



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 26th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have had members of the Interact Group taking assemblies.

Scott M 2F1W 2F2, Charlotte and Ruby Q 3S1 gave an excellent presentation, providing information to S1/2/3 pupils about how they can enter the Ythan Valley Rotary competition to design a new logo for the Ythan Valley Community Council. (Details can be found on registration Google Classrooms)



Also, over 20 S3 pupils came forward to step up as Prefects during study leave and they had a training session with Mr Corser yesterday (Thurs 25.4.24). We'll get them started on a prefect duty rota from Monday 29th April. Well done and thanks all.



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.
ellon.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Senior Prefect Applications:

Any current S4 pupil who is returning to school after the exams is welcome to apply to be a prefect.

Please join Google Classroom tkbyoaa and complete the short application form. Any questions, please see Miss Tomlinson in S19.



Deadline for applications is the 30th of April.

Quote of the Week beginning Mon 29.4.24:



Assemblies:

Next week assemblies will be taken by Mrs Buchan. Assemblies will be during registration as follows:

- Tues 30.4.24 S1
- Wed 01.5.24 S2
- Thurs 02.5.23 S3

Most Merits:

Here are the pupils who have accrued the most merits this week: Well done, and they can collect their Fast Passes from Mrs Buchan after registration in the sunken social area on Mon 29.4.24.

Well done all!

Carly	I	1C2	6
Georgie	Q	1S1	6
Kasper	S	1S1	6
Jackson	N	2C1	4
Chloe	S	2C1	4
Logan	T	2F1	4
Sophie	D	2K1	4
Holly	P	2K1	4

Parent Council Up-date:

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm in person at Ellon Academy.

Our new Chairperson Mr James Simpson is keen for more parents to join us that evening.

The Parent Council also want to welcome P7 parents and remind them to answer the security questions if they would like to access the Ellon Academy Parent Council Facebook page.

Thank you.



NESCoL College Course End Dates:

Foundation Apprenticeships: Week commencing 24 June.

HNC Business: Week commencing 17 June.

All other courses*: Week commencing 15 April.

Foundation Apprentices and HNC students will be expected to attend College throughout study leave. If an FA is still on placement during this time, they should also continue to attend this. If an FA or HNC student is unable to attend due to an exam coinciding with their class/placement, they should let their lecturer (plus their FA Officer and employer where necessary) know.

Senior Study and Exam Support:

Study Skills Support:

Here is a link to Mrs Leslie's Study Skills presentation and the Ellon Academy Study Guide:

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

Lunchtime and after school help clubs:

Faculties continue to offer support via help clubs for all senior phase learners.

Bright Red:

Get quizzical with our N5 Revision Cards for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics! 📖

These cards are great for studying in the run up to exams, as they focus on those tricky questions that students historically get wrong. Visit our website for more info! <https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/revision-cards>



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/>

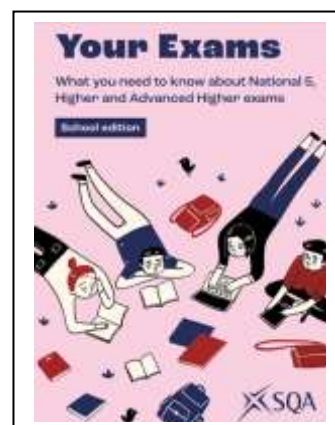
SQA Exam Information:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/100863.html>

SQA Exam Timetable:

<file:///C:/Users/pbuchan/Downloads/ng-2024-exam-timetable.pdf>

Please note that the Ellon Academy SQA exam timetable may vary to accommodate school bus times and additional assessment arrangements. Use this link as a guide only and your child will receive their individual timetable after the Easter break.



MyExams app

Create a personal timetable, view your exam schedule, add notes, and add to other calendars.

- [Download MyExams from the App Store.](#)
- [Download MyExams for Android.](#)

Personal timetable builder

Don't fancy an app? You can also create your own timetable using our online version.

Build your own [online timetable](#)

MyStudyPlan app

Organise your revision by creating your own study plan.

- [Download MyStudyPlan from the App Store.](#)
- [Download MyStudyPlan for Android.](#)

Helping your Teens with Exam Stress:

Parent Club resources are now available to help parents & carers to support their teens with the stress of exams. Nobody likes exams. But some teens find them particularly stressful and difficult, especially S4s who may be sitting exams for the first time this year.

