

MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN Tuesday 8th October 2024

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S1 – S3	Assemblies in Social Area
	Wed 9 Oct Reg S1 Thurs 10 Oct Reg S2 Fri 11 Oct Reg S3
S5 - S6	Prefect Helpers
	Can prefects who are able to help out at the S5/6 parents' evening on 13 th November please sign up on the board in my room, between F2 & F3.
S2	S2 Build Your Future Construction Challenge
	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. The heats will run on Tuesday 3 rd 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. Please go to F2 to sign up.
S 3	S3 STEM Construction Site Trip
	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. High vis vests and hardhats will be provided on site but you MUST wear boots which we will provide or you can bring your own. Go straight to the workshop after registration to get ready. Consent forms must be given back before going. We can only have a maximum of 8 pupils at a time so the next 2 groups will go in on the following dates — 10 th October

S4 – S6	Additional Assessment Arrangements (AAAs)				
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	During the next 2 weeks, ASN staff member will be coming to meet with all S4-6 pupils individually who are entitled to Additional Assessment Arrangements (AAAs). She will go through each subject on your timetable and checking which of your entitled AAAs you wish to use for each subject. Please think about this carefully as this will shape the support you receive in your prelims. Your options will then be scanned home for you to discuss with parents or carers. This process will be repeated, again after the prelims for the SQA exams.				
S4 – S6	Biology Supported Study				
	Unfortunately due to a staff meeting, Biology Supported study will not be running on Wednesday lunchtime this week. Please check the Biology supported study posters on the second floor to check when other times are available this week. Hopefully all will be back to normal after the October break!				
S4 – S6	EMA Application				
	Please be advised that the EMA Application Form for this session is now live so pupils can apply. The application form can be found here: https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/ema/				
S5 – S6	Yearbooks				
	If any S5 or S6 pupil would like a yearbook, please bring a £10 deposit to S13 before Friday 11 th October. Thank you.				
S1 – S3	Craft Club				
	Please note permanent change of venue for craft club to B10 and B19. Look forward to seeing you on Friday to continue working on all our projects.				
S1 – S6	Calling all young writers				
	Unleash your creativity and chill us to the bone by entering our Spooky Story and Poem Competition. Whether you're a master of the macabre or just love a good ghost story, this is your chance to let your imagination run wild. Write a haunting tale or a spine-tingling poem that will send shivers down our spines and make our hair stand on end. Join in the fun, showcase your talent, and perhaps even win some wickedly awesome prizes! Get ready to scare us with your spookiest creations and make this spooky season unforgettable.				

	Open to everyone of all ages - submit your work to Ashley Mackie in F2.					
	Opens: 4th October Closes: 24th October Announced: 31st October					
	What's the prize? £20 gift card per region and a feature on social media.					
S1 – S6	Flu Vaccination					
	The immunisation team were in school delivering seasonal flu vaccinations. The team will not be back.					
	The flu vaccine is the safest, most effective way to protect against flu. It will also help reduce the risk of spreading flu to others. NHS Scotland strongly recommend you get the flu vaccine when offered it. Information of the flu vaccination can be found here: www.nhsinform.scot/childflu					
	You can still access the flu vaccine by calling one of our local vaccination centres to book. More information can be found on the Grampian Vaccination website: www.grampianvax.com					
	Please contact our local vaccination centre on: 01224 555 333 to book an appointment.					
S1 – S6	Reading Schools					
	The next meeting of the Reading Schools Group is at 1.30pm on Monday 7 th October in F15. New members welcome. Hope to see you there!					
S1 – S6	Visiting School Nurse					
	 A reminder of procedures for visiting the school nurse: If you are unwell, injured or have had an accident that requires first aid then see First aider first before contacting your parent/carer. First aider will be able to assess your illness/injury, support you and contact your parent/carer if necessary. 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). 					
	 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	Reminder – First Floor Expectation				
	 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: 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. 				
	Whilst pupils are on the First Floor, they are expected to:				
	 Be respectful to all staff, learners and events taking place. Abide by MERIT expectations. Have no food or drink, except water. 				
	If they do not, they will be expected to leave the First Floor.				
S1 – S6	PE – Reminders: MERIT expectations				
	Please could pupils be reminded:				
	 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				

RAIS Points

Week commencing 07/10/24

Points up to 4th October 2024

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	55	28
Deer	80	27
Mormond	83	20
Ugie	72	19

Not wearing uniform merits logged last week - 29

Total Points to date for Term 1

	RAIS Points	Praise Postcards Issued
Brucklay	488	143
Deer	773	95
Mormond	707	76
Ugie	556	68

Extra-Curricular Activities

S1 – S6 Extra-Curricular Activities

Mintlaw Academy Extra Curricular Opportunities 2024-2025

Every pupil leaves Mintlaw Academy as a better version of themselves, ready to succeed in all aspects of life.

Pupils are encouraged to participate in the wide range of clubs available at Mintlaw Academy. This range of activities may change throughout the year.

