



MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

Thursday 12th September 2024

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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>							
S5 – S6	Team Building Activities – Monday 16th September	A Hynd						
	<p>Calling, Senior School Executive, House Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Leaders Monday 16th September, you will be taking part in a team building activity Periods 6 & 7, it will be delivered by the NAVY and is designed to give you support and guidance with the role you will be playing in the school as Young Leaders.</p> <p>Can you please meet in F5 at 2.00pm so we can get a quick start at 2.10pm to maximise this opportunity, attendance is expected from all of the above pupils.</p> <p>Can I you bring suitable footwear and outdoor clothing for the activity. You can complete the activity in school uniform, but I would suggest a hoodie and possibly leggings for the girls rather than a skirt.</p>							

	There won't be changing facilities available for this double period, but you can leave your bags etc in F5	
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.	
S1 – S6	NASSA Road Relay- Thurs 17th September	A Laird
	<p>The annual Road Relay event will be held in Ellon next week. We hope to enter 6 teams (S1 boys, S1 girls, S2 boys, S2 girls, S3/4 boys, S3/4 Girls, Senior Boys, Senior Girls).</p> <p>Each team needs 3 runners to compete.</p> <p>PE staff will speak to pupils based on previous involvement with NASSA, PE lessons etc but we are also looking for people to come forward and speak to us if you are interested. If we have more than 4 signed up for a team, we will organise a quick run off. Each member of the team runs and then passes to the next runner in a relay style. S1/2 run approx. 1km each and S3-6 approx. 1.3km each.</p> <p>Please sign up at PE base if you are interested.</p>	
S1 – S6	Recycling – We Need Your Help!	A Campbell
	<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</p>	

	<p>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 – 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. 	
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.



S3

S3 STEM Ogilvie Construction Site Visit- Thursdays P1+P2

J Sheridan

	<p>Over the 6 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We can only have a maximum of 8 pupils at a time so the first 2 groups will go in on the following dates:</p> <p>Thursday 12th September</p>	
S2	S2 Build Your Future Construction Challenge	J Sheridan
	<p>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 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. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

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Week commencing 9/9/24

Points up to 6th September 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	50	15
Deer	69	9
Mormond	104	8
Ugie	76	11

Wearing uniform merits logged last week - 795

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 219

Total Points to date for Term 1

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	167	56
Deer	221	25
Mormond	205	25
Ugie	183	22

Extra-Curricular Activities

S1 – S6	StAnza Poetry Workshop Sessions – Afterschool	L Wappler
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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!

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 Sode**

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 28 th 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	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 – S6	Library	M Farrell
	<p>For Friday the 13th, 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!</p>	
Pupils out of Class		
Canteen		
S1 – S6	Lunch Menu	Canteen
	<p>Thursday Soup: Lentil Chicken Pie Vegetable Pot Noodle 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</p>	

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