



# MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

# Respect Aspiration Inclusion Success

Curricular				
<b>S1 – S3</b>	<b>Registration Assemblies – Social Area</b>	<b>SLT</b>		
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<b>S5 - S6</b>	<b>Change of course</b>	<b>A Hynd</b>		
	<p>If you are looking to change a course after your exam results, can I please ask that you make contact with your guidance teacher in the first instance, this will allow them to establish if the course change is viable in terms of the timetable but also to ensure that the change you are proposing is the best one for your career and learning pathways. Once it has been agreed with Guidance can I ask you to ensure you find an appropriate time to get the form signed off by subject PT's.</p> <p>S5 pupils - you will have the opportunity to speak to your guidance teacher in PSE.</p>			
<b>S1-S6</b>	<b>Ugie House/Sports Captain applicants</b>	<b>A Reid</b>		
	<p>Ugie house/sports captain applicants – please can you attend a group interview with Mr Reid in his classroom (F5) period 6 on Friday. Please let Mr Reid know if you cannot attend this slot. Please come prepared with ideas of what you would like to do while in this role and be ready to discuss these as a group</p>			
<b>S3-S6</b>	<b>Girls Growing Assets Competition</b>	<b>J Sheridan</b>		
	<p>The technology faculty are looking for a team of S3 - S6 girls interested in banking/asset management sector.</p> <p>The aim of the competition will be to invest clients' money effectively in order to make a strong return on investment. You've got to research possible companies, pitch the investment idea and detail why you think this is a safe investment. The competition includes online masterclasses and runs up until March 2025. You will be matched with a competition coach from real investment companies.</p> <p>Juniors can be S3 - S4 and seniors will be S5 - S6. Teams can be 3-6 people and must be entered by September 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Please come to F2 to register your interests as this is a great opportunity to add real experience to your C.V and UCAS statements.</p>			

<b>S4 – S6</b>	<b>EMA Application</b>	<b>School Office</b>
	<p>Please be advised that the EMA Application Form for this session is now live so pupils can apply.</p> <p>The application form can be found here:  <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/ema/">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/ema/</a></p>	
<b>S1 - S6</b>	<b>Fusion App Food Collections</b>	<b>A Robertson</b>
	<p>App collections are as follows –  S1 &amp; S2 social Area  S3, S4, S5 &amp; S6 canteen hatch</p>	
<b>S1 - S6</b>	<b>Note from Home Economics</b>	<b>E Ritchie</b>
	<p>Can all Home Economics pupils please bring in a tub to take their cooking/baking home. Also, a gentle reminder that pupils must pick their food up at the end of the school day.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Reminder – First Floor Expectation</b>	<b>E McCluskey</b>
	<p><b>Due to an increasing number of students carrying food on the first floor, a reminder of the First Floor Expectations for all S1 to S6 pupils:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At no time during the school day, is food or drink (except water) allowed on the first floor.</li> <li>- Before Registration at 8.38am the first floor is closed to all S1-S3 pupils.</li> <li>- At lunchtime, the first floor is closed to all pupils for the first twenty minutes.</li> <li>- The only exceptions to these two rules about opening times are pupils with passes from Guidance and those taking part in clubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Whilst pupils are on the First Floor, they are expected to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be respectful to all staff, learners and events taking place.</li> <li>- Abide by MERIT expectations.</li> <li>- Have no food or drink, except water.</li> </ul> <p>If they do not, they will be expected to leave the First Floor.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>PE – Reminders: MERIT expectations</b>	
	<p>Please could pupils be reminded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A change of PE kit is required for PE lessons. If you forget, we have spare kit available. If you regularly forget, texts home will request support with organisation.</li> </ul>	

- PE kit should NOT be worn outside PE lessons. You are allocated time before a lesson to change into kit and time at the end to change out. (Reg/Crew: please issue demerits if any pupils attend in PE kit as they have time to change even if it is P1)
- Appropriate footwear should be worn on the astro at all times. No footwear is not acceptable. Please bring suitable footwear for PE lessons.
- No phones should be brought into practical lessons. These can be placed in the valuables tray (recommended) or left in bag in changing room (own risk).

Thank you in anticipation of your effort in meeting these basic MERIT expectations.

