



# MINTLAW ACADEMY PUPIL BULLETIN

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# Respect Aspiration Inclusion Success

Curricular											
<b>S1 – S3</b>	<b>Assemblies in Social Area</b>										
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<b>S5 – S6</b>	<b>SQA Results – Appeals</b>										
	<p>We have now received the results from the appeals process. If you submitted an appeal to the SQA please see your teacher to find out the result. If you have been successful, SQA will reissue your certificate with the updated grade.</p>										
<b>S5 – S6</b>	<b>Prefect Helpers</b>										
	<p>Can prefects who are able to help out at the S5/6 parents' evening on 13<sup>th</sup> November please sign up on the board in my room, between F2 &amp; F3.</p>										
<b>S2</b>	<b>S2 Build Your Future Construction Challenge</b>										
	<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 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. Please go to F2 to sign up.</p>										
<b>S3</b>	<b>S3 STEM Construction Site Trip</b>										
	<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 <b>MUST</b> 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.</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: <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	
<b>S4 – S6</b>	<b>Additional Assessment Arrangements (AAAs)</b>	
	<p>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.</p>	
<b>S4 – S6</b>	<b>Biology Supported Study</b>	
	<p>Unfortunately, due to a staff meeting, Biology supported study will not be running today at 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!</p>	
<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>S5 – S6</b>	<b>Yearbooks</b>	
	<p>If any S5 or S6 pupil would like a yearbook, please bring a £10 deposit to S13 before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.  Thank you.</p>	
<b>S1 – S3</b>	<b>Craft Club</b>	
	<p>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.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Dress Down Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October (this week!)</b>	

	<p>Friday is a dress down day for pupils and staff to raise money for Willows Animal Sanctuary and the School Fund. Please bring a donation along with you which will be collected in Crew/Registration. Please be generous to help the animals at Willows – a local shelter who make sure that no animals are neglected. Take look at their website to see the brilliant work they do – <a href="http://www.willowsanimals.com">www.willowsanimals.com</a></p> <p>£3 buys rabbit food, £10 helps sponsor a cat, £50 supports horses and £100 helps towards Vets bills.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Lost Property</b>	
	<p>There is a huge amount of unnamed lost property from this term. If you think you may have items to be collected, please could pupils come to the front office. Any outstanding items by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October will be donated or recycled as appropriate.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Calling all young writers</b>	
	<p>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 F2.</p> <p><b>Opens: 4th October</b>  <b>Closes: 24th October</b>  <b>Announced: 31st October</b></p> <p>What's the prize? £20 gift card per region and a feature on social media.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Flu Vaccination</b>	
	<p>The immunisation team were in school delivering seasonal flu vaccinations. <b>The team will not be back.</b></p> <p>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: <a href="http://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu">www.nhsinform.scot/childflu</a></p> <p>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: <a href="http://www.grampianvax.com">www.grampianvax.com</a></p> <p>Please contact our local vaccination centre on:</p>	

	<p><b>01224 555 333</b> to book an appointment.</p>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Visiting School Nurse</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 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>	
<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Reminder – First Floor Expectation</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 end to change out. (Reg/Crew: please issue demerits if any</li> </ul>	

	<p>pupils attend in PE kit as they have time to change even if it is P1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>RAIS Points</b>	
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<b>Mintlaw Academy Extra Curricular Opportunities 2024-2025</b>
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*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	
<b>Tuesday</b>				
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	
Boccia	S1-6	Lunch (Terms 2&3)	Gym 1	
Warhammer	All	Lunch	B10	
<b>Wednesday</b>				
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		
<b>Thursday</b>				
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	
<b>Friday</b>				
Code & Robotics	All	Lunch	F3	
Football (S2 Boys)	S2	Lunch	PE Dept	
Craft Club	S1-S3	Lunch	B9	
VOX: Literature and Creative Writing Club	All	Lunch	F16	
Musical Theatre Choir	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
Boccia	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.

### Contact Details

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Active Schools Co-ordinator

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<b>S2 – S4</b>	<b>Sports Leaders 'I CAN LEAD' Course</b>	
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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.

<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Buchan Girls and Ladies Football</b>	
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**Buchan Girls and Ladies FC**

Currently recruiting players of all ages to join our club.

Girls and Ladies! Come and join us!

- Training in Peterhead and Surrounding Areas
- Weekend Matchdays
- All Inclusive Club

Contact: [buchangirls.ladiesfc@gmail.com](mailto:buchangirls.ladiesfc@gmail.com)

*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.*

<b>Pupils out of Class</b>		
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<b>Canteen</b>		
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<b>S1 – S6</b>	<b>Lunch Menu</b>	
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**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