



# Family Learning

"Informative."



"Fun."

## What is Family Learning?

Family learning encourages family members to learn together as and within a family, with a focus on learning across the generations. Learning doesn't stop when you leave school, we are all continually learning new things throughout our lives, this is just another way.

Family learning activities can also be specifically designed to enable parents to learn how to support their children's learning. They give parents and carers the opportunity to find out how things are taught in their own child's school, as well as a chance to share ideas with other parents/educators and develop their own skills.

There are five values that underpin family learning, these are:

- Family learning recognises the role of the parent as the first and key educator.
- Family learning operates within a culture of mutual respect for individuals, communities, colleagues and organisations.
- Family learning is inclusive and open to all families, regardless of culture, race, relationships and beliefs.
- Family learning recognises it is ok to make mistakes, this is a valuable part of learning, the process of reflecting and improving.
- Family learning hopes to raise confidence and aspirations.

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:

"Lots of useful information to take home."

"Very informative, I was unaware of how much support there was available."

"It made online tools and homework clearer to me."

"Everything"

"Thank you. Excellent and thank you for your time. Pupils are very lucky."

"Lots of useful information to take"

"Reminder of how much the pupils have to learn for each subject."

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"Having contact with the staff. I appreciate the insight into class structure."

"The variety of information for pupils and families"

The sessions have been advertised on the Fraserburgh Academy Facebook page, text and/or email to all parents/carers, also by giving out flyers (see below).



## Fraserburgh Academy Family Learning

Join us for this series of informal and fun workshops to help your child make the most of school.

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- 19th Sept - Accelerated Reading Evening
- 26th Sept - Using online tools & helping with homework
- 10th Oct - What lessons are like today & numeracy skills
- 14th Nov - English as an additional language support
- 28th Nov - Study & memory skills

All sessions take place from 4:30pm to 7:30pm, Wednesday evenings, at Fraserburgh Academy.

Both parents and children are welcome to attend.

If you were not able to make the sessions the resources from the evenings and the feedback given can be viewed via the Facebook event pages and [here](