



# Aspire

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## Rector's Message

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	Term 3 Begins
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	S4 - S6 Prelims Begin (3 Weeks)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	S1 & S2 Accelerated Reading Tests
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019</b>	S3 Parents Evening
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	S3 Into S4 Option Choices Deadline
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	S2 Parents Evening
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2019</b>	S2 Into S3 Option Choices Deadline
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>	S4 – S6 Reports
<b>8<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>	Mid-Term Holiday
<b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>	In-Service Days
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>	Prom
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>	S1 Parents Evening
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019</b>	Senior Phase Option Choices
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2019</b>	Senior Celebration Evening

Welcome to the first edition of the newly created Aspire magazine where we hope to share with you all the achievements and successes of our young people so far this session. You will find that they have been involved in a wide variety of activities including educational visits, performances, sports competitions, fundraising and representation of the school at different events. Alongside all that our young people have been working hard on their studies to ensure that they are gaining the skills and knowledge that is needed for future success.

I am delighted to inform you that there has been agreement for a substantial refurbishment programme for the academy which will involve relocating the art and drama depts into the main school in purpose built teaching areas. In addition there will be general upgrade in other areas of the school. This will mean that we are all on one site and will stop the trek up and down the drive for learners. The timeline for this work is just being finalised and I will inform you when we have more details.

On behalf of all the staff can I thank you for your continued support and wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in partnership

David Clark

## Staff News

**Maternity Leave** ... Congratulations to Mrs Kiera Williams, Mrs Debbie Murray, Mrs Lynsey Tila and Miss Heather MacLeod on the safe arrival of their babies.

**Probationary Teaching Staff** ... Fraserburgh Academy are delighted to welcome 6 induction-year probationary teachers, none of whom are local. They have left family and friends behind and travelled from all over Scotland to teach the young people of the Broch. They have all settled well in the school and have worked exceptionally hard to meet our pupils needs both in class and with extra-curricular activities/clubs. Our probationary teachers are:-

Mr Fraser Mackie – RMPS  
Mr Ed Harrison – English  
Miss Hannah Penman – Physics

Mr Jamie Sheridan – BECS  
Miss Katrina McDonald - Maths  
Miss Sarah White – Chemistry

**New Staff** ... We are delighted to welcome the following teachers to Fraserburgh Academy:

Mr Graeme Cowie - SLT  
Mrs Irene Sharp - SLT  
Mrs Sarah Washington- Principal Teacher of Guidance, Dundarg  
Mr Michael Ledingham – Principal Teacher of Design Technology  
Mr Jean-Pierre Lapeyre - Art & Design  
Mr James Hill - Biology  
Mr Fungayi Chikowore - BECS  
Mrs Shirley Clunie - English  
Mr Hamish Douglas - History  
Mrs Bethany Buchan - Home Economics  
Ms Marie Cartner - Technology & Maths  
Mr Michael Sexton - Maths  
Mr Josep Bofill Blanch - PE  
Ms Magda Kaczor - PE  
Mr Scott Davidson - PE  
Ms Marta Krol-Buda - Physics  
Mrs Christina Kirk – Supply

# School and House Captains

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**      Luke Sutherland

Ben Harvey

**VICE-CAPTAINS**      Emily Anderson

Kevin Kay

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

**DUNDARG**      Faith Milne

**FAITHLIE**      Jennie Innes

**CORBIE**      Abby McAllister

**KINNAIRD**      Leia Summers

**MORMOND**      Cerys Hay

**PHILORTH**      Dillon Third

## VICE-CAPTAINS

Lauren Reid

Sadie Hamer & Jenna Ritchie

Nadia Raduncheva & Logan Simpson

Marcus Adams & Isla Munro

Lauren Knox & Amy Reid

Nathan Reid

## Late Gate

The late gate restarted on Wednesday, 12th December 2018 and will continue in the New Year. This is to track persistent lateness. Your support is appreciated.

## Adverse Weather Warning

For adverse weather and emergency closure information, visit <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures>, or call the Information Line 0370 054 4999, PIN No 021050.



