



# MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

# Respect Aspiration Inclusion Success

| <b>Curricular</b>         |  |                 |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
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| <b>S1 – S6</b>            | <b>Assemblies in Social Area</b>   | <b>S Noble</b>  |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
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| Tues 17 Sept              | Reg  | Mormond         |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
| Wed 18 Sept               | Reg  | Deer            |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
| Thurs 19 Sept             | Reg  | Ugie            |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
| Fri 20 Sep                | Reg  | S1              |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
| <b>6D<br/>3M2<br/>3U1</b> | <b>Registration class Changes – from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>A Hynd</b>   |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
|                           | <p><b>6D</b><br/>There will be a change of registration classroom and teacher for you from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, please go to room F3 and register with Mr Shapiro.</p> <p><b>3M2</b><br/>There will be a change of registration classroom and teacher for you from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, please go to room B19 and register with Mrs Ross - Mon - Wed and Mr Robertson Thurs – Fri</p> <p><b>3U1</b><br/>There will be change of registration teacher for you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, please go to room B4 and register with Donna Dunton on Monday, Laura Morris is now Tuesday to Friday – staying in B4</p> |                 |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
| <b>S1 – S6</b>            | <b>RAF Cadet presentation</b>  | <b>A Mackie</b> |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
|                           | <p>This <b>Wednesday</b> during Period 3 we will have a special RAF Cadet presentation. Being a Cadet opens many opportunities for you including UK and overseas camps, leadership courses, air experience flights and pilot training. The focus is always on enjoying yourself while improving your skills.</p> <p>If anyone is interested, can you please let your registration teacher know or come to Ashley Mackie in F2.</p>   |                 |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
| <b>S4 – S6</b>            | <b>Blood Brothers: the musical extravaganza!</b>   | <b>L Grey</b>   |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |
|                           | <i>“I’ve seen it over half a dozen times, it’s just the best!” Mrs Fraser</i>  |                 |     |         |             |     |      |               |     |      |            |     |    |  |

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|                | <p><i>"I can still remember a monologue from it that I learned when I was 15 – yes, hundreds of years ago" Ms Gray</i><br/> <i>"Mrs Johnstone is my dream role!" Mrs Crichton</i><br/> <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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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> <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.</p> |                    |
| <b>S4 – S6</b> | <b>English and Media Students</b>   | <b>E McCluskey</b> |
|                | <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>   |                    |
| <b>S4 – S6</b> | <b>Prefects</b>   | <b>A Campbell</b>  |
|                | <p>This is a call for prefect helpers for upcoming Parents' Evenings. The first is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Can you please see me in the office between F2 &amp; 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.</p>  |                    |
| <b>S2, S4</b>  | <b>Week Three – Cycling Initiative</b>  | <b>A Mackie</b>    |
|                | <p>Week Three of the cycling initiative will be taking place at (P3) 10.50am today, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.<br/> Please make your way to G3 after morning break to join the group.</p>   |                    |
| <b>S1</b>      | <b>S1 Boys Football</b>   | <b>W Ramsay</b>    |
|                | <p>The S1 boys football team have a friendly on Wednesday after school vs the junior girls. The whole squad will be involved, come to PE straight after school to get changed. Bring boots shin guards and a drink if needed.</p>   |                    |
| <b>S1 – S6</b> | <b>Community Club is back!</b>  | <b>L Wappler</b>   |
|                | <p>Open to everyone, Mintlaw Academy's Community Club aims to engage with and celebrate the LGBTIA+ Community, practicing the school value</p>  |                    |

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|                | <p>of Inclusion. This is a kind, inclusive space where we can discuss topical events, hear talks from charities like Four Pillars, and just generally enjoy time with like-minded people. Ultimately, the club will be shaped by you and be what you want it to be. Ms Wappler, Mr Closs and Jacqui Stephen will be on hand to support and chat. Come see us in F16 every Wednesday lunchtime, starting this week on the 18th September.</p>  |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b> | <b>NASSA Road Relay- 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>A Laird</b>    |
|                | <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>   |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b> | <b>Recycling – We Need Your Help!</b>   | <b>A Campbell</b> |
|                | <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 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 &amp; F3.</p> |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b> | <b>HE Pupils – Food Collection</b>  | <b>A Laird</b>    |
|                | <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</p>   |                   |

