



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Date: Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Just a reminder that Monday 6th May is the May Day holiday and Ellon Academy will resume as normal on Tuesday 7th May.

This week Mrs Buchan led S1/2/3 assemblies with the theme of Smoking and Vaping using materials sent to school by the Scottish Government as they launch their strategy to tackle vaping concerns in children and young people. We are also pleased to let you know that ALEC are coming into school to deliver Vaping Information Workshops to all S1/2 and 3 classes over the next 3 week.



Scottish Government
Position on Vaping:

- Plans to ban disposable vapes by April 2025.
- What is the NHS vaping scheme?
- Led by the NHS stop smoking service, the swap-to-stop campaign is a nationwide initiative that encourages smokers to switch to less harmful alternatives to cigarettes. As part of the scheme, one million smokers will receive a free vape starter kit and behavioural support to help them swap to stop.



S3 Prefects:

Our S3 Prefect Rota started yesterday (Thurs 1st May) and already, they are doing a great job! Well done and thanks all.

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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

Quote of the Week beginning Tues 7.5.24:



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 Tues 7.5.24.

Well done all!

Eve	C	1K1	5
Summer	M	1K1	5
Riley	G	1S1	6
Astrid	M	1S1	5
Molly	N	1S1	5
Faith	S	1S1	6
Zuzanna	Z	1S1	5
Amy	K	1S2	5
Nela	K	2C1	3
Jackson	N	2C1	3
Charlotte	W	2F1	3
Sophie	T	2K1	3
Vanessa	M	2M2	3
Beth	L	3F1	3
Liam	F	3K1	3
Rachael	R	3K1	3
Lucy	T	3K1	3
Colson	B	3S1	3

Assemblies:

There are no assemblies week beginning Tues 7th May. Assemblies will resume week beginning Mon 13th May during registration as follows:

- Tues 14.5.24 S1
- Wed 15.5.24 S2
- Thurs 16.5.23 S3

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.

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/>

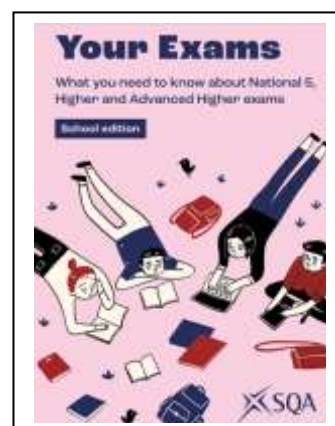
SQA Exam Information:

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

SQA Exam Timetable:

<file:///C:/Users/pbuchan/Downloads/nq-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. 🍌📺

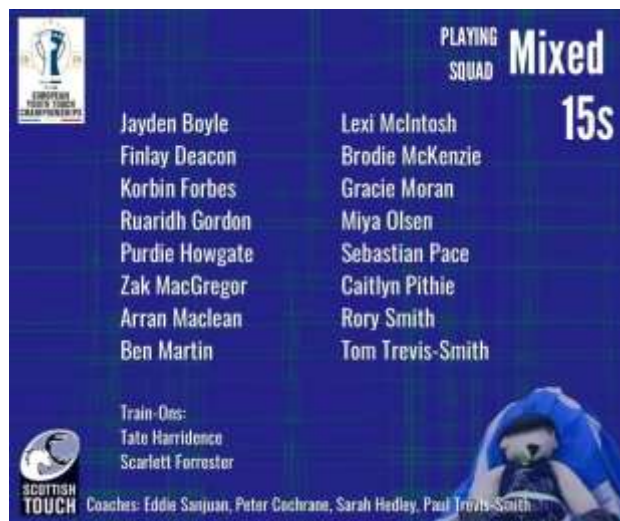
If you are attending a session, put your name on the sign-up sheet in Miss Geoghan's classroom or on Google Classroom.

- 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.



Pupil Achievement:

Ruaridh G 3M2 has been selected to play for Scotland in the Mixed 15's Touch Rugby Team! He and his teammates will be travelling to Vichy, France during the summer to play in the European Championships. Wow! Very well-done Ruaridh! 🏈🏆



Pupil Achievements:

Here are some pics of S1 boys against Mintlaw last Friday. Thanks to Laura Masson for taking these excellent action pics.



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.

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.



ELLON ACADEMY DANCE SHOWCASE

27TH OF JUNE 2024
DOORS: 7:15 PM START: 7:30PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF DANCE,
CHEER AND GYMNASTICS WITH PUPILS
FROM ELLON ACADEMY AND M&D CHEER

LOCATION: ELLON ACADEMY GAMES
HALL

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
FROM THE ELLON ACADEMY SCHOOL
OFFICE

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO EASA

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



Tickets:
Adults £6
Concessions £4

ELLON ACADEMY DANCE SHOWCASE

SIGN UP NOW

27TH OF JUNE 2024 7:15PM

SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN THE ELLON
ACADEMY DANCE SHOWCASE TO RAISE
MONEY FOR EASA.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DANCERS &
GYMNASTS TO PERFORM SOLO OR
GROUP ROUTINES ALONGSIDE OUR
SCHOOL CHEER TEAMS IN A SHOWCASE
TO PARENTS/CARERS AND THE
COMMUNITY.

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE BELOW..!
CLOSING DATE 31/05/2024



EASA RAFFLE

This year's EASA Raffle will take place at the Dance Showcase on Thursday the 27th of June. Tickets for the raffle will be available to buy on the night at the showcase.

Last year we raised an amazing £1347 for EASA and this money has gone towards equipment, uniforms, and subsidising bus costs.

EASA Raffle

This year's EASA Raffle will take place at the
2024 Dance Showcase on 27/06/24.

If you own or know of any businesses who
are in a position to donate a prize please get
in touch via email or with the school directly.

Last year we managed to raise an amazing
£1347.50 which has helped to subsidise
uniform, equipment and bus costs across
EASA clubs.



Prizes can be dropped
at school reception or
PE Department or
arranged for collection.

For all raffle enquiries
please email:
margaret.williams@
aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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.

Royal Air Force Air Cadets in Ellon and Peterhead:

We have an open nights on Monday the 6th of May in Ellon at Neil Ross Square and in Peterhead on Friday the 17th of May at Boddam Cadet Centre, both starting at 1930hrs. We were wondering if you could pass it on to the pupils in your school (12-17).



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://www.instagram.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	Dance Showcase – 7pm Theatre
Tues 2.7.24	Drama Showcase – 7.30pm 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 long May Day weekend.

P Buchan

Rector 03.5.24