## Social Media Links

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Broch PE Department

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@BrochPC

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@BrochAcademyFA

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Fraserburgh Academy

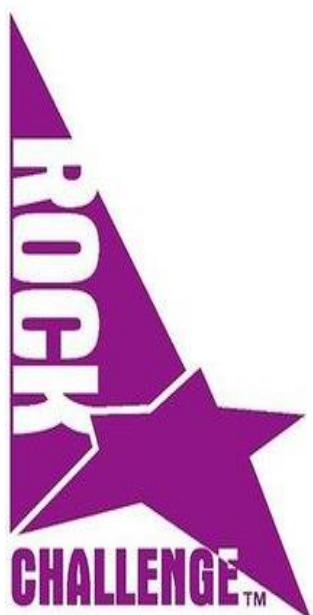
### Link

@FraserburghAcad

### Website

[www.fraserburgh.aberdeenshire.sch.uk](http://www.fraserburgh.aberdeenshire.sch.uk)

# UK ROCK CHALLENGE



We are nearing competition day and rehearsals are well under way! We are competing in Aberdeen on the 30th March next year, against other local schools. Our cast is made up of over 70 students along with 15 stage crew and a lot of volunteers. Our committee is made up of 12 sixth year pupils and we are working closely alongside Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Ritchie. We are almost finished choreography and our costumes are coming together. Set and staging will be starting soon and full rehearsals will begin in the near future.

Our fundraising has included a quiz night, buttery morning, raffles and a hamper raffle. We have also received donations from Invercairn Gala, their generous donation of £800 goes towards the casts t-shirts, and local business M Squared Accountants who sponsor the sweatshirts for the committee. A big **THANK YOU** to them and to the other volunteers that come to help.

## Pennies From Heaven

Since the beginning of term, Mrs Margaret Strachan has sent off £150 to The Dolium School in Thailand. Money was raised by pupils and staff donating any loose change or pennies found in the corridors. The money will be used to provide a Christmas party for the students at the school. A teacher in the school has also collected some money in donations and the 2 sums will be combined to give these children a great treat for Christmas. These children are quite disadvantaged and this money means a lot to them.

## #YOYP2018 Ambassador - Ava Simpson 3K1 tells us about her project



I chose to do my project at Fraserburgh North School as the majority of kids don't get to take part in extra-curricular activities for various reasons so I decided that it would be a great school to carry out this event. I met with the Head Teacher, Mrs Simpson, to tell her about my idea. We agreed this would be better during school time so the children would get the chance to participate.

I organised Stephen Summers from 6.1.0 Dance Academy, Claire Batty from CB coaching (football)

and Kelly Green the Active Schools Coordinator to come into Fraserburgh North School and carry out workshops for the P4-7's. I obtained a grant of £600 from Aberdeenshire YouthBank to get stuff for the children. I gave free raffle tickets to the children for taking part and they could win prizes (bought with the grant): 2 scooters, a football, an air spinner, books and a cinema voucher. I held a design an Easter egg competition for the whole school (P1-7) to enter. I picked a winner from each class and two runners up. The winners each got a medal and a big Easter egg and the runners up got a medal and a bag of sweets. Each child got a creme egg for participating.

At the end of all the workshops I held a whole school assembly to announce the winners of the design an Easter egg competition, draw the raffles, thank all those who helped make this possible and to talk about the Year of Young People. At the end of the assembly all of the P4-7's were presented with a YOYP medal and a goodie bag filled with a water bottle, toothbrush and toothpaste."

"I really enjoyed doing it, the children at the school really appreciated it and all tried really hard and could see they enjoyed taking part. A couple of days after I saw one of the boys down the road and he was still wearing his medal"

# U13'S BOYS FOOTBALL



Our newest football team has had a very positive start to the season and has shown excellent commitment and enthusiasm for the game in both training and matches.

Next term we are looking forward to the Semi-Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup and a strong finish to our League campaign as well as competing in a 7-a-side tournament.

The current race for top goal scorer is between Alexander (7) and Ethan (5). Aiden (2), Lyall (1), Connor (1), Jamie (1) and Lucas (1) have also been on the scoresheet.

Man of the Matches: Alexander (in the 7-1 win vs Mintlaw), Luke (in the 0-0 draw and penalty win vs Alford), Aiden (in the 7-3 win vs Inverurie), Mark (in the 6-1 defeat to Kemnay), Lucas (in the 3-1 win vs Banchory) and Dylan (in the 5-0 defeat to Grove).

Both your coaches (Mr Beats and Mr Sheridan) wish the team best of luck for the rest of the season... COME ON FRASERBURGH!!