Monday				
Club Year		Time	Where	Staff
Meddle and Mend Club	All	Lunch	Art Dept- A2	
Hockey	All	Lunch	PE Dept	
Music Ensemble	All	Lunch	M1	
Netball	All	4.00–5.00pm	Games Hall	
Football (S3 Boys)	S3	Lunch	PE Dept	
German Club	S1 - S2	Lunch	B6	
Film Club	S1-3	Lunch	F14	
		Tues	sday	
Drama Club	S1 – S6	Lunch	Drama 1	
Strings Group	All	Lunch	Music Dept	
Football (Senior Boys)	Seniors	Lunch	PE Dept	
Basketball	All	Lunch	Games Hall	

Warhammer /	All	,	1
		Lunch	B10
		Wedn	esday
Dungeons and Dragons & // Magic the Gathering	All	Lunch	S12
Engage /	All	Lunch	B12
Volleyball	All	Lunch	Games Hall
Learning Ambassadors	All	Lunch (fortnightly)	B9
Community Club	All	Lunch	
		Thur	sday
All Aboard! (boardgames)	All	12.30-1.00pm	S11
Badminton	All	3.00-4.00pm Term 2&3	Games Hall
ROV	All	3.00-5.00pm	Workshop
Football (S1 Boys)	S1	Lunch	PE Dept
Football (Girls)	All	Lunch	PE Dept
Rugby	All	Lunch	PE Dept
		Frie	day
Code & Robotics	All	Lunch	F3
Football (S2 Boys)	S2	Lunch	PE Dept
Craft Club	S1-S3	Lunch	B9
Creative Writing Club	All	Lunch	F16
	All	Lunch	G1







Mintlaw Academy-Extra Curricular Activities

Activity Name	Year Group	Days / Dates	Time	Venue	Cost / Booking
Hockey	S1-S6	Monday	Lunch	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Football	S3 Boys	Monday	Lunch	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Netball	S1-S6	Monday	4pm-5pm	Games Hall	FREE / Online
Football	Senior Boys	Tuesday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Basketball	S1-S6	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Games Hall	FREE / PE Dept
Воссіа	S1-S6	Tuesday (term 2 & 3)	Lunchtime	Gymnasium 1	FREE / PE Dept
Volleyball	S1-S6	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Games Hall	FREE / PE Dept
Football	S1 Boys	Thursday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Girls Football	S1-S6	Thursday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept
Rugby	S1-6	Thursday	Lunchtime	Outside	FREE / PE Dept
Badminton	S1-S6	Thursday (term 2 & 3)	3pm-4pm	Games Hall	FREE / Online
Football	S2 Boys	Friday	Lunchtime	MACBI Astro	FREE / PE Dept

How to Apply – To sign up for lunch time clubs please speak with the PE Department. For after schools clubs, sign up is online at: Active Schools Mintlaw Network - Online Booking Form (office.com) or scan one of the QR codes at PE to be taken to the form.

Additional Information – Please wear clothing and footwear ready for physical activity, and be prepared for weather conditions if taking part outside. The Sports Kit for All initiative is supported locally and if required please get in touch.

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	Loch Eil Summer Trip			
	This Tuesday lunchtime there will be a discussion group held to discuss fundraising for the follow-up Loch Eil Outward Bound Summer 2025 intake. Pupils who attended last month's trip are asked to attend for a brainstorm session. If you can please come along to meet in F2 at 1330 today			
S2 – S4	4 Sports Leaders 'I CAN LEAD' Course			
	Over the in-service days in November Active Schools will be running a Sport Leaders UK 'I CAN LEAD' course which is open for pupils from S2-4. The course provides an introduction to leadership that will give learners the knowledge and skills to assist in leading basic sports/activity sessions. The course is fun and practical with a focus on personal development and not just sporting ability. On completion of the course learners will gain an award that will be recognised on their CV. For more information, please see Pip or Megan in the Katherine Grainger suite beside PE.			
S1 – S6	Buchan Girls and Ladies Football			



Buchan Girls and Ladies FC



This activity is being organised by Buchan Girls and Ladies FC. Aberdeenshire Council is not responsible for the acts and omissions of Buchan Girls and Ladies FC and members of the public engaging in the activity do so at their own risk.

Pupils out of Class

Canteen

S1 - S6	Lunch Menu	Canteen
	Tuesday	
	Soup: Chicken Noodle	1

Chicken Tikka with Rice & Naan Salmon Fish Fingers & Wedges Veg Curry & Rice Pasta & Sauce

Southern Fried Chicken Wrap Macaroni Pie

Cheese Panini Cheese & Ham Panini

Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots

Wednesday

Soup: Vegetable

Roast Chicken & Mealie

Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread

Quorn Bolognaise Pasta & Sauce

Warm Chicken Tikka Baguette

Cheese Panini Chicken Mayo Panini

Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots

Thursday

Soup: Lentil Chicken Pie

Vegetable Pot Noodle

Pasta & Cheese Turkey Burger Cheese Panini BBQ Chicken Panini

Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots

Friday

Soup: Tattie & Leek

Southern Fried Goujons & Chips

Creamy Veg Tagliatelle

Pasta & Cheese Cheese Pizza Bagel

Cheese Panini

Cheese & Tomato Pizza Panini

Jelly A Delight Fruit Pots