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## ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

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Date: Friday 8th March 2024

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Dear parents/carers,

As we near the end of term and get ever closer to the SQA exam diet starting in April, we are strongly encouraging our senior phase learners to take every opportunity to attend our Study Café on Thursdays after school and all of the other sessions that my staff offer in their own time during lunchtimes and after school. This is the time for our seniors to use their prelim results, feedback from their recent reports and learner conversations with their teachers to home in on any areas for improvement in their learning and to seek out their teachers to support with knowledge and understanding. Our BGE learners in S1/2/3 always look forward to changing timetable in term 4 and being 'one year on' in their secondary school careers. S1/2/3 is so very important in terms of scaffolding those building blocks of learning for their senior phase so we also encourage them to continue to work hard and build on the skills they will inevitably need for S4 and beyond.

Also, we have noticed some learners' standard of dress has slipped somewhat. We see learners in black tops and t-shirts and a very small minority not in uniform at all. We ask that parents/carers support our school uniform and encourage your children to take pride in their school by wearing the uniform as per our expectations.



As ever, our learners continue to impress us every week with all of their various achievements in and out of school and we hope you enjoy our updates 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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**Prepare and Prevent, don't  
repair and repent!**



**Assemblies:**

Assemblies week beginning Mon 11.3.24 will be in the theatre during registration as follows:

Mon 11.3.24 - S4  
Tues 12.3.24 - S5  
Wed 13.3.24 - S1  
Thurs 14.3.24 - S2  
Fri 15.3.24 - S3

**Merits – Over and Above**

This week we have had 145 learners recognised for Over and Above and we are pleased to report that the learners below are in the top group of learners for most 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.

The learners below have accrued the most merits over the last week and will be given their Fast Passes by Mrs Buchan in the sunken social area on Monday 11.03.24 after registration.

Well done to all.

Fraser	P	1S2	4
Cian	S	1S2	4
Varvara	L	2K2	4
Sophie	W	2K2	4
Aleks	I	3M2	4
Isla	T	3S1	4
Megan	C	4C1	3
Bobby	B	4F1	3
Rosemary	O	4F1	3
Emily	G	4S1	3
Savannah	B	5S1	2
Connor	D	6C	1



**Parent Council:**

The next Parent Council meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

Look out for the link to join.

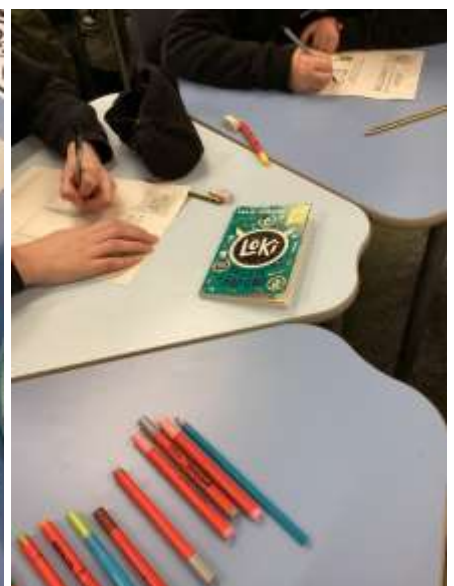
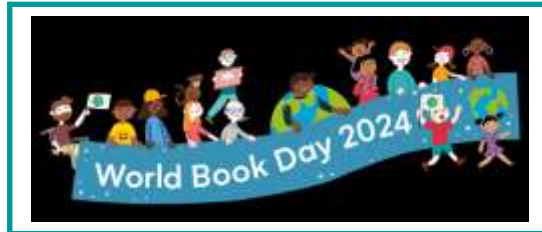
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## World Book Day at Ellon Academy:

We had a wonderfully busy World Book Day yesterday! Mrs Murdoch & Mrs Quantrill ran a number of events in the library. The grumpy corner about books which had annoyed people was particularly popular! Some staff showed off photographs of the extremely unusual places they have been caught reading (winner to be announced on Monday) and the challenge has been set for learners to share their own.

A big thank you to Better Read Books in Ellon who kindly supplied us with copies of the World Book Day books - they always go over and above to help us and it is greatly appreciated. There are still tokens in the Academy library for anyone who has not yet collected one.