## Other Football News from Andrew Buchan 3K1



I was on a 12-week trial with Aberdeen Football Club, got my first game away against Hamilton. We won 5-0 and I got an assist. I then scored a goal the week after against Kilmarnock, winning 4-1. After playing 7 games, I received a phone call on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from Aberdeen Football Club signing me up for the Under 16 Team starting in January.

*Well done Andrew!!*

## Girls in Energy



A group of pupils from Fraserburgh Academy stormed the SHELL “Girls in Energy” Conference. Attended by over 90 pupils who are enrolled on the National 5 Skills for Work Energy course, the event is designed to inspire girls to consider pursuing a STEM based career by engaging them in a mixture of activities, meeting inspirational role models and learning about STEM careers.

Pupils were split into groups and asked to come up with new ideas to meet the world’s energy demand whilst reducing carbon emissions. Each team pitched their idea and the shortlisted groups presented to the whole conference and a Dragons Den panel of inspirational women in industry. All agreed that they were presented some terrific thought-provoking concepts for developing cleaner and more efficient energy solutions.

Congratulations to the winning team who comprised of a selection of energy girls from Fraserburgh Academy.



## Enterprise In Maths



(L to R): Lauren Allan (4K2), Kristin Barbour (4P2), Calum Duthie (3C2) and Kasia Bain (3D1)

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November Ms Cartner had the pleasure of taking 4 of our smart cookies to compete in Glasgow at the Maths Challenge. It was an early start but along with several other Aberdeenshire and City Schools we travelled to the Science Centre. With over seventy Schools taking part, including the staff in a few rounds, we came 28<sup>th</sup> overall, not too shabby for a 5am start. The rounds were puzzling, challenging, energetic and brain teasing. Think it's fair to say the pupils enjoyed themselves, and a Starbucks, before heading back north.

## PISA Study

On 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018, two representatives from the National Foundation for Educational Research attended Fraserburgh Academy and conducted an educational survey on behalf of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). This important survey involves more than 80 countries worldwide and 27 learners from Fraserburgh Academy, who were randomly selected, completed the three-hour survey. The questions ranged from numeracy and literacy to global issues and is the world's largest international survey on Education. Due to the appropriate Data Protection legislation, individual participants or their results are not identified, rather a whole perspective of Scottish and worldwide Education is considered, but the staff who administered the tests stated that Fraserburgh pupils who participated were a credit to the School and their behaviour was exemplary at all times.



## Ben Smith Talk



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December all S1, S2 and S3 pupils had the pleasure to welcome Ben Smith from the 401 Foundation to the school.

Ben told a very powerful story about enduring years of bullying as a child, the difficulties he faced in University which led to him trying to take his own life and his journey before he suffered a major health scare at the age of 29.

This was his wake up call that things needed to change. He then found a passion for running, sold his possessions and decided to run 401 marathons in 401 days! Life has never been the same since ☺

Ben commented very positively on the focus and behaviour of the Year Groups in the hall, who listened intently to his talk. Thank you to Mr Ramsay for organising the event.

Some comments from our S1-S3 pupils after the talk –

“Do what you love and it doesn’t matter what anyone else thinks”

“It doesn’t matter if you are different”

“You can do anything you want to if you ignore everyone who tries to ruin your dream. Just go for it”

“Not to give up”

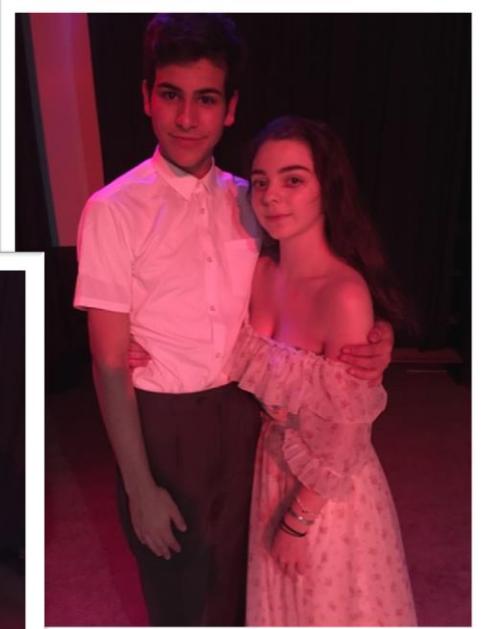
## HMT Visit – Macbeth

As an integral part of the Higher and Advanced Higher Drama courses, the pupils enjoyed a trip out to see the National Theatre's rendition of William Shakespeare's 'MacBeth'. Set in a modern day, post-civil war era, the tale of MacBeth's fateful downfall was thoroughly told in its original language. Through the concepts of nature versus industrialism, we saw the story unravel within a bleak, dystopian society. The Drama pupils will be writing about this production as part of their SQA assessments.