**S1 – S6**

**RAIS Points**

**K Pate**

## RAIS Points

Week commencing

Points up to 23rd August 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	59	2
Deer	44	
Mormond	25	1
Ugie	59	3

Wearing uniform merits logged last week - 451

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 28

Total Points to date for Term 1

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	59	2
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## Extra-Curricular Activities

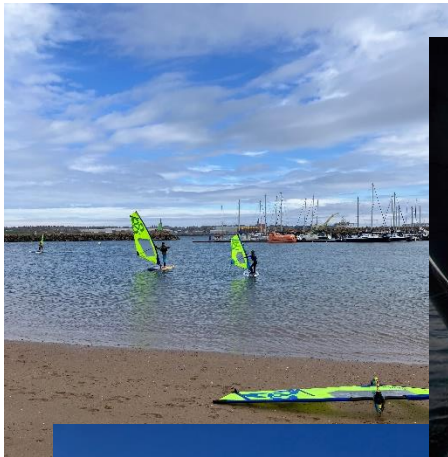
**S1 – S6**

**NASSA Hockey Tournament**

**A Laird**

Towards the end of term (Date tbc) Mintlaw Academy will host the North Aberdeenshire Secondary Schools Association annual Girls Hockey Tournament. There will be a Junior Team (S1-3) and a Senior Team (S4-6) competing from a variety of schools. Miss Coleman (Hockey club volunteer) is looking to get as many pupils involved with Hockey club on

	<p>a Monday lunchtime as possible this term- the club will be used to practice and prepare for the tournament. If you are interested please quickly grab your lunch on a Monday and arrive to PE by 1.30pm. If you would like any more information please ask your PE teacher next time you are in PE.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Dungeons and Dragons</b>	<b>A Cruickshank</b>
	<p>Calling all adventurers! Dungeons and Dragons is back! Spend your Wednesday lunchtimes in S12 fighting dragons and exploring new lands with your crew of misfits. Whether you are new to D&amp;D or an old hand, all are welcome.</p> <p>If you would like more information speak to Mr McIntosh or Miss Cruickshank</p>	
<b>S1-S6</b>	<b>Reading School Pupil Committee</b>	<b>D Donald</b>
	<p>Do you always have your nose in a book? Love to talk about what you're reading? Interested in building a reading culture in school?</p> <p>Then come along to the Reading Schools meeting on Tuesday at 1.30 in F15 to find out more! All year groups welcome. Anyone who is interested but can't manage, please speak to Mrs Donald, Mrs McCluskey, Miss Sneddon, Miss Gray or Mr Farrell.</p>	
<b>S1-S6</b>	<b>Sailing &amp; Windsurfing Peterhead</b>	<b>CLD</b>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>After school Sailing &amp; Windsurfing in Peterhead with Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust</b></p> <p>After school <b>sailing</b> for p4-1st years on <b>Mondays 4-6pm</b> (beginners and improvers).  <a href="https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/after-school-sailing-clubs">https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/after-school-sailing-clubs</a></p> <p>A <b>Skills</b> night for sailors working on the advanced modules on <b>Tuesdays 5-7pm</b>: <a href="https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/after-school-sailing-clubs">https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/after-school-sailing-clubs</a></p> <p>And a <b>Windsurfing</b> after school club for those aged 8+ (<b>Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm</b>)  <a href="https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/windsurfing-after-school-club">https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/windsurfing-after-school-club</a></p>	



**S1 - S6**

**Junior Youth Theatre Spaces**

**A Mackie**

FREE Taster Sessions are available for the following age groups in Aberdeen this week and next:

- Junior Youth Theatre – S1/2 students – Thursday - 6.30-8.30pm – Studio – His Majesty’s Theatre
- Intermediate Youth Theatre – S3/4 students – Wednesday – 6.30-8.30pm – Studio – His Majesty’s Theatre
- Senior Youth Theatre – S5/6 (or up to 18) – Tuesday – 6.30- 9.00 – Studio – His Majesty’s Theatre


If anyone would like to try out a session, then please let Ashley Mackie in F2 today.

**S1 – S6**

**Choir**

**F Crichton**

If you love to sing or are keen to try something new, Choir meets on Fridays at lunchtime in G1. This is open to any year group with any level of singing experience, Choir provides multiple opportunities to perform to

	the public throughout the school year and is a great chance to make new friends and build your confidence.	
<b>S1 - S6</b>	<b>Netball Club</b>	<b>D Dunton</b>
	Netball club will start on Monday after school 4 – 5pm. All abilities welcome.	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>StAnza Poetry Workshop Sessions – Afterschool Sessions</b>	<b>L Wappler</b>
	<p>The English Faculty are inviting all students with an interest in literature, specifically poetry, to attend a series of FREE workshops from a variety of Scottish poets (including Len Pennie of @misspunnypennie Tiktok fame!). For all those working with poetry on their folios this year, this is an amazing opportunity... and there may even be snacks provided!</p> <p>Sessions run after school from 4-5.30pm Tuesday and Thursday (come to as many or as few as you'd prefer) so please ensure you are able to get home after. First session starting tonight with poet Tim Tim Cheng. If you are interested in any of the sessions below, please speak to Ms Wappler or Ms Baird. We will stream the workshops in F16.</p>	
	 <p><b>STANZA</b> Scotland's International Poetry Festival</p> <p><b>Scotland's Young Makars</b></p> <p><b>FREE online poetry workshops for young people aged 11-18 in Scotland, led by a range of experienced poets and performers.</b></p> <p>4pm-5.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 27th August – <b>Tim Tim Cheng</b> Thursday 29th August – <b>Len Pennie</b> Tuesday 3rd September – <b>RJ Hunter</b> Thursday 5th September – <b>Yomi Şode</b> Tuesday 10th September – <b>Leyla Josephine</b> Thursday 12th September – <b>Hollie McNish</b> Tuesday 17th September – <b>Sean Wai Keung</b> Thursday 19th September – <b>Titi Farukuoye</b></p> <p>Sign up to attend these free workshops here (as a young person/teacher etc.); <a href="https://form.jotform.com/241613348835055">https://form.jotform.com/241613348835055</a></p>	

