



MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

Monday 11th November 2024

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Curricular

S1 - S6

Remembrance Day – 11th November

Today Monday 11th November pupils who are part of a uniformed organisation such as cadets, Scouts, Guides, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade etc are encouraged to wear their uniform to school instead of their school uniform. This is to show respect to those who have been affected by the impact of war.

S1

Doric Wik

Aye aye! Fit like?
Next wik is Mintla Academy's Doric Wik. We'll be celebratin the wye we spik and the culture o the nor-east o Scotland in oor lessons and aroon the skweel. Look oot for mair information aboot a Treasure Hunt for the first eers, a lunchtime gig wi oor very ain Bundy, a readin o Harry Potter in Doric in the library, and practice yer Doric wi a crew/regie quiz. An as yer traiveling aroon the skweel, look oot fir some brand new signs on some o the doors!

S2


PE Pupil Voice

Can you please get S2 pupils in your crew class to access and fill out this form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/wy31cxyMem>

S2 PE Pupil Voice



S1 – S6	Scottish Schools Swimming	
	<p>We have received information about the Scottish Schools Swimming qualifiers. There is a tight turn around with this- if you are a club swimmer and think you would like to enter then please speak to a member of PE staff to check your times/events and sign up by Wed 13th November.</p>	
S1 – S6	Law Talk	
	<p>This Wednesday during period 3, an ex-pupil of Mintlaw Academy will be giving a special talk on his career in law. He'll share insights from his journey—from working as a Clerk at Peterhead Sheriff Court to becoming a Partner in a top law firm in Aberdeen, leading their Oil & Gas/Energy team. Don't miss this chance to hear from a respected industry leader! If you'd like to attend, please go to F2.</p>	
S1 – S6	Warm Clothing Appeal For Aberdeen Cyrenians	
	<p>The MCR cohort will be collecting any donations of your outgrown or used jackets, gloves and hats to donate to Aberdeen Cyrenians, a charity dedicated to supporting people affected by homelessness, violence, and other forms of social issues.</p> <p>The group will be dropping off the items in December if you have any items, then please hand in to F2.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"> Warm Clothes Appeal. Can you donate thermal vests, socks, hats, scarves, gloves or jumpers? Let's help folks get through the cold winter </p>	

S1 – S6

Positive Behaviour Group

Please use this QR code to complete this survey during Reg w/b 4th November.



S1 – S6

Charity Winter Appeal 2024 – Shoebox Donations

A festive poster for a charity shoebox appeal. The background is light grey with various Christmas-themed illustrations: a string of colorful lights, a candy cane, a Christmas tree, a gift box, a red sweater, a sock, and a snowflake. The text is arranged as follows:

- At the top, "help ukraine with our" is written in a green, cursive font.
- Below that, "shoebox" is written in a large, blue, cursive font, and "appeal" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font.
- To the left of the main text is the Mintlaw Academy logo, which consists of a shield with a circular knot design and the text "mintlaw academy" above it.
- To the right of the main text is the "Stella's Voice" logo, featuring a red heart above the words "Stella's" and "Voice" in a black, cursive font.
- In the center, a block of text reads: "Mintlaw Academy are currently collecting shoebox donations of hygiene products and small Christmas gifts for Stella's Voice Winter Appeal."
- Below this, a light blue box contains the text: "Donations needed: hygiene items such as toiletries, soap, shampoo, sanitary products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shower gel, etc; toys, teddies, books, sweeties."
- At the bottom, another block of text reads: "Donations deadline: Friday 22nd November."

As the weather turns and we start to feel the cold again, it's worth thinking of those less fortunate than us who will struggle this winter. That's why we've teamed up with local charity Stella's Voice to help in their Winter Appeal for Ukraine, where war is disrupting lives beyond what we can even imagine. We are asking every Crew and Reg class to put together a shoebox of donations for the young people and children of Ukraine, containing small Christmas gifts or hygiene products. Staff and students alike, come together to make Mintlaw proud! Each Crew/Reg will receive a leaflet in their reg pack.

Donations needed: toiletries and hygiene items (shampoo, soap, sanitary products, toothbrush/ toothpaste, deodorant, etc) and small Christmas gifts (toys, teddies, books, sweets).

