



# MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Respect Aspiration Inclusion Success

### Curricular

<b>S1</b>	<b>Doric Wik</b>	
	<p>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 about 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!</p>	
<b>S1</b>	<b>Lunchtime Drop-In</b>	
	<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>	
<b>S2</b>	<b>PE Pupil Voice</b>	
	<p>Can you please get S2 pupils in your crew class to access and fill out this form.</p> <p><a href="https://forms.office.com/e/wy31cxyMem">https://forms.office.com/e/wy31cxyMem</a></p> <div data-bbox="260 1491 786 2011" data-label="Image"></div>	
<b>S4 - S6</b>	<b>Parents' Evening Prefect Helpers</b>	

	Prefect helpers for the parents' evening on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November should arrive back in school by 3:30pm. See me in my office for jobs to help with.	
<b>S4 – S6</b>	<b>College Pupils</b>	
	College Pupils - there is no college on <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> due to the in-service day.	
<b>S4 – S6</b>	<b>EMA Application</b>	
	<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:  <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/ema/">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/ema/</a></p>	
<b>S1 – S3</b>	<b>Health Career Talk – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
	<p>Our medical students will be in S6 from 12.40 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to give a Q&amp;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 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>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Talk – Career in Law – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
	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, go to F2.	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Music Ensemble</b>	
	Music Ensemble on Monday lunchtimes will be cancelled for the foreseeable future.	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>NASSA Badminton – 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	
	<p>On the <b>22nd November</b> we are attending Inverurie Academy to participate in the NASSA Badminton event. We need volunteers for each of the following categories:</p> <p><b>Junior (S1&amp;2) Boys and Girls</b></p>	

	<p><b>Intermediate (S3&amp;4) Boys and Girls</b> <b>Senior (S5&amp;6) Boys and Girls</b></p> <p>For each section there will be a boys doubles, girls double and mixed doubles team.</p> <p>If interested, please head down to PE and give your name to PE Department and there will be a trial to decide who represents each year group on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 12:30pm lunchtime.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Scottish Schools Swimming</b>	
	<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 13<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	
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<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Warm Clothing Appeal For Aberdeen Cyrenians</b>	
	<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>	



Warm Clothes Appeal.  
Can you donate thermal vests, socks,  
hats, scarves, gloves or jumpers?  
Let's help folks get through  
the cold winter