## Drama Department – Dracula

This year saw the Higher Drama students prepare and perform Liz Lochhead's 'Dracula' as part of their course. The pupils really *got their teeth stuck in to this* as they worked tirelessly to develop their characters, design their own set, as well as lighting and sound concepts, and source their own props, make-up and costumes. Audience turn-out was among the biggest we've seen in the Drama Studio as they all enjoyed the insane antics of bug-eating Lady Renfield; the torturous mental asylum nurse, Grice; the torrid affairs of well-to-do Mina and Lucy Westerman; and the trio of vampire hunters: Jonathan, Seward and the one and only, Dr. Van Helsing! As Dracula himself tormented, we watched in horror as his mystical prowess possessed them all.....



## NESCOL Open Day

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 20 pupils had the opportunity to attend NESCOL Open Day (Fraserburgh Campus). It was an outstanding and meticulously planned event. Our cohort was split into 2 groups. Each group chose two experiences from the following areas STEM & Creative and Service Industry. Within these categories there was various “experiences” for our young people to try. Both our groups attended the “Computing Experience”, tutors gave an insight into how a computer works and pupils were given the chance to look at programmes then the best bit of all was having some time to play Minecraft. “Hospitality and Learning Experience” was the next session for group 1. Some were surprised at how diverse this area is and the opportunities of work that comes from within this sector. They thoroughly enjoyed decorating shortbread with chocolate fondant. Group 2 headed over to attend the “Construction Experience”. Once the experiences were finished we headed to the Atrium which was set up for the pupils with stands and various activities to try. Our afternoon finished off with a tour of campus. A great afternoon was had by all!



## Green News

Our goal is to improve the school's eco-friendliness. In order to do so, we will be working on tackling the major issues in our school.

We plan on reducing the amount of plastic bottles we use in school. To do this we are going to introduce a reusable water bottle that is available to purchase for all. We are also looking to create more recycling opportunities in classrooms and social areas.

We also plan to increase everyone's knowledge on the simple things they can do to be more eco-friendly. Look out for more ideas in 2019!



## Graduation News



One of our colleagues, Mr Chikowore who is a BECS teacher graduated with an MSc Merit in Project Management from the University of Westminster in London.

This is what Mr Chikowore had to say after studying part time for two years - "It has been the most challenging two years of my life but very rewarding as I have made many friends, learned a lot about the business world and how this can be applicable to my own practice. Project Management allows you to develop that methodical approach to work even in a classroom. There are many easily transferrable skills and therefore strengthens my practice."

Mr Chikowore would like to thank colleagues and SLT for supporting him during this period of transformation.

# Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is Scotland's Careers Service

Your SDS Career Coaches at Fraserburgh Academy are Elizabeth Bruce and Kirsty West and you can get in touch with them through the school or at E: [elizabeth.bruce@sds.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth.bruce@sds.co.uk); M: 079172121179 or [kirsty.west@sds.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.west@sds.co.uk); M: 07584145704; T: 01779 479345.

Your SDS Career Coaches will be there for pupils, all through school, supporting them to get ready for what they will do once they leave school.

Some people think Career Coaches are here to tell you what to do. **NOT TRUE!** And they won't say '**No**' or '**You can't**' either. They will help pupils to think about what is best for their future. They will be there to support when help is needed to figure out career planning and next steps. An open door policy is operated in school which means that any pupil who is wanting Career guidance can pop in and speak to the Career coach if the door is open.



One of the main things Career Coaches will help pupils do is develop their Career Management Skills – SELF, STRENGTHS, HORIZONS, NETWORKS - which are the skills you will need to make your career a success. The work of SDS Careers Coaches is supported by SDS's careers website My World of Work [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)

SDS Career Coaches will also be able to support parents, carers, guardians and teachers when it comes to talking about careers. For more information on how to support your child in making **important career decisions** - visit [myworldofwork.co.uk/parents](http://myworldofwork.co.uk/parents) and [www.mykidscareer.com](http://www.mykidscareer.com) or contact the Career Coach in school.