<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular Clubs</b>	<b>A Laird</b>
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**Mintlaw Academy – Extra Curricular Activities**



Activity Name	Year Group	Days / Dates	Time	Venue	Cost / Booking
Hockey	S1-S6	Monday	Lunch	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Football	S3 Boys	Monday	Lunch	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Netball	S1 – S6	Monday	4pm – 5pm	Games Hall	FREE / Online
Football	Senior Boys	Tuesday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Boccia	S1 – S6	Tuesday (term 2 & 3)	Lunchtime	Gymnasium 1	FREE / PE Dept
Volleyball	S1 – S6	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Games Hall	FREE / PE Dept
Football	S1 Boys	Wednesday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Girls Football	S1-S6	Thursday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Rugby	S1-6	Thursday	Lunchtime	Outside	FREE / PE Dept
Badminton	S1-S6	Thursday (term 2 & 3)	3pm – 4pm	Games Hall	FREE / Online
Football	S2 Boys	Friday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept

**How to Apply** – To sign up for lunch time clubs please speak with the PE Department. For after schools clubs, sign up is online at: [Active Schools Mintlaw Network - Online Booking Form \(office.com\)](#) or scan one of the QR codes at PE to be taken to the form.

**Additional Information** – Please wear clothing and footwear ready for physical activity, and be prepared for weather conditions if taking part outside. The Sports Kit for All initiative is supported locally and if required please get in touch.

**Contact Details**

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Please note that new participants are welcome to come along- you do not need to have attended or played for the team last session to be able to go along. Some teams will hold new trials if they need to cut numbers for the area for a training squad. Some clubs will have space to take extra numbers. If you have any questions, please see a member of PE staff or the associated staff member.

<b>S2</b>	<b>U14 Boys Football</b>	<b>G Robertson</b>
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If you are interested in playing for the U14 Boys football team, please come to the trials on Friday lunchtime.

<b>S1 - S6</b>	<b>Learning Ambassadors</b>	<b>G Armstrong</b>
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**Learning Ambassadors (S2-6) (From Monday onwards)**

Would you like to learn the Pupil Learning Ambassador team? You would have the opportunity to help shape school life and put pupil views across about lots of different aspects of the school.

If you are interested, please come along to a drop-in session on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 12:40-13:10 in B10.

Any questions before the drop-in session please speak to one of the current learning ambassadors or Mrs Armstrong/Miss Wallace.

	<p><b><u>Learning Ambassadors (S1) (On Wednesday and Thursday)</u></b></p> <p>Were you involved in pupil council at primary? Did you have a leadership role and would like to keep continuing to help shape the life of the school. Come along to the learning ambassador drop in session on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 12:140-13:10 in B10 to find out more about how you could get involved. Look forward to seeing you there.</p>	
<b>S1 - S3</b>	<b>Junior Girls Football</b>	<b>G Robertson</b>
	<p>Will any girl interested in playing for the Junior Girls Football Team please meet for training on Thursday. Please meet at 12:40pm in PE. If you cannot come to this session please see Mr Robertson in PE.</p>	
<b>S1 – S3</b>	<b>Craft Club – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>G Armstrong</b>
	<p>Are you interested in different crafts including sewing, cricut and more? Come along to craft club on Friday lunchtimes. It will start back up on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August in the <b><u>new venue</u></b> of B9. Open to all S1-3 and new members welcome.</p>	
<b>Pupils out of Class</b>		
<b>Canteen</b>		
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Lunch Menu</b>	<b>Canteen</b>
	<p><b>Friday</b>          Soup: Lentil          Chicken Goujons &amp; Chips          Turkey Meatballs &amp; Pasta          Baked Potato / Beans or Cheese          Mini Meatballs &amp; Pasta          Chicken Burger          Cheese Toastie          Cheese Panini          Cheese &amp; Pepperoni Panini</p> <p>A Delight          Jelly          Fruit Pots</p>	