



MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

Monday 23rd September 2024

Respect Aspiration Inclusion Success

Curricular		
S1 – S6	Co-op at Interval	L Duthie
	<p>Staff at the Co-op Mintlaw have asked, that due to queuing and in some cases challenging behaviour by some of our pupils, pupils do not access the Co-op at interval going forwards. Can I ask also that all pupils ensure they are respectful both towards Co-op staff at lunchtimes and indeed all other local providers at both interval and lunchtime across our Mintlaw Community. It's frustrating when the behaviour of a small number causes issues for everyone else.</p>	
6D 3M2 3U1	Registration class Changes – from Monday 16th September	A Hynd
	<p>6D There will be a change of registration classroom and teacher for you from Monday 16th September, please go to room F3 and register with Mr Shapiro.</p> <p>3M2 There will be a change of registration classroom and teacher for you from Monday 16th September, please go to room B19 and register with Mrs Ross - Mon - Wed and Mr Robertson Thurs – Fri</p> <p>3U1 There will be change of registration teacher for you on Monday 16th September, please go to room B4 and register with Donna Dunton on Monday, Laura Morris is now Tuesday to Friday – staying in B4</p>	
S4 – S6	Blood Brothers: the musical extravaganza!	L Grey
	<p><i>"I've seen it over half a dozen times, it's just the best!" Mrs Fraser</i> <i>"I can still remember a monologue from it that I learned when I was 15 – yes, hundreds of years ago" Ms Gray</i> <i>"Mrs Johnstone is my dream role!" Mrs Crichton</i> <i>"Can I go? Please...?" Chloe (BCSO)</i></p> <p>The English Dept. have organised a senior trip to see the musical Blood Brothers in Aberdeen on Thursday 3rd October and would like to invite any senior interested in seeing it the opportunity to do so.</p> <p>It is during the school day and we'll leave school at 12pm and aim to be back by 6/6.30.</p>	

	If you would like to know more details (including the cost) please find Ms Gray where you can also ask for a permission form.	
S4 – S6	English and Media Students	E McCluskey
	On a Thursday afternoon from 3pm -4pm, Mrs McCluskey will be here for Supported Study in F11. It can be a quiet place to get your English or Media homework done; a place to ask questions and get some help with your English essays, Media Assignments and texts; it can also be a small group where we help each other revise and learn. All English and Media students from N5 through to Advanced Higher are welcome.	
S4 – S6	Prefects	A Campbell
	This is a call for prefect helpers for upcoming Parents' Evenings. The first is on Wednesday 25 th September. Can you please see me in the office between F2 & F3 if you can help. If I am not there, I have left a space on my whiteboard for you to add in your name to help at these. I would need a max of 12 prefects at each event.	
S3	S3 STEM Construction Site Trip	J Sheridan
	Over the 4 weeks, we have arranged for you to spend some time on a working construction site on a Thursday morning. You will be given a site tour and will see houses at various stages of completion as well as tour of the site office and shown site drawings, etc. High vis vests and hardhats will be provided on site but you MUST wear boots which we will provide. Go straight to the workshop after registration to get ready and consent forms must be given back before going. We can only have a maximum of 8 pupils at a time so the next 2 groups will go in on Thursday 26th September	
S1 – S6	Recycling – We Need Your Help!	A Campbell
	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. 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.	

	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.	
S1 – S6	HE Pupils – Food Collection	A Laird
	A reminder that you should not ask out of class early to collect your food from the HE kitchens. The kitchens are a few steps away from the buses and there is plenty time to quickly collect an item from the fridge as you exit the building at 3.50/3.00pm. Pupils leaving class early and entering the kitchens is very disruptive to the end of the P7 or P6 lesson taking place in K1/K2 when there are often time pressures to get everything finished and tidied up, or the teacher may be having an important summary discussion with the class. Thank you.	
S1 – S6	Visiting School Nurse	J Campbell
	<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 Mrs Robertson/first aider first before contacting your parent/carer. 2. Mrs Robertson/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. Mrs Robertson/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	Mintlaw Instagram	C Sneddon
	<p>The Mintlaw Instagram has recently undergone a revamp in order to promote our journey to becoming a reading accredited school (a school that supports and promotes children and staff reading).</p> <p>On the Instagram you'll find posts about our journey, as well as book reviews from staff/pupils, information about school/local events etc.</p> <p>Keep an eye out this week as there will be a few polls that we'd like to take the information from in order to create a display - both staff and pupils can take part (only the staff with the Instagram details will be able to see who has responded, so there is no fear of your profile details being shared!). The Instagram name is @MintlawNewspaper or you can scan the QR code below.</p>	



S1 – S3

S1-3 Crews: New Crew Resource – Busy Boxes

L Wappler

Starting this week, Busy Boxes are now available for your Crew to enjoy! Each Busy Box contains a variety of games including Lego, card games, and balancing games all suitable for paired or individual use, a great way to build relationships and enjoy some time getting to know each other during Crew. Ask your Crew Navigator to book a box by emailing Ms Wappler!

Please note that these boxes have been filled from staff donations and as such students need to take care of the items and follow the Busy Box rules so this can be a resource for everyone to enjoy. Busy Boxes can be collected from and returned to F16 after use. Each box should be signed out on the sheet provided.



S2

S2 Build Your Future Construction Challenge

J Sheridan

We're looking for a group or groups of 10 S2 pupils to represent Mintlaw Academy in the following construction challenge: You need to raise the profile of the construction industry to S2 pupils, parents and teachers. You will need to highlight the range of career opportunities available in the construction industry. This is a great opportunity to gain an

	<p>understanding for anybody who is thinking of working in construction in the future.</p> <p>The heats will run on Tuesday 3rd December and they will be delivered online. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. The final will take place in-person at a venue in Aberdeen in January 2025 should we make it through.</p> <p>Please see Mr. Sheridan in F2 to sign up.</p>	
S4 – S6	EMA Application	School Office
	<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>	
S1 – S6	Reminder – First Floor Expectation	E McCluskey
	<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 16/9/24		
Points up to 13th September 2024		
	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	87	10
Deer	159	7
Mormond	177	8
Ugie	102	8

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 47

Total Points to date for Term 1

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	254	66
Deer	380	32
Mormond	382	33
Ugie	285	30

Extra-Curricular Activities

S1-S6


Scottish Mathematical Challenge 2024-25

D Forbes

For anyone interested in challenging Mathematics problems. There are different levels of competitions for different age groups.

The Challenge is a maths problem-solving competition for school students across Scotland, now in its 50th year. There are two rounds of problems where students work on the questions in their own time, and submit them through their school. At the end of the competition around half of all entrants receive either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award certificate. Gold and Silver awardees also receive a prize mug. The Challenge gives a chance to demonstrate ability in maths and be rewarded for it; with three levels of award, recognition is not restricted to the top performers alone.

If anyone is interested in taking part, or finding out more information,

	please speak to Mr Forbes in room B18 before Friday 27 th September, or speak to your Maths teacher in class.	
S3	S3 Junior Girls Financial Investment Management Competition	J Sheridan
	The second online welcome meeting will be on at the following time: Wednesday 25th 1:00-1:30 in S2A	
S1 – S3	Interhouse Basketball	T Wilson
	There is going to be interhouse basketball next week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •S1-3 Tuesday 24th. Please be at the games hall for 1.30 •S4-6 Thursday 26th. Please be at the games hall for 12.45 <p>You must have a PE kit to change into, you will not be allowed to participate if you don't have one.</p> <p>If you are interested speak to your houses sports captains.</p>	
S1 – S6	Over to Youth 24 – Youth Event Saturday 28th September	B Thorley
	If interest in coming along to this event then come along to the library on Monday lunchtime to find out more. Transport can be provided from and returning to Mintlaw, sign up is essential for transport but if you want to make your own way to the event then you can turn up on the day. 	
Age 13-15	Oldmart Gym Teen Classes	P Fleming
	Teen Classes are starting up at the Oldmart gym, the week beginning the 2 nd September. The sessions will run for a 6 week block, £25.00 per pupil. Thursdays and Fridays at 7:00pm - 8:00pm. For 13 - 15 Year olds. To book in, Email oldmartgym@hotmail.com or 01771 613960	
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.

Pupils out of Class

Canteen

S1 – S6

Lunch Menu

Canteen

Monday

Soup: Vegetable
 Chicken Pie
 Roast Veg Lasagne & Garlic Bread
 Pasta & Cheese Sauce
 Sausage Roll
 Cheese Panini
 Chicken Mayo Panini

Jelly
 Angel Delight
 Fruit Pots

Tuesday

Soup: Tomato
 Mince & Yorkshire Pudding
 Katsu Chicken Curry & Chapati
 Pasta Sauce/Cheese
 Veg Curry & Chapati
 Chicken Goujon Bun
 Cheese Panini
 Chicken Tikka Panini

Angel Delight
 Jelly
 Fruit Pots

Wednesday

Soup: Lentil
 Roast Chicken & Mealie
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza
 Pasta & Sauce
 Turkey Burger
 Pizza
 Cheese Panini
 BBQ Chicken Panini

Jelly
 Angel Delight
 Fruit Pots

Thursday

Soup: Potato Soup
 Chicken Singapore Noodles
 Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread

<p>Pasta & Sauce/Cheese Turkey BBQ Ciabatta Melt Cheese Panini Cheese & Tomato Pizza Panini</p> <p>A Delight Jelly Fruit Pots</p> <p>Friday Soup: Lentil Chicken Goujons & Chips Turkey Meatballs & Pasta Baked Potato / Beans or Cheese Mini Meatballs & Pasta Chicken Burger Cheese Toastie Cheese Panini Cheese & Pepperoni Panini</p> <p>A Delight Jelly Fruit Pots</p>	
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