Parent Club has tips and advice for parents & carers to help them support their teen if they are struggling to cope with exam stress - along with what to do if it all gets a bit too much.

You can find out more on the Parent Club website:-

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/how-cope-exam-stress>



Message from Rachael Jarvis, Canteen Supervisor:

Please could parents/carers ensure that pupils on study leave have funds on their accounts to pay for food/drinks and any debt they may have. Any pupils not returning after study leave need to have all payments cleared and no debt left at the kitchen. Thank R Jarvis.

Calling all Higher Art and Photography pupils! 📣

Revision sessions will take place during study leave in the Art Department with Miss Geoghan. 📚✍️
These sessions will cover the various areas of your exam for Higher Photography and Higher Art & Design.
Attendance is highly recommended. 🤝📷

If you are attending a session, put your name on the sign-up sheet in Miss Geoghan's classroom or on Google Classroom.

- All pupils must sign in and sign out at the office when they arrive and leave school during study leave. ✍️
- All pupils must be in school uniform when they attend the revision day.
- Snacks will be provided by Miss Geoghan, but you will need to bring your own lunch.

Ellon Academy
Senior Revision Sessions

Higher Photography

- Thursday 25th of April
- 10:35 am - 2:40 pm
- This session will cover the different components of your Photography exam.

Higher Art & Design

- Thursday 23rd of May
- 10:35 am - 2:40 pm
- This session will cover both the expressive and design sections of your exam!

Snacks will be provided but bring your own lunch! Sign up on Google Classroom!

@creativeartsellon

Pupil Achievement:

Congratulations to Eddy A 1S2 who achieved the Peterhead Canoe Club Junior Paddler of the Year Award last weekend!

Very well done! 👍🏆🏅🏅



Pupil Achievements:

Senior boys 🏆 double treble winners! 🏆🏆🏆

Ellon have now gone back-to-back in winning all three trophies available in the North-East of Scotland! 🍷🍷
In a fantastic showing Ellon came back from 2-0 at halftime to Meldrum Academy to win 5-2! Despite playing some good football and creating a number of chances they trailed at halftime due to some excellent defending by Meldrum and slack play & defensive errors by Ellon. 😞

Ellon started the second half in a much different manner moving the ball quicker and scored within 2 minutes of the restart. Ellon from then on piled on the pressure and rarely let Meldrum out of their half. 💪
The chances continued to be created and 4 goals followed. With virtually the last kick of the ball Ellon put a flowing move together across the pitch with 1 touch football which was superbly finished at the near post. A fantastic second half of football. 🍷🍷

Goal scorers:

Aidan M 🏆, Ben R 🏆, Kyle D 🏆 and Alex G 🏆

An amazing achievement to win back-to-back league and cup trebles and a superb way for the boys to sign off their time in school football 🏆🏆🏆

Photos to come courtesy of Mr McLean 📷

For those leaving school good luck for your future studies or moves into the world of work. It has been a pleasure!