S1 – S6 Charity Winter Appeal 2024 – Shoebox Donations



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, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November in order to be transported to Ukraine in time for Christmas.																																																					
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	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.																																																					
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	<p>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.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date - Thursdays</th> <th>Sport</th> <th>Participa nt Group</th> <th>Sport Captains Organising</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21<sup>st</sup> November</td> <td>Dodgeball</td> <td>S5-6</td> <td>Brucklay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28<sup>th</sup> November</td> <td>Dodgeball</td> <td>S1-2</td> <td>Deer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5<sup>th</sup> December</td> <td>Dodgeball</td> <td>S3-4</td> <td>Brucklay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12<sup>th</sup> December</td> <td>Dodgeball</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Ugie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30<sup>th</sup> January</td> <td>Netball</td> <td>S1-3</td> <td>Ugie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6<sup>th</sup> February</td> <td>Netball</td> <td>S4-6</td> <td>Mormond</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20<sup>th</sup> February</td> <td>Touch Rugby</td> <td>S1-4</td> <td>Deer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27<sup>th</sup> February</td> <td>Volleyball</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Mormond</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>Football</td> <td>S1-2</td> <td>Deer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>Football</td> <td>S3-4</td> <td>Brucklay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>Football</td> <td>S5-6</td> <td>Brucklay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>Boccia</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Ugie</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date - Thursdays	Sport	Participa nt Group	Sport Captains Organising	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Dodgeball	S5-6	Brucklay	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Dodgeball	S1-2	Deer	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Dodgeball	S3-4	Brucklay	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Dodgeball	Staff	Ugie	30 <sup>th</sup> January	Netball	S1-3	Ugie	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball	S4-6	Mormond	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Touch Rugby	S1-4	Deer	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Volleyball	Staff	Mormond	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Football	S1-2	Deer	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Football	S3-4	Brucklay	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Football	S5-6	Brucklay	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Boccia	Staff	Ugie	
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	<p>A reminder of procedures for visiting the school nurse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. first aider will be able to assess your illness/injury, support you and contact your parent/carer if necessary.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>																																																					
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	<p><b>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:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At no time during the school day, is food or drink (except water) allowed on the first floor.</li> <li>- Before Registration at 8.38am the first floor is closed to all S1-S3 pupils.</li> <li>- At lunchtime, the first floor is closed to all pupils for the first twenty minutes.</li> <li>- The only exceptions to these two rules about opening times are pupils with passes from Guidance and those taking part in clubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Whilst pupils are on the First Floor, they are expected to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be respectful to all staff, learners and events taking place.</li> <li>- Abide by MERIT expectations.</li> <li>- Have no food or drink, except water.</li> </ul> <p>If they do not, they will be expected to leave the First Floor.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>PE – Reminders: MERIT expectations</b>	
	<p>Please could pupils be reminded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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)</li> <li>- Appropriate footwear should be worn on the astro at all times. No footwear is not acceptable. Please bring suitable footwear for PE lessons.</li> <li>- 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).</li> </ul> <p>Thank you in anticipation of your effort in meeting these basic MERIT expectations.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>RAIS Points</b>	

## RAIS Points

Week commencing 11/11/24

Points up to 8th November 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	70	2
Deer	55	2
Mormond	110	5
Ugie	94	6

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 24

Total Points to date for Term 2

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	129	3
Deer	97	12
Mormond	180	13
Ugie	217	14

	Extra-Curricular Activities	
	Mintlaw Academy Extra Curricular Opportunities and active schools are listed on the bulletin notice board beside the careers office.	
<b>S4 – S6</b>	<b>Scottish Golf's Young Leaders' Programme</b>	
	<p>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.</p> <p>All information can be found at <a href="https://mailchi.mp/scottishgolf.org/2024-communications-young-leaders-announcement-ed-la-24-october">https://mailchi.mp/scottishgolf.org/2024-communications-young-leaders-announcement-ed-la-24-october</a>.</p>	
<b>S2</b>	<b>Mintlaw Boy's Club 2011's</b>	





### MINTLAW BOYS CLUB 2011's

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 Fetterangus Pavillion during the summer months and at Macbi for the winter. Matched are played on a Sunday.

Coaches are all PVG checked and SFA Qualified.

Contact Claire on 07887713480 or email

[clairethom80@gmail.com](mailto:clairethom80@gmail.com)

Or Geordie on 07847344073

## 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 Miss Wallace in 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.

## Canteen

### S1 – S6 Lunch Menu

#### 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

Jelly  
Angel Delight  
Fruit Pot

#### Wednesday

Soup: Vegetable  
Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread  
Fish & chips

Meatball Enchilada  
Pasta & Sauce  
Turkey Burger  
Cheese Panini  
Chicken Tikka Panini

A Delight  
Jelly  
Fruit Pot

**Thursday**

Soup: Yellow Pea  
Beefsteak Pie  
Cajun Chicken Pasta & Garlic Bread  
Cajun Vegetable Pasta  
Pasta & Sauce  
Cheese/Pepperoni Toastie  
Cheese Panini  
Cajun Chicken Panini

Angel Delight  
Jelly  
Fruit Pots

**Friday**

Soup: Potato  
Breaded Haddock  
Roasted Vegetable & Mozzarella Wrap  
Pasta & Cheese  
Sausage Roll  
Cheese Panini  
BBQ Chicken & Cheese Panini

Angel Delight  
Jelly  
Fruit Pots