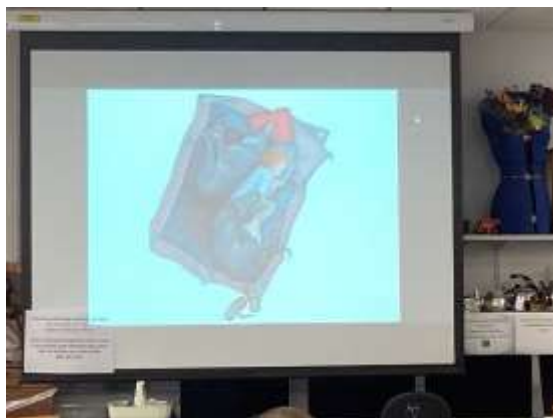
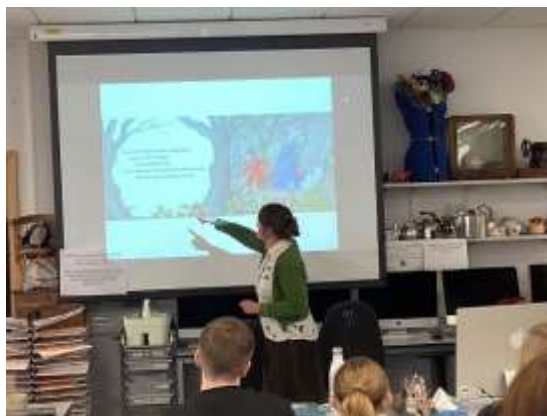


Also, as part of our World Book Day events at Ellon Academy this year, we welcomed illustrator, Kate Leiper, to school. Kate is a Moray-born, Edinburgh-based children's book illustrator who studied at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen.

Kate loved coming in to school to meet the budding illustrators in our art department recently, sharing her illustrations, talking about how she became an illustrator, the process she goes through when working with a publisher and the three areas she thinks are important for her in illustration.

- "It was really wonderful to see the process Kate goes through to make her work."
- "The school library has copies of books that Kate has illustrated and it was great that these were available in the art department."
- "The students were completely silent, taking it all in.... most unusual. Maybe Kate can come along every Friday afternoon!"

Mrs Murdoch and Mrs Quinn are very grateful for support from the Scottish Book Trust "Live Literature" scheme which part-funded this session.



## Learning at Ellon Academy: Maths Faculty

This week 1B2 have been consolidating their learning on fractions, decimals, and percentages by completing this tarsia jigsaw puzzle! A big well done to our senior pupils Hayley and Alex who checked over the initial puzzle and spotted a mistake! Always good to have puzzle checkers on call!



This week S3 have been finding sides and angles using trigonometry. We completed this loop card activity which contained a mixture of questions. Very well done to the pupils spotting sneaky questions where the unknown was on the bottom of the fraction. This allowed us to think back to our work on changing the subject of the formula and figure out how to approach these! Great work!





### **Pupil Achievement - Ellon make the cup final!! 🏆👏**

A hugely depleted Ellon senior boys team today beat all the odds to qualify for the final of JM Lowe cup after a fine 2-0 victory away to Banff Academy. ⚽️ Missing 9 members of the squad due to illness, injury or unavailability leaving them with 1 substitute, the boys withstood heavy second half pressure to progress to the final. 💪

A huge shout out goes to sub-Keeper Neil L who today played outfield for 40minutes in a superb showing. In fantastic conditions for football ☀️ Ellon started well and were 1-0 up inside 3 minutes. A long ball fell to Alex G, who kept up his scoring form by swivelling and taking a shot on the volley from 30 yards that beat the Banff goalkeeper. ⚽️ Banff had the majority of possession and Ellon had Liam G in goals to thank for a wonderful save to keep the score at 1-0. 🍅 Ellon won a corner just before half time and for the second game running Finlay M scored with an excellent header to leave Ellon 2-0 up as the halftime whistle went. ⚽️

Second half was very much in Banff's favour with more possession and more chances created. Somehow the Ellon goal led a charmed life with Banff missing a number of good chances and also hitting the bar. Ellon were still a threat going forward though and could have wrapped the game up with a couple of chances that came their way. Despite a number of players going down with cramp late on Ellon battled to the end and won through against all the odds! 💪 Every player gave their all and should be proud of their performance. The boys now have 1 cup final and 2 cup semifinals to look forward to. 🏆 Next game is a home semifinal match vs Fraserburgh Academy in the Aberdeenshire Cup on the 14th of March followed by a home Semifinal vs Dingwall Academy in the NOS cup on the 19th of March. Well done all again.