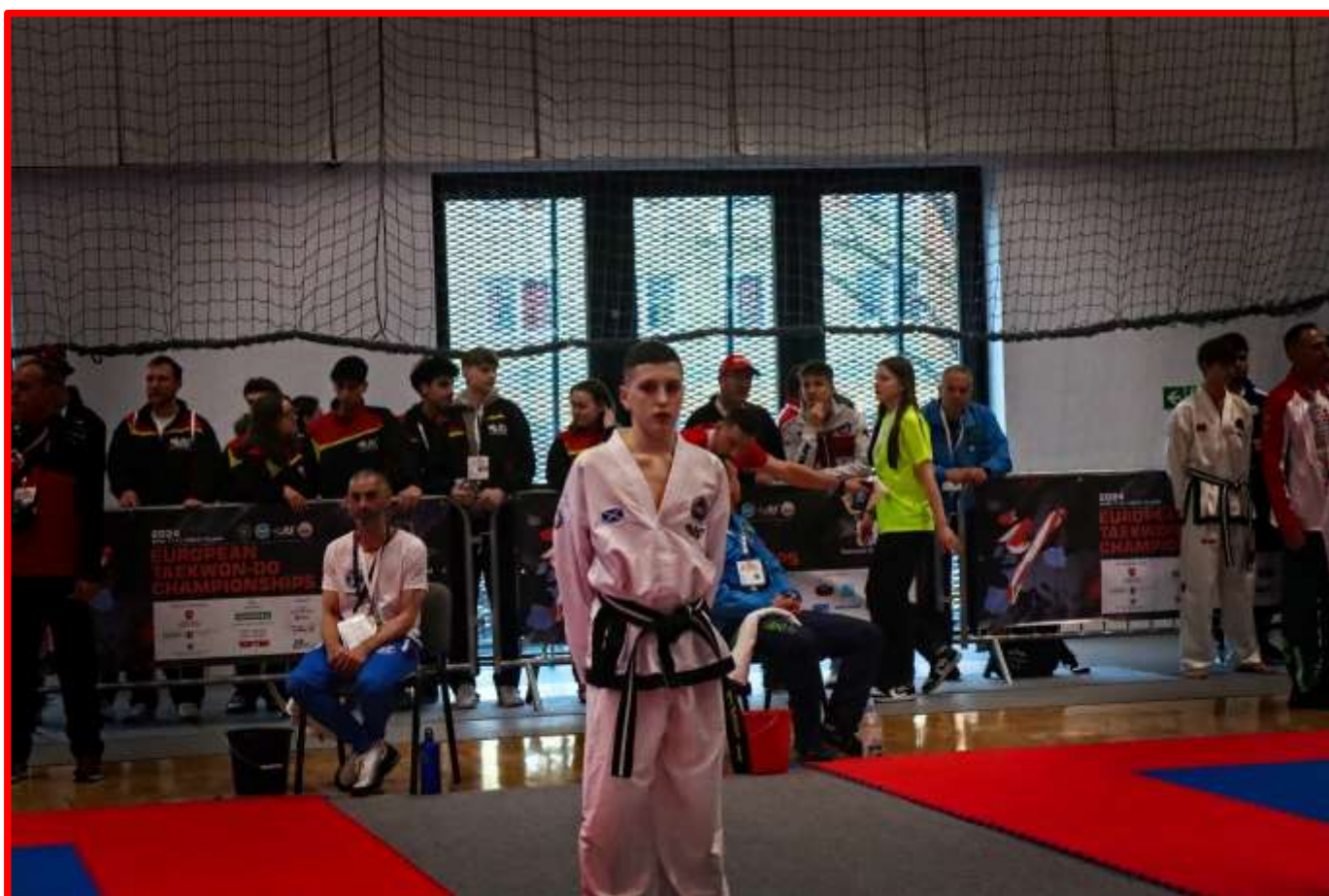
🍷🍷 Mr Lawson



Pupil Achievement:

Recently Sol C, 1C1 went to Poland to participate in the ITF (International Taekwondo-Do Federation) European Championships. It was the first time they had a pre-junior category (12-14yrs) and there were only two of that age in the Scotland squad.

Well done for representing your country, Sol!



Pupil Achievement: NASSA BADMINTON CHAMPIONS

Pictured (left to right): Ben B (S1), Lilly H (S1), Aaron McC (S3), Murray D (S2), Fraser P (S1), Robert I (S3), Daniel McF (S2), Sophie G (S2), Edie I (S2), Iona M (S1).

Not pictured due to being photo shy (but integral parts of the team): Eryn A (S3), Daisy W (S3), Alex Y (S3).

Well done to our Badminton team who won the overall NASSA Badminton trophy today at Meldrum Academy after some impressive results in their own categories.

Ellon Team - Overall Champions

S1 Team - 2nd Overall

S2 Team - 2nd Overall

S3 Team - 3rd Overall

Our team narrowly beat out Meldrum and Gordons School with 23 points to their 22 points.

Our winning points came from our mixed double S3 team who won a championship tie breaker of first to 3 points.

Winning 3-2 on a next point wins play!

Well done to all pupils who representing the school as they played very well whilst showing great sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the day.



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 PUPILS – BREAKTIMES IN THE LIBRARY

Reminders for all pupils:

- The library is open at breaktimes for borrowing, returning and renewing library items, reading and printing.
- The library is a RED ZONE at break time – no phones.
- Pupils should have their snack before coming to the library at breaktime.

The library will be closed at break time on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. We will be open at lunchtime on Monday for Homework Club and Diversity Club and on Tuesday for Homework Club and Crochet Club. Sorry for any inconvenience. **Mrs Murdoch**

S1-3 PUPILS – BADMINTON CLUB

Due to the Games Hall being used for exams, only Gym A and Gym B will be available for Badminton Club. This means we will have to revert to a year group rota (due to numbers). Please get in touch if you have any questions!

