



MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN
Tuesday 24th September 2024

Respect Aspiration Inclusion Success

Curricular		
S1 – S6	Co-op at Interval	
	<p>Staff at the Co-op Mintlaw have asked, that due to queuing and in some cases challenging behaviour by some of our pupils, pupils do not access the Co-op at interval going forwards. Can I ask also that all pupils ensure they are respectful both towards Co-op staff at lunchtimes and indeed all other local providers at both interval and lunchtime across our Mintlaw Community. It's frustrating when the behaviour of a small number causes issues for everyone else.</p>	
S4 – S6	English and Media Students	
	<p>On a Thursday afternoon from 3pm -4pm, there 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>	
S4 – S6	Prefects	
	<p>Thanks to all Prefects who have signed up to help at the S3 Parents' Evening tomorrow. Can I ask that you meet in the canteen at 3:30pm tomorrow so that duties can be allocated.</p>	
S3	S3 STEM Construction Site Trip	
	<p>Over the 4 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 and consent forms must be given back before going.</p> <p>We can only have a maximum of 8 pupils at a time so the next 2 groups will go in on the following dates:</p>	

S1 – S6	Recycling – We Need Your Help!	
	<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 & F3.</p>	
S1 – S6	Visiting School Nurse	
	<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 first aider first before contacting your parent/carer. 2. 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. 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	S2 Build Your Future Construction Challenge	
	<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>	

S4 – S6	EMA Application	
	<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	
	<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). 	

Thank you in anticipation of your effort in meeting these basic MERIT expectations.

S1 – S6 RAIS Points

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Week commencing 23/9/24

Points up to 20th September 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	100	13
Deer	155	22
Mormond	116	10
Ugie	81	8

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 30

Total Points to date for Term 1

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	355	79
Deer	535	54
Mormond	498	43
Ugie	366	38

Extra-Curricular Activities


S1 – S6 Basketball Club

Basketball club will not be running this week due to interhouse basketball.

S1-S6 Scottish Mathematical Challenge 2024-25

For anyone interested in challenging Mathematics problems. There are different levels of competitions for different age groups.

The Challenge is a maths problem-solving competition for school students across Scotland, now in its 50th year. There are two rounds of problems where students work on the questions in their own time, and submit them through their school. At the end of the competition around half of all entrants receive either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award certificate. Gold and Silver awardees also receive a prize mug. The Challenge gives a chance to demonstrate ability in maths and be rewarded for it; with three levels of award, recognition is not restricted to

	the top performers alone.	
S3	S3 Junior Girls Financial Investment Management Competition	
	The second online welcome meeting will be on at the following time: Wednesday 25th 1:00-1:30 in S2A	
S1 – S3	Interhouse Basketball	
	There is going to be interhouse basketball next week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •S1-3 Tuesday 24th. Please be at the games hall for 1.30 •S4-6 Thursday 26th. Please be at the games hall for 12.45 <p>You must have a PE kit to change into, you will not be allowed to participate if you don't have one.</p> <p>If you are interested speak to your houses sports captains.</p>	
S1 – S6	Over to Youth 24 – Youth Event Saturday 28th September	
	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.	
		
Pupils out of Class		
Canteen		
S1 – S6	Lunch Menu	
	Tuesday Soup: Tomato Mince & Yorkshire Pudding Katsu Chicken Curry & Chapati Pasta Sauce/Cheese Veg Curry & Chapati	

Chicken Goujon Bun
Cheese Panini
Chicken Tikka Panini

Angel Delight
Jelly
Fruit Pots

Wednesday

Soup: Lentil
Roast Chicken & Mealie
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Pasta & Sauce
Turkey Burger
Pizza
Cheese Panini
BBQ Chicken Panini

Jelly
Angel Delight
Fruit Pots

Thursday

Soup: Potato Soup
Chicken Singapore Noodles
Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread
Pasta & Sauce/Cheese
Turkey BBQ Ciabatta Melt
Cheese Panini
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Panini

A Delight
Jelly
Fruit Pots

Friday

Soup: Lentil
Chicken Goujons & Chips
Turkey Meatballs & Pasta
Baked Potato / Beans or Cheese
Mini Meatballs & Pasta
Chicken Burger
Cheese Toastie
Cheese Panini
Cheese & Pepperoni Panini

A Delight
Jelly
Fruit Pots