Crews/ Reg – please do your bit by gift wrapping a shoebox (with the lid and box separate) and fill with donated items.

All staff – if you wish to make individual donations and don't have a Crew or Reg, feel free to pop into F16 where a box is available for such items.

Donations need to be packed and ready to be delivered on Friday, 22nd November in order to be transported to Ukraine in time for Christmas.

S1 – S6 MCR Christmas Trip to Aberdeen

Mintlaw MCR mentored students are invited to a Christmas trip to Aberdeen on Thursday, December 19th. The day includes visits to the Art Gallery, viewing Nuart displays, a walk around Union Terrace Gardens, and a hot chocolate at the Christmas market. If interested, please go to F2 for a consent form.

S1 – S6 Inter-house Competition

Thursday lunchtimes will now be inter-house tournament day in PE for pupils and staff. The below timetable has been created so pupils/staff can know in advance when the tournaments are. Points are given for participation in the tournament.

Date - Thursdays	Sport	Participant Group	Sport Captains Organising
21 st November	Dodgeball	S5-6	Brucklay
28 th November	Dodgeball	S1-2	Deer
5 th December	Dodgeball	S3-4	Brucklay
12 th December	Dodgeball	Staff	Ugie
30 th January	Netball	S1-3	Ugie
6 th February	Netball	S4-6	Mormond
20 th February	Touch Rugby	S1-4	Deer
27 th February	Volleyball	Staff	Mormond
6 th March	Football	S1-2	Deer
13 th March	Football	S3-4	Brucklay
20 th March	Football	S5-6	Brucklay
27 th March	Boccia	Staff	Ugie

S1 – S6	Recycling – We Need Your Help!	
	<p>Aberdeenshire Council have implemented new waste management regulations, you will be aware from your bins at home that you now have 3 types for waste management. We are seeing a consistent issue in classrooms where the small blue bin is being used for items that are not just paper and card and I ask for your help to improve our recycling rate across the school.</p> <p>If you have empty bottles/cans can you please keep them in your bag until you pass one of our recycling stations and then pop in the relevant section. Classrooms only have two bins, a black one for rubbish that cannot be recycled and a blue bin for paper and card.</p> <p>If you have any tips on how we maintain an environmentally friendly school then please see me to share. I am in the office between F2 & F3.</p>	
S1	Lunchtime Drop-In	
	<p>There will now be an S1 drop in during Thursday lunch times in E3! Come along with your lunch if you'd like the chance to meet new people, get some support, or would just like a place to relax. The drop-in is open to S1 pupils only. Hope to see you there!</p>	
S1 – S3	Health Career Talk – Wednesday 13th November	
	<p>Our medical students, Aidan and Owen, will be in S6 from 12.40 on Wednesday 13th November to give a Q&A workshop to any S1-3 pupil who would be interested in learning about a career in health care. If you have added your name on the sign-up outside S6, please make sure you attend. If anyone did not add their name in time, please still come along to the workshop. Feel free to take your lunch! House points will be awarded for participation.</p> <p>S4-6 pupils who also signed up will hear of their workshop date later in the week.</p>	
S4 – S6	College Pupils	
	<p>College Pupils - there is no college on Friday 15th November due to the in-service day.</p>	
S4 – S6	EMA Application	
	<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: https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/ema/</p>	
S5 – S6	Prefect Helpers	

	Can prefects who are able to help out at the S5/6 parents' evening on 13 th November please sign up on the board in my room, between F2 & F3.	
S1 – S6	Visiting School Nurse	
	<p>A reminder of procedures for visiting the school nurse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you are unwell, injured or have had an accident that requires first aid then see first aider first before contacting your parent/carer. 2. first aider will be able to assess your illness/injury, support you and contact your parent/carer if necessary. 3. If during class time then you should collect a pink slip from your teacher before going to the nursing suite (if you don't have one of these then you will be asked to return to class). 4. first aider will complete your pink slip with a response for your class teacher to let them know that you have been seen or, if necessary, that you need to go home. 	
S1 – S6	Reminder – First Floor Expectation	
	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At no time during the school day, is food or drink (except water) allowed on the first floor. - Before Registration at 8.38am the first floor is closed to all S1-S3 pupils. - At lunchtime, the first floor is closed to all pupils for the first twenty minutes. - The only exceptions to these two rules about opening times are pupils with passes from Guidance and those taking part in clubs. <p>Whilst pupils are on the First Floor, they are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be respectful to all staff, learners and events taking place. - Abide by MERIT expectations. - Have no food or drink, except water. <p>If they do not, they will be expected to leave the First Floor.</p>	
S1 – S6	PE – Reminders: MERIT expectations	
	<p>Please could pupils be reminded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - 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

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Week commencing 04/11/24

Points up to 1st November 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	59	1
Deer	42	10
Mormond	70	8
Ugie	123	8

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 16

Total Points to date for Term 2


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Brucklay	59	1
Deer	42	10
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Ugie	123	8

S1 – S6 Extra-Curricular Activities

Mintlaw Academy Extra Curricular Opportunities and active schools are listed on the bulletin notice board beside the careers office.

S4 – S6 Scottish Golf’s Young Leaders’ Programme

Scottish Golf’s Young Leaders’ Programme has launched and they are looking for young people aged between 16-24 who are wanting to make a positive impact in golf and sport.
All information can be found at <https://mailchi.mp/scottishgolf.org/2024-communications-young-leaders-announcement-ed-la-24-october>.

S1 – S6	Craft Club	
	Craft club is back on this term on Fridays in B10 and B19 – look forward to seeing you there!	
S2 – S4	Sports Leaders 'I CAN LEAD' Course	
	Over the in-service days in November Active Schools will be running a Sport Leaders UK 'I CAN LEAD' course which is open for pupils from S2-4. The course provides an introduction to leadership that will give learners the knowledge and skills to assist in leading basic sports/activity sessions. The course is fun and practical with a focus on personal development and not just sporting ability. On completion of the course learners will gain an award that will be recognised on their CV. For more information, please see Pip or Megan in the Katherine Grainger suite beside PE.	
S2	Mintlaw Boy's Club 2011's	
	<hr/>  <p style="text-align: center;">MINTLAW BOYS CLUB 2011's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MBC 2011's are currently looking to add new players to join our squad. We play 11 a side in the ADJFA B league. Train every Thursday evening at <u>Fetterangus Pavillion</u> during the summer months and at <u>Macbi</u> for the winter. Matched are played on a Sunday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coaches are all PVG checked and SFA Qualified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Claire on 07887713480 or email clairethom80@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or Geordie on 07847344073</p>	
S5 – S6	Yearbook	
	For S5/6 and staff who put their name down for 2025 yearbook, could those who have yet to pay the £10 deposit give the money to S13. Please DO NOT leave it on the desk, you will receive a receipt as a record that you have paid. Money that is lost due to not being handed directly to someone working on the yearbook will not be our responsibility.	

S1 – S6	Lunch Menu	
	<p>Monday Soup: Lentil Chicken Sausages (gravy optional) Cauliflower Cheese Bake Pasta & Cheese Southern Fried Chicken Wrap Cheese Panini Chicken Mayo Panini</p> <p>A Delight Jelly Fruit Pots</p> <p>Tuesday Soup: Tomato & Pepper Katsu Chicken Curry & Rice with Naan Mince & Mealie Veg Curry & Rice Pasta & Cheese Italian Meatballs Ciabatta Pizza Cheese Panini Cheese & Tomato Pizza Panini</p> <p>Jelly Angel Delight Fruit Pot</p> <p>Wednesday Soup: Vegetable Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread Meatball Enchilada Pasta & Sauce Turkey Burger Cheese Panini Chicken Tikka Panini</p> <p>A Delight Jelly Fruit Pot</p> <p>Thursday Soup: Yellow Pea Beefsteak Pie Cajun Chicken Pasta & Garlic Bread Cajun Vegetable Pasta Pasta & Sauce Cheese/Pepperoni Toastie Cheese Panini Cajun Chicken Panini</p> <p>Angel Delight Jelly</p>	

	<p>Fruit Pots</p> <p>Friday Soup: Potato Breaded Haddock Roasted Vegetable & Mozzarella Wrap Pasta & Cheese Sausage Roll Cheese Panini BBQ Chicken & Cheese Panini</p> <p>Angel Delight Jelly Fruit Pots</p>	
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