Monday 29th April - S2 and S3 only

Monday 13th May - S1 only

Monday 20th May - S2 and S3 only

Monday 27th May - S1 only

Miss Morgan & Mr Hatfield

S1-3 PUPILS – NETBALL CLUB

Due to the Games Hall being used for exams, Junior Netball will now take place in Gym B on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd May - S1 only

Thursday 9th May - S2 and S3 only

Thursday 16th May - S1 and S2 only

Thursday 23rd May - S1 only

Miss Williams & Miss Morgan

ALL PUPILS – TABLE TENNIS CLUB

If you want to get involved in playing some Table Tennis, come to gym A on a Wednesday at lunchtime.

Open to all pupils.

Start Date : Wednesday 20th March.

Time: Lunch Break

Location: GYM A

Mr Hatfield

S2 PUPILS – FOOTBALL

Football training will now take place every Tuesday on the grass pitches (15:30-16:30). Please keep an eye on Google Classroom for updates regarding training sessions and future games.

Mr Caskie

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

Fund Raising for Maggie's

Rachael C 5K1, her mum and brother have signed up to participate in Maggie's Culture Crawl this year, taking place on June 21st. They will be walking 6 miles around different areas of Aberdeen, which will be awesome! These different areas will include food/ drink/ entertainment etc, so it adds to the experience!

Maggie's provides support for those affected with Cancer, whether it be emotional, practical, physical, financial support, or for those with younger children, and other family members. As part of this exciting opportunity, they have to do a wee spot of fundraising!

They have a Mint Aero Chocolate Hamper for £2.00 per square.

A Galaxy Chocolate Hamper to be raffled off, £2.00 per square

3 different Sweetie Bouquets to be raffled off, £2.00 per square

Two x 1000 piece jigsaw + a 2025 Calendar to be raffled off- £ 2.00 per square.

Payment can be made through our Just Giving page @

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SusanClark2024?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=678913f2-e675-4adf-93b4-368064d44e4d&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1708890116649

Or PayPal / Bank Transfer/ cash.

Thank you.



Period Place

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

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

Register at Eventbrite

- Resource persons: GP, Medical practitioner
- FREE but registration is required.
- Refreshments available.

Partners >>

Enquiries: email info@theperiodplace.co.uk website: 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 Beach
📅 25th May 2024

Powered by:

Get Free Doctor's Advice

Register at www.walktogetheravoice.co.uk

Enquiries: info@theperiodplace.co.uk

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**

Powered by:

Enquiries: info@theperiodplace.co.uk

Schools Register at <http://www.walktogetheravoice.co.uk/schools/>

SCAN ME



Aberdeenshire Council would like to hear your views about your child's school - particularly in areas around communication home, learning in school, your involvement, and family learning.

By completing a short survey, your responses will help us improve our work with families and to inform and review our work on parental engagement in the future.

The survey is optional and no personal identifying information will be collected.

The survey will be open until May 13.

To take part, click here <https://forms.office.com/e/c8D766smMW>

Each school's results will be shared with them to support their ongoing work on parental engagement.

If you would prefer to have a paper copy of the survey posted to you, please email christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey - your feedback is appreciated.

SAAS information for Parents/Carers:

Do you know a young person heading to college or university?

We recommend applying early for 2024-25 courses to ensure funding is in place prior to their course starting.

For information on types of funding, eligibility and how to apply, visit www.saas.gov.uk.

[#StartWithSAAS](https://twitter.com/StartWithSAAS)



Dates for Your Diary:

Term 4:

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
Thurs 23.5.24	P7 Values Day
Fri 24.5.24	S6 Prom
Mon/Tues 27/28 th May	S3 Build Your Future/Entrepreneurship Days
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st May	S1/2/3 Activities Days
Fri 31.5.24	S2/3 Tracking Report (2) issue.
Mon 3.6.24	Change of timetable
Thurs 6.6.24	Sports Day
Tues 11.6.24	Parent Council Meeting (In-person at Ellon Academy), 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Thurs 13.6.24	Dance Show – 7.15pm, Games Hall
25 th , 26 th 27 th June	P7 Induction Days
Wed 26.6.24	P7 Parents Evening
Thurs 27.6.24	Drama Showcase – 7pm Theatre
Fri 5.7.24	Dress Down Day/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 I hope you have a lovely weekend.

P Buchan

Rector 26.4.24