



MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

Monday 9th September 2024

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S4 – S6	English and Media Students	E McCluskey															
	<p>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.</p>																
S1 – S6	HE Pupils – Food Collection	A Laird															
	<p>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.</p>																
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.	
S2, S4	Cycling Initiative	A Mackie
	<p>Exciting news! Our Cycling Initiative at Mintlaw Academy has started! Over the next few weeks, selected students will take part in progressive cycling sessions every Tuesday from 10:50am-12:25pm, tailored to their abilities.</p> <p>We're thrilled to see their skills grow and can't wait to see where this journey takes them! A huge shoutout to the students participating:</p> <p>Corey Caisley (S2) Jayden Nicholas (S2) Dylan Strathdee (S2) Aiden Dow (S2) Finn Meldrum (S2) Martin Graham (S2)</p> <p>Jack Urquhart (S4) Liam Roberts (S4)</p> <p>Please contact Ashley Mackie if you have any questions or would like to participate.</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). <p>Thank you in anticipation of your effort in meeting these basic MERIT expectations.</p>	
S1 – S6	RAIS Points	K Pate

RAIS Points

Week commencing 2/9/24

Points up to 30th August 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	183	39
Deer	276	16
Mormond	178	16
Ugie	155	8

Wearing uniform merits logged last week - 898

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 192

Total Points to date for Term 1

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	242	41
Deer	320	16
Mormond	203	17
Ugie	214	11

Extra-Curricular Activities

S1 – S6

StAnza Poetry Workshop Sessions – Afterschool

L Wappler

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. For all those working with poetry on their folios this year, or who just love hearing from writers, this is an amazing opportunity... and there may even be snacks provided!

Tuesday 10th September Workshop: Leyla Josephine 4-5.30pm.

Thursday 12th September Workshop: Hollie McNish 4-5.30pm.

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. Everyone is welcome. 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.



**Scotland's
Young
Makers**

FREE online poetry workshops for young people aged 11-18 in Scotland, led by a range of experienced poets and performers.

4pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 27th August - **Tim Tim Cheng**

Thursday 29th August - **Len Pennie**

Tuesday 3rd September - **RJ Hunter**

Thursday 5th September - **Yomi Şode**

Tuesday 10th September - **Leyla Josephine**

Thursday 12th September - **Hollie McNish**

Tuesday 17th September - **Sean Wai Keung**

Thursday 19th September - **Titi Farukuoye**

Sign up to attend these free workshops here (as a young person/teacher etc.):

<https://form.jotform.com/241613348835055>

S1 – S6

Music Ensemble

F Crichton

If you play an instrument and are looking to play in an ensemble for additional practice and experience, come along to M1 on Monday lunchtimes from 1.30pm. The first meeting will be Monday 16th September. All musicians from all year groups welcome, you do not have to have lessons in school or privately to attend, just some experience in reading basic notation.

S1 – S6

Get Ready for Winter – Maud Village Trust

L Irvine

We are holding a Get Ready For Winter event on Thurs 19th September 9.30 - 12.30 where there will be a winter clothes swap shop for all ages. There will also be a range of partners there on the day to give advice on benefits, fuel costs, welfare, food access, home improvements and more to help with the cost of living over the winter months. There will be refreshments available and free transport to the event is also available if booked in advance through Maud Resource Centre reception.

If you have any good quality winter clothing that you would like to donate please drop it off at the Maud Resource Centre reception before the 19th.

Hope to see you there. Many thanks in advance.

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S1 – S6	Over to Youth 24 – Youth Event Saturday 28th September	B Thorley
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	<p>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.</p>	
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Age 13-15	Oldmart Gym Teen Classes	P Fleming
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	<p>Teen Classes are starting up at the Oldmart gym, the week beginning the 2nd 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</p>	
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S1 - S6	NASSA Hockey Tournament	A Laird
	<p>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 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>	
S1 – S6	Dungeons and Dragons	A Cruickshank
	<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&D or an old hand, all are welcome.</p> <p>If you would like more information speak to Mr McIntosh or Miss Cruickshank</p>	
S1-S6	Reading School Pupil Committee	D Donald
	<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>	
S1 – S6	Choir	F Crichton
	<p>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.</p>	
S1-2	German Club	K McSeveney
	<p>Are you keen to learn German? Whether you can speak some Deutsch or not, come along to B6 on Monday lunchtimes 1.45-2.10 to learn the basics through games and other fun activities.</p>	
S1 – S6	Library	M Farrell

	For Friday the 13 th , Mr Farrell is doing a reading of Roald Dahl's spooky classic The Witches, in the library, at lunchtime. See you there if you're brave enough!	
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Pupils out of Class		
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Canteen		
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S1 – S6	Lunch Menu	Canteen
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	<p>Monday Soup: Lentil Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread Chicken Teriyaki with Noodles Pasta Sauce Chicken Goujon Bun Cheese Panini Cheese & Tomato Pizza Panini</p> <p>Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots</p> <p>Tuesday Soup: Chicken Noodle Chicken Tikka with Rice & Naan Salmon Fish Fingers & Wedges Veg Curry & Rice Pasta & Sauce Southern Fried Chicken Wrap Macaroni Pie Cheese Panini Cheese & Ham Panini</p> <p>Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots</p> <p>Wednesday Soup: Vegetable Roast Chicken & Mealie Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognaise Pasta & Sauce Warm Chicken Tikka Baguette Cheese Panini Chicken Mayo Panini</p> <p>Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots</p> <p>Thursday Soup: Lentil Chicken Pie Vegetable Pot Noodle</p>	
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	<p>Pasta & Cheese Turkey Burger Cheese Panini BBQ Chicken Panini</p> <p>Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots</p> <p>Friday Soup: Tattie & Leek Southern Fried Goujons & Chips Creamy Veg Tagliatelle Pasta & Cheese Cheese Pizza Bagel Cheese Panini Cheese & Tomato Pizza Panini</p> <p>Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots</p>	
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