**Elizabeth Bruce and Kirsty West - Career Coaches**

## Post School Service

Support for pupils doesn't end when pupils' time in school ends; SDS offer a work coach service post school too. If they find that they have nothing in place to move on to after school, SDS are there for them.

The Career Coach in school, Kirsty West, is also the Work Coach for the Fraserburgh area. She can meet pupils after they leave school to help them to develop their Career Management Skills – SELF, STRENGTHS, HORIZONS and NETWORKS, to help them look through their options and make the first step which is right for them.



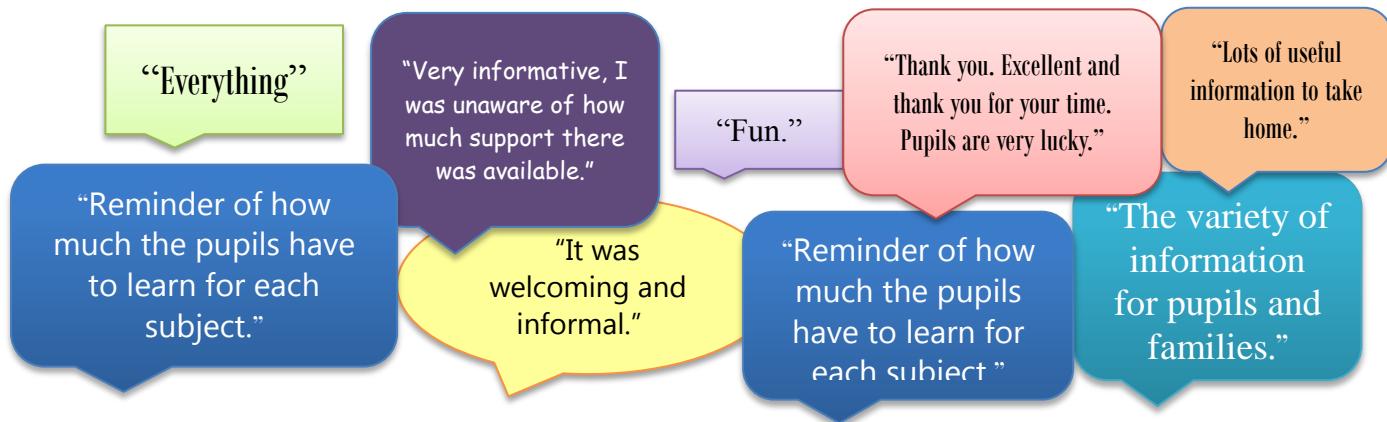
Kirsty can be contacted on M: 07584145704 or E: [kirsty.west@sds.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.west@sds.co.uk)

# Family Learning

We have successfully piloted a series of Family Learning sessions at the Academy over the Autumn term.

- The family learning programme came directly from requests from parent questionnaires as well as what are the best days and times to have them.
- There has been an average of 25 parents/carers and their young people attending each session.
- We started off with 5 members of staff volunteering to be part of the planning & delivery team, this has now expanded to 11.

Thank you to the delivery team for giving up their time. Also thank you to the parents and carers for your valuable feedback. Some of the comments from the sessions about what people liked about them were;



The sessions have been advertised on the Fraserburgh Academy Facebook page, all parent/carer text and/or email and the giving out of the flyers (see to the right).

If you were not able to make the sessions the resources from the evenings and feedback given can be viewed via the Facebook event pages and under the section of Family Learning that is being constructed.

We are planning to run the session 'Study & Memory Skills' again in February open to **ALL**, after the prelims and in preparation for the SQA exams. If you would like any of the other sessions listed on the flyer repeated, please get in touch with the school office.

We will now be planning for next year's sessions and working in partnership with our feeder primary school for the rest of the session. If you have ideas of sessions that would be useful to you please also get in touch via the school office.



