying for university.

Many thanks to fourth-year honours year student Angus Robertson and Dr Peter Henderson for organising this event for our pupils.



## Ellon Academy Study Café

The Study Café is up and running again this year. Come along and study in a warm, safe and encouraging environment in the Ellon Academy Library afternoon on Thursdays and enjoy free refreshments and snacks to help you relax into your study.

This tremendous advert for our senior S4-S6 Study Cafe was put together by one of our talented Digital Champions in S2, Scott M.

The advert provides information about the StudyCafe, who it is for, what its purpose is, and when it is running.

<https://www.facebook.com/EllonAcademy/videos/2401018523434496>



## Car Park Health and Safety at Ellon Academy Community Campus:

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

**New addendum – On rainy days the pupil drop off and pick up times are much busier than usual. Recently, there were some near misses when drivers did not follow the one-way system. Please do so to keep everyone safe!**

**Here is a video as a reminder of our car park safety protocols:** <https://youtu.be/Y89Gr4ihm-8>


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 learners 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>



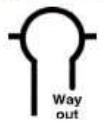
### ELLON ACADEMY COMMUNITY CAMPUS



#### 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**  
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Telephone: 01358 720715





## Ice Safety:

Our friends at the Fire and Rescue Service Scotland have sent us the following series of posters to remind learners about safety around frozen ponds, lakes, and bodies of water:



## STAYING SAFE IN WINTER – ICE SAFETY



**KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE EDGE.** Fallen leaves and snow could obscure the water's boundary and cause slippery surfaces.

## STAYING SAFE IN WINTER – ICE SAFETY



**ALWAYS SUPERVISE CHILDREN AROUND ICE.**

## STAYING SAFE IN WINTER – ICE SAFETY



**KEEP DOGS ON LEADS AND DON'T THROW BALLS/STICKS FOR THEM NEAR ICE.** Never go on to the ice to rescue a dog.

# STAYING SAFE IN WINTER – ICE SAFETY



**IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 999  
AND GIVE CALM AND ACCURATE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
SITUATION AND LOCATION.**

Never go on to the ice to help.

Thanks to Ronnie from the Fire and Rescue Service Scotland for these posters.





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:

Please note all pupils attending sports clubs/NASSA events must have paid their EASA membership, or they will be unable to attend.

NEW SPORT: Girls Rugby every Monday afterschool with Ellon Rugby Club Development officer ! Come and give it a try!! 🍌🍌🍌

	Lunchtime	Afterschool: Games Hall	Afterschool: Gym B	Afterschool: Gym A	Afterschool: Fitness Suite	Afterschool: Pitches	Alternate Space
Mon		S1-6 Badminton 3:30 – 4:30pm				S1-6 Girls Rugby Active Schools 3:30-4:30pm	
Tues				S4-6 Cheer Miss Daniel, Miss Williams 3:30 – 4:45pm		S1-6 Rugby Mr McCall 3:45 – 4:45pm	S1-6 Girls Hockey Mr Meechan (every second week) 3:30-4:30 pm
Wed		S3-6 Netball Miss Williams 2:40 – 3:45pm		S1-3 Cheer Miss Daniel 2:40 – 4:00pm	S4-6 Fitness Mr McCall 3 – 4pm	Football S1 Mr Meechan S2 Mr Canale S3 Mr MacBeath 3 – 4pm	
Thurs	S1-6 Teen Yoga Mrs Winterbottom	S1-2 Netball Miss Williams 2:40 – 3:45pm		S1-6 Gymnastics Sports Captains 2:40 – 3:45pm		S1-6 Girl's football Mr McLean 3 – 4pm	Staff Yoga Mrs Winterbottom 2:40 – 3:45pm
Fri		S1-6 Basketball Sports Captains 2:40 – 3:45pm		Staff Badminton 2:40-3:45pm			

## 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>



## **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. During 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 – PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

The competition is open to all year groups and the theme this year is CHRISTMAS! House points are up for grabs to the House with the most entries and House points and prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place too. Grab a submission form from the Art department to enter!  
Miss Geoghan

### **ALL PUPILS – INTERHOUSE SWIMMING**

Interhouse swimming is taking place on Thursday 7th December. If you would still like to sign up, please see your House Captain or speak to a member of staff from the PE department.  
PE Department

### **S1/2 PUPILS – CODING CLUB**

A new coding club is now running on a Monday and Wednesday in the Library after school. Come along and learn how to code, program digital/electronic devices and have fun with some robotic equipment, including robotic LEGO!

Monday 15:40-17:00

Wednesday 14:50-16:00

If you're interested, please let a Digital Champion know or speak to Mr Armstrong (PT Digital Learning) because you'll need a letter and consent form for an after-school activity.

Mr Armstrong

## **For your information:**



**Interhouse Swimming:**

Interhouse swimming is taking place on Thursday 7th December and will start at lunchtime and continue until the end of the day. Each House requires a minimum of 8 pupils per year group (4 boys and 4 girls).

The event is open to anyone who can swim 25m (one length of the pool) and you do not need to swim for a team/club.



# INTERHOUSE SWIMMING

**Interhouse Swimming 2023  
7th December, 1245-1440**

**S1-3: 2x 25m individual event & 1x relay**

**S4-6: 2x 50m individual event & 1x relay**

**Sign ups will take place on Friday @ lunchtime in the PE  
department.**

**If you would like to take part please come and sign up with  
your house captain between 12:30 and 1pm.**

**All pupils must be able to swim 25m confidently but do not  
need to swim for a team/club.**



## Community Information:

The Balmedie Cubs are having a Christmas Fair! A great day out for the family!



## FORMARTINE UNITED YOUTH 2011

We are looking for 3-4 outfield players to strengthen our existing squad

**D LEAGUE TEAM**

Train Tuesday nights at Oldmeldrum Academy Astro – 6 until 7.30pm

Home Games – Garioch Sports Centre, Inverurie – played on grass

Contact Graeme – Email – [FUYA2011@hotmail.com](mailto:FUYA2011@hotmail.com) or Text / Call - 07976243787

## Dates For Your Diary

### Term 2:

w/b 6.11.23	S6 Guidance Interviews over the next 4 weeks
Weekly from 22.11.23	Christmas lunches in the canteen (S3 – 06.12.23, S4 – 13.12.23 S5/6 – 20.12.23)
Wed 6.12.23	Exec Team attending the Ellon Senior Citizens Lunch
Thurs 7.12.23	Interhouse Swimming Gala
From Mon 4.12.23	S6 can wear Christmas Jumpers
Fri 8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day (Foodbank collection)
w/b 11.12.23	Exec Team and Hub Pupils visiting Ellon Care Homes
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
Fri 15.12.23	National 5 Maths (S4/5/6) Prelim in Games Hall (Exam experience)
Mon 18.12.23	National 5 English (S4/5/6) Prelim in Games Hall (Exam experience)
Tues 19.12.23	Music for Christmas Concert – 7.30pm
Thurs 22.12.23	Christmas Ceilidh
Thurs 22.12.23	Dress Down Up and 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.
w/b 15.1.24	S1 Reports issued.
Mon 15.1.24	Senior phase prelims/study leave begins.
Wed 17.1.24	S1 Parents Evening (in-person) 4-6.30pm.
Fri 26.1.24	Senior phase prelims/study leave ends.

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*

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