### **Pupil Achievement:**

Lily P in S3 recently competed at the Scottish National Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Ravenscraig. This was Lily's first time competing at this event and was delighted to come home a Scottish Junior Silver medallist on Vault. Very well-done Lily!



### **Pupil Achievement:**

This week our Senior netball team played their final league fixture of the season against RGC B team. RGC started strong playing a fast game, finishing the first quarter 10-1 to them. After some position changes, our team found their feet and gained back control of the game in quarters 3 & 4. The girls fought back strong bringing the goal difference to 3 in the final quarter, but a last-minute goal saw RGC take the game with the final score 28-24 to RGC. This was the first time this team combination had played together and also the second game ever for 3 of our players. All of the girls showed resilience and perseverance throughout a close and nail-biting game against an experienced team! POTM (as chosen by the other team): Freya B S4

Star Shooter: Abbie R S5

Special shout outs to Keira, Leah and Ashleigh who have been coming to training all season and played excellently last night despite it only being their second match. Also, to Leona who courageously stepped up to be GA for two quarters despite normally playing GD/GK- and was a great support to Abbie in the circle and even managed to bag herself some goals. Well Done!





## Pupil Achievement:

Girls Senior Football League Result: Inverurie 5-4 Ellon. The Ellon girls narrowly missed out this week in a pulsating match that could have gone either way. Inverurie were a very quick and strong side today, but our girls pushed them all the way. Inverurie created lots of chances, but Maddison B played a star role in keeping Ellon in the game. By the second half, Ellon found themselves 5-2 down but kept battling and pushed very hard to win. Grace S dribbled more than half the pitch before playing a one/two with a teammate before continuing to dribble round a few more and fire the ball in the net. This gave the girls extra belief and soon found themselves only trailing 4-5. Alisha M had a 30-yard free kick which hit the top of the bar and Milly P played a wonderful cross that headed over the bar from close range in the dying seconds. Inverurie had other chances to go further ahead, but from an Ellon perspective, the girls will feel their second half comeback merited at least a draw. A very creditable performance today from our girls, especially with more than half the team made up of juniors. Millie B and Natalie G are an incredible midfield duo and Molly P is as good a crosser of the ball as any! Player of match was Alisha M, who once again leads by example and keeps driving the team on with Maddison B a close second. Goal scorers Rebecca P 2, Grace S 2. Assists Rebecca P 1. That's the senior league over for this season, with the North of Scotland Cup semifinal against Fortrose next Wednesday still to look forward to.





## Pupil Achievement:

### [Aberdeenshire Secondary Schools Football Association](#)

A superb result for [Aberdeenshire Secondary Schools Football Association](#) and well done to the 6 Ellon Academy Pupils representing. 🏆🏆

Liam G, Ben R, Aidan M, Finlay M, Aarron B and Johnny A.

Huge achievement from our Senior team this afternoon, winning 2-0 against Lanarkshire to reach the U18s National Final where we will play Fife. It was another excellent performance from all the boys with goals at the start of the 2nd half from Aidan M and Flynn M securing the win. Well done to all those involved.



## Ellon Academy Study Café

The Study Café is up and running again this year and has resumed from Thursday 22.2.24, thanks to Mr Caskie and Mrs Murdoch. 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>



Also, thank you very much to the Co-op who have been supplying our students with snacks and drinks during our Study Café. Our pupils have been very grateful for the Co-op snacks and drinks which have been helping them with their studies.

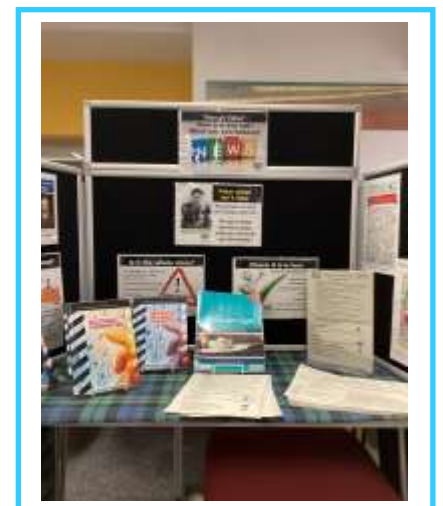
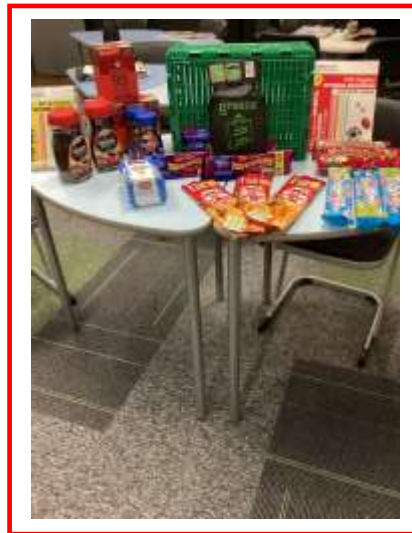
Study Café is back and will be running every Thursday from now until study leave! It is being held in the library from 14:45-15:45 to offer pupils a safe and quiet place to study and prepare for their final exams. As always, snacks/refreshments will be available to keep pupils fuelled to study. Please see Mr Caskie or Mrs Murdoch if you have any questions.







Thank you very much also to Greens of Ellon who have very generously donated a box full of snacks and drinks for our Study Cafe. The students are very much appreciative of the donation as it will help fuel them as they prepare for their final exams. Reminder that study cafe runs in the library every Thursday from 2.45-3.45pm.



Here are some helpful websites for study:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z6gw2hv>

<https://www.e-sgoil.com/>

<https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/students/higher-education/understanding-qualifications-study-tips>

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/supporting-study/>

### Calling all S4/5/6 Learners – Easter Study Support:

Registration is now open for e-Sgoil's 2024 Easter Study Support. Live, interactive and FREE, these webinars cover a wide range of subjects at all levels and will support you ahead of final exams. See below for details: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/easter-study-support/>





## **Developing the Young Workforce Information:**

### **Job Vacancies and Apprenticeship Opportunities**

The following job vacancies and apprenticeship opportunities are currently accepting applications from across the North-East (via the DYW Northeast Jobs Portal <https://www.dyw.org.uk/jobs-portal>)

- Digital Apprenticeships – QA (closing date: asap)
- Trainee Steel Wire Rope Operator – Hendrik Veder Group (c/d asap)
- Cabin Crew – Eastern Airways (c/d asap)
- Assurance/Tax Apprenticeships (start Sept 24) - EY (c/d asap)

To find out more and to apply for these exciting opportunities, visit the DYW North East Jobs Portal at <https://www.dyw.org.uk/jobs-portal>.



The following modern apprenticeship opportunities are also currently accepting applications from across the North-East (via the Apprenticeships Scot Portal <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>).



## Health and Safety - Please wear your seatbelt on school transport:

The DVSA have recently sent out a reminder to all operators of the importance of making sure all passengers wear seatbelts and thought that the schools / parents could help us to enforce the importance of this with pupils. All operators should be asking pupils to wear seatbelts, and wherever possible doing a quick check to make sure all seatbelts are on. However, it is difficult for them to ensure that pupils keep seatbelts on whilst driving.

We ask that parents/carers to speak to their children regarding seatbelts, to help make sure all pupils know how important it is and to encourage them to always put on and keep their seatbelt on for the whole journey.

Kind Regards,

Alana

**Senior Transport Officer, Aberdeenshire Council**

## ++Tesco Blue Tokens at the Ready for 2024! ++

### The Reading Dog

Voting has started at **Ellon Tesco for Stronger Starts**.

Thank you so much to all those who have voted so far.

Voting will continue until **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024** so there is still plenty of time to pop your blue token in for The Reading Dog.

The funding (of either £1,500, £100, £500) will go towards buying resources (cushions, blankets, dog bowl/treats, new books) to create a more comfortable space for pupils and the Reading Dog when it comes into school.

Keep a look out in Ellon Tesco for The Reading Dog and keep voting!



*Mrs Murray (ASL Teacher) and Mrs Murdoch (Head Librarian, Ellon Academy)*



## 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>



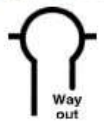
### ELLON ACADEMY COMMUNITY CAMPUS



#### 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

**Aberdeenshire COUNCIL**

## 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/>



## **Pupil information:**

### **ALL S5 PUPILS - Exec Team 24/25!**

Any S5 pupil interested in being part of the Exec Team next year should join Google Classroom ik5qzva and fill in the nomination form. The deadline is 19th April., last day before exam leave. Any questions, please see Miss Tomlinson in S19 or any member of the current team.

### **All S5/6 PUPILS:**

Sports Colours Applications are now open for all pupils in S5&6.

Closing date for applications is Friday 15th of March at 2:40pm.

### **ALL PUPILS: Interhouse cheer:**

Interhouse Cheer will start next week with rehearsals taking place at lunchtimes in the PE department. This is the second last event in the 23/24 interhouse calendar and is a great event to be a part of.

Everyone is welcome to take part and no experience in cheer is necessary!

Sports captains will organise and run rehearsals and choose a theme for their routine.

Please look at the rehearsal schedule to know where your house is each day. It will rotate round the different halls and each house will have one day off per week.

The final performance will take place on Thursday the 21st of March at Lunchtime. The current champions are McDonald House.

### **Senior Pupils:**

For any pupils who are out of school on a Wednesday morning due to College or a Foundation Apprenticeship, SAAS have very kindly agreed to repeat the session on Friday 8th March (period 4) so you can get all the necessary information about Higher Education funding too. Rooming arrangements TBC.

Mrs Kaczmarek (on behalf of the Guidance Team)

### **NATIONAL 5 ART & DESIGN PUPILS – PORTFOLIOS**

IMPORTANT: Pupils in Mr Burr's National 5 Art & Design class are expected to attend lunchtime sessions in G62 to complete their Design portfolios for presentation to the SQA. These are valuable, tutored times, and all National 5 students should be attending. Mr Burr.

### **S6 PUPILS & STAFF – CEILIDH PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please see Miss Geoghan (G62) if you would like a copy of any photographs from the Ceilidh on Monday 19th February. Miss Geoghan.

### **ALL PUPILS – MANDARIN LESSONS**

Mandarin lessons have started again on Wednesdays and will run until study leave. They are being held in S42 during lunchtime every Wednesday. Pupils who have a place on the trip to China in July 2024 must attend because they need to have completed at least 10 hours of Mandarin before we leave. However, other interested pupils are also welcome to attend the lessons! Please see Mrs Duffus for more information. Mrs Duffus

### **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. The 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>

### **NESCOL Study Support for Higher Subjects:**

There are places available on our Preparation for Higher evening classes, which run at our Aberdeen City Campus. We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to pupils, parents, and relevant teaching colleagues. A full list of the available courses and their start dates is below:



Preparation for Higher Chemistry – commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March  
[Chemistry - North East Scotland College \(nescol.ac.uk\)](https://www.nescol.ac.uk)

Preparation for Higher Maths – commencing 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March  
[Maths - North East Scotland College \(nescol.ac.uk\)](https://www.nescol.ac.uk)

For further information on any of these, please contact Dr Douglas Fraser, Curriculum Manager for Science, at  
[douglas.fraser@nescol.ac.uk](mailto:douglas.fraser@nescol.ac.uk)

## MANCHESTER CITY 2025 World Class Academy Football Trip

**February or March 2025  
From Friday to Monday .**



**Manchester City 2025  
World Class Academy Football Trip.  
Feb or March, 2025.**

For those interested, an online zoom meeting, led by Inspire Sports, will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. Please go to the form provided here and you will get access to the link for the meeting.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ch2RPXgkNN>

For more information, contact Mr McLean



## Community Information:

Tickets are now on sale for Anastasia by Aberdeen Youth Music Theatre for this March.

Our very own Laura J 2S1 and Isla M S6 are in leading roles.

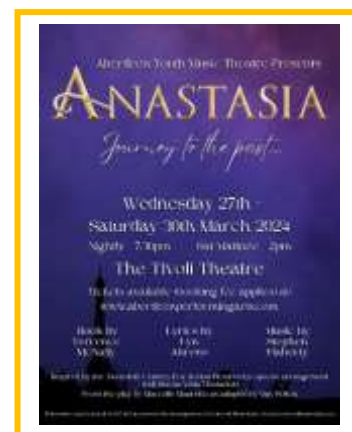
They are available from the box office, but Laura J 2S1

can get them from AYMT at a discounted rate and no booking fee.

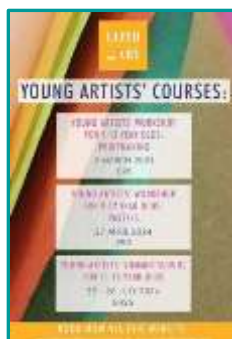
If you are interested in getting tickets, please send us an email via the school

email address marked FAO Mrs P Buchan, Rector.

[ellon.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellon.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)



**The Leith School of Art Young Artists' Workshops** which will be running on Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April, as well as a week-long Summer School. It would be great if you could pass this information on to any staff or parents/guardians who may be interested.





The Period Place

The following events are up and coming and will be organised by the charity ‘The Period Place’.



The Period Place a Charity presents

# Mothers & Daughters

🕒 2PM - 4PM

📅 4th May, 2024

📍 The Kirk Center, Station Road, Ellon AB41 9AE

Health & wellbeing

Intimate care chat.

Stress & Mental health mgt

Raffle draw to win

Tricia First Period Kit

Mum & daughter photoshoot.

Girls ages 9-14

Resource persons: GP, Medical practitioner

FREE but registration is required.

Refreshments available.

Register at Eventbrite



Partners>>

Aberdeenshire Council

Ellon Photography

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website: [theperiodplace.co.uk](http://theperiodplace.co.uk)



## You are not Walking alone

WALK & TALK ABOUT PERIOD RELATED ISSUES

4K WALK

FREE

YOUR STEPS CAN HELP A GIRL

📍 Esplanade, Aberdeen Deach

📅 25th May 2024

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Register at <https://walk4her.co.uk/abdn>



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## Walk to end period shame & stigma

WALK TO END PERIOD POVERTY

2K WALK FOR SCHOOLS

YOUR STEPS CAN HELP A GIRL

Date: 28th May 2024

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Enquiries: [info@theperiodplace.co.uk](mailto:info@theperiodplace.co.uk)

Schools Register at <https://walk4her.co.uk/schools/>



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## Live Life Aberdeenshire – Ellon Pool

### Attention, parents, and guardians!

Get ready for fun-filled moments of adventure and unforgettable memories. Live Life Aberdeenshire is delighted to present the programme for Easter Holidays. From sports sessions to arts and crafts workshops, ASN activities, and outdoor activities, we have something for everyone, regardless of age or interest. Do not let your kids and teens spend these Holidays glued to screens. Instead, provide them the opportunity to have fun and stay active with our fantastic programme! To secure your spot, simply log in as your child on our app or visit our website to check availability and make your booking.

Website: <https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/easter-programme/>

App: [http://bit.ly/LLA\\_app](http://bit.ly/LLA_app)

A green poster with a dotted pattern. It features several cartoon Easter characters: a white bunny with pink ears and a pink belly in the top left, a yellow chick with a blue spring in its back in the top right, a pink and white striped bunny in the middle right, and a yellow chick with a white eggshell in the bottom left. A pink and white striped egg is in the top right corner. The text 'BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!!! SECURE YOUR PLACE NOW..' is in large white capital letters in the center. Below it, 'Spring into Easter' is written in a white script font with a small bunny head above the 'i' in 'Spring'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE', 'Aberdeenshire COUNCIL', and 'activeschools ABERDEENSHIRE'. The dates '01.04.24-12.04.24' are in the bottom right.

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*Spring*  
into **Easter**

**LIVE LIFE**  
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**01.04.24-12.04.24**

## Dates for Your Diary:

Fri 15.3.24	S4/5 Course Choice deadline.
w/b Mon 18.3.24	PE Practical Performance assessments this week.
Wed 27.3.24	Music for Spring Concert – 7.30pm
Thurs 28.3.24	Last day of Term 3.

### Term 4:

Mon 15.4.24	Term 4 begins.
Mon 22.4.24	Start of SQA Exams and Study Leave for S4/5/6
Mon 6.5.24	May Day Holiday
w/b 20.5.24	S1 Final Reports issue this week.
Wed 22.5.24	Junior and Senior Prizegiving Ceremonies
Fri 24.5.24	S6 Prom
Mon/Tues 27/28 <sup>th</sup> May	S3 Build Your Future/Entrepreneurship Days
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	S1/2/3 Activities Days
Fri 31.5.24	S2/3 Tracking Report (2) issue.
Mon 3.6.24	Provisional change of timetable
Thurs 6.6.24	Sports Day
25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Induction Days
Thurs 27.6.24	Drama Showcase – 7pm Theatre
Fri 5.7.24	End of Term



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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