# Science Term Stars

## Broad General Education

S1		S2		S3 - Biology	
101	Diana Simpson	201	Laura Stanger	3D	McKaylin Sim
102	Brody Tocher	202	Jamie Whyte Natalie Bruce	3E	Tinodiwa Duthie Alex John Bevan
103	Noah Clerice	203	Rowan Dyga	3L1	Stephanie Farquhar
104	Jon Anderson	204	Emma Muirhead	3L2	Ben Anderson
	Amy Clark	205	John Cow	3L3	Cameron Buchan
105	Brooke Buchan	206	Kristen Killoh	S3 - Chemistry	
106	Lea Drazdowska	207	Emily Mair	3D	Iona Duthie
107	Glen Noble	208	Dovydas Simkus	3F	Emily Downie
108	Loretta Jack	209	Lloyd Bell	3G	Emma Duthie
109	Fausta Kauneckaite		Artur Homa	3L1	Zak Young
	Camryn Duthie	210	Maja Kopacz	3L2	Louise Sim
110	Mayara Morrison	211	Cameron Davidson	S3 - Physics	
111	Cole Simpson	212	Rachel Kennedy	3D	Kasia Bain
112	Malachi Rennie				3G
			3L1	Chris Pescic	
			3L2	Katie Chapman	
			3L3	Angus Noble	

## Senior Phase

NPA		Biology		Chemistry		Physics	
		Nat 5		Nat 5		Nat 5	
NPA B	Emma-Jayne Banks	N5C	Oskar Kincel	N5B	Kristin Barbour	N5B	Amy Kewley
NPA F1	Ryan Thoirs	N5D	Anna-Marija Pantelejeva	N5C	Dean Gibson	N5C	Indy Halldorsson
NPA F2	Shaylah Hay	N5E	Cally Smith	N5D	Lucy Forman	N5E	Ethan Duthie
		N5F	Dillon Third	N5F	Abbie Innes	N5F	Isla Noble
		Higher		Higher		Higher	
		H (A)	John Clark	H (C)	Sadie Hamer	H (A)	Scarlett Humpidge
		H (D)	Faith-Marie Reynolds	H (E)	Alistair Webster	H (D)	Dean Gibson
		H (E)	Stuart Noble			H (E)	Lianne Wisely
		Advanced Higher		Advanced Higher		Advanced Higher	
		AH	Mariusz Klemens	AH	Juliusz Rogowski	AH	Ethan Allan

## Study/Help Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Level / Stage</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead Teacher</u>	<u>On Request</u>
	Modern Studies			Mr. D McCondochie & Mrs B Hawkey	✓
	Maths	ALL	Lunchtimes 1:30 - 2:00 After school 15:30 onwards	Maths Dept	
<u>Monday</u>	History	ALL	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. I Macmillan	
	Physics	Higher	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. C Cuthbertson	
<u>Tuesday</u>	Art sessions	N5/Higher/ Advanced	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	K. MacKenzie	
	Chemistry	Higher 'drop-in' session	P5/6		
		N5	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50		
	History	ALL	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. I Macmillan	
	PE	N5/Higher	Lunchtimes 1:20 - 2:00	PE Dept in H2	
<u>Wednesday</u>	Computing Science	Exam prep.			
<u>Thursday</u>	RMPS and Philosophy help club		Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	J.Noble	✓
	Biology	N5/Higher/ Advanced	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Miss. C Levett	✓
	Chemistry	Higher / N5	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. Beats	
	History	ALL	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. I Macmillan	
	Support for Learning	ALL	After school 3:30 - 4:30pm	Mrs Gall and Mrs Crockett	
<u>Friday</u>	Physics		Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. C Cuthbertson	
	Music	'Drop-in' session	Lunchtimes 1:20 - 2:00	Music Dept in H3	
	History	ALL	Lunchtimes 1:25 - 1:50	Mr. I Macmillan	

## **Accelerated Reading**

### **S1 100% Club for November**

Mackenzie Murray	1C1
Bethany Tait	1D2
Amy Clark	1F1
Llana-Lei Masson	1F1
Brooke Hendry	1F2
Fausta Kauneckaite	1F2
Fiona Birnie	1K1
Joe Crockett	1K1
Jamie Geddes	1K1
Ruary McDonald	1K1
Ben McGruther	1K1
Mira Smith	1K1
Lyall Wilton	1K1
Presley Cumming	1M1

### **S2 100% Club for November**

Rosa Kelly	2C1
Marcus Stuart	2C1
Liam Buchan	2D1
John Cow	2K1
Emma Muirhead	2K1
Cooper Ruxton	2K1
Harris Skinner	2K1
Nicky Trail	2K1
Kornelia Gierczak	2K2
Dovydas Simkus	2K2
Jamie Mckay	2M2
Lisa-Marie Calder	2P1
Jorja Duncan	2P1