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|                | finished and tidied up, or the teacher may be having an important summary discussion with the class. Thank you.  |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b> | <b>Visiting School Nurse</b>   | <b>J Campbell</b> |
|                | <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 Mrs Robertson/first aider first before contacting your parent/carer.</li> <li>2. Mrs Robertson/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. 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.</li> </ol> |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b> | <b>Mintlaw Instagram</b>   | <b>C Sneddon</b>  |
|                | <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

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|                | <p>understanding for anybody who is thinking of working in construction in the future.</p> <p>The heats will run on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>  |                      |
| <b>S4 – S6</b> | <b>EMA Application</b>   | <b>School Office</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:<br/> <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 – S6</b> | <b>Reminder – First Floor Expectation</b>  | <b>E McCluskey</b>   |
|                | <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</li> </ul>  |                      |

- 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**

**K Pate**

## RAIS Points

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 |
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| Brucklay | 254         | 66                      |
| Deer     | 380         | 32                      |
| Mormond  | 382         | 33                      |
| Ugie     | 285         | 30                      |

## Extra-Curricular Activities

**S3**

**S3 Junior Girls Financial Investment Management Competition**

**J Sheridan**

There are 2 online welcome meetings which will be on at the following times:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>- 1:00-1:30 in F4

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00-1:30 in S2A

**S1 – S6**

**Young Enterprise Meeting**

**R Masson**



Please can all pupils who are keen to participate in Young Enterprise this year attend a meeting from 1pm in room S2 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept to register your group. If you have any questions, please see Miss Masson 😊

**S1 – S6 Get Ready for Winter – Maud Village Trust L Irvine**

We are holding a Get Ready For Winter event on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.


Hope to see you there. Many thanks in advance.



**S1 – S6 Over to Youth 24 – Youth Event Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



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|                            |  <p><b>Inverurie Community Campus</b><br/>28th September 2024<br/>11am-3pm<br/>Free and open to all!</p> <p>Food - Activities - Live music - Info Stalls - DJ Group - Inflatables - Youth groups - Youth Services</p> <p>Young people of Aberdeenshire, working together to tackle poverty and inequalities</p>   |                   |
| <b>Age 13-15</b>           | <b>Oldmart Gym Teen Classes</b>   | <b>P Fleming</b>  |
|                            | <p>Teen Classes are starting up at the Oldmart gym, the week beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The sessions will run for a 6 week block, £25.00 per pupil. <b>Thursdays and Fridays</b> at 7:00pm - 8:00pm. For 13 - 15 Year olds. To book in, Email <a href="mailto:oldmartgym@hotmail.com">oldmartgym@hotmail.com</a> or 01771 613960</p>   |                   |
| <b>S1 - S6</b>             | <b>NASSA Hockey Tournament</b>  | <b>A Laird</b>    |
|                            | <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> |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b>             | <b>Choir</b>  | <b>F Crichton</b> |
|                            | <p>If you love to sing or are keen to try something new, Choir meets on <b>Fridays</b> 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>  |                   |
| <b>Pupils out of Class</b> |   |                   |
| <b>Canteen</b>             |   |                   |
| <b>S1 – S6</b>             | <b>Lunch Menu</b>   | <b>Canteen</b>    |
|                            | <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>Soup: Tattie &amp; Leek<br/>Mince &amp; Mealie<br/>Cajan Chicken Pasta<br/>Pasta &amp; Sauce<br/>Baked Potato with Beans/Cheese<br/>Cheese Panini<br/>Cajan Chicken Panini</p>  |                   |

Pizza

A Delight

Jelly

Fruit Pots

**Wednesday**

Soup: Broth

Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread

Chicken Balti & Chapati

Sausage Roll

Pasta & Sauce

Cheese Panini

Chicken Mayo Panini

A Delight

Jelly

Fruit Pots

**Thursday**

Soup: Yellow Pea

Chicken Pie

Salmon Fish Fingers

Quorn Pie

Pasta & Sauce

Cheese Panini

Chicken Tikka Panini

A Delight

Jelly

Fruit Pots

**Friday**

Soup: Lentil

Breaded Haddock & Chips

Herby Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread

Pasta & Sauce

Chicken Goujons in a Wrap

Cheese Panini

Cheese Pizza Panini

A Delight

Jelly

Fruit Pots