



MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

Thursday 5th September 2024

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S5 – S6	Young Enterprise	R Masson																
	<p>There will be an assembly on Friday during reg for S5/6 pupils which will be hosted by Young Enterprise. This assembly may run over slightly apologies in advance.</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!</p>																	

	<p>A huge shoutout to the students participating:</p> <p>Please contact Ashley Mackie if you have any questions or would like to participate.</p>	
S1 - S6	Ugie House/Sports Captain applicants	A Reid
	<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>	
S3 - S6	Girls Financial Management Competition – S5-S6 and S3-S4	J Sheridan
	<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 6th.</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>	
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>	

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	Fusion App Food Collections	A Robertson
	<p>App collections are as follows – S1 & S2 social Area S3, S4, S5 & S6 canteen hatch</p>	
S1 - S6	Note from Home Economics	E Ritchie
	<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>	
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>	

- 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 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

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
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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

S1 - S6	NASSA Hockey Tournament	A Laird
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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.

S1 – S6	Dungeons and Dragons	A Cruickshank
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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.

If you would like more information speak to Mr McIntosh or Miss Cruickshank

S1-S6	Reading School Pupil Committee	D Donald
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	<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	Sailing & Windsurfing Peterhead	CLD
	<p style="text-align: center;">After school Sailing & Windsurfing in Peterhead with Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust</p> <p>After school sailing for p4-1st years on Mondays 4-6pm (beginners and improvers). https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/after-school-sailing-clubs</p> <p>A Skills night for sailors working on the advanced modules on Tuesdays 5-7pm: https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/after-school-sailing-clubs</p> <p>And a Windsurfing after school club for those aged 8+ (Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm) https://webcollect.org.uk/ast/event/windsurfing-after-school-club</p> 	



S1 - S6	Junior Youth Theatre Spaces	A Mackie
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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
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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.

S1 – S6	StAnza Poetry Workshop Sessions – Afterschool Sessions	L Wappler
	<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. For all those working with poetry on their folios this year, or just love hearing from writers, this is an amazing opportunity... and there may even be snacks provided!</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd September Workshop: RJ Hunter 4-5.30pm. Thursday 5th September Workshop: Yomi Şode 4-5.30pm.</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. 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.</p>  <p>The poster for StAnza Scotland's International Poetry Festival features the text: "Scotland's Young Makars", "FREE online poetry workshops for young people aged 11-18 in Scotland, led by a range of experienced poets and performers.", "4pm-5:30pm", and a list of dates and poets: 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. It also includes a sign-up link: https://form.jotform.com/241613348835055.</p>	
S2	U14 Boys Football	G Robertson
	<p>If you are interested in playing for the U14 Boys football team, please come to the trials on Friday lunchtime.</p>	
S1 - S3	Junior Girls Football	G Robertson

	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.	
S1-2	German Club	K McSeveney
	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.	
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!	
Pupils out of Class		
Canteen		
S1 – S6	Lunch Menu	Canteen
	<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 Fruit Pots</p> <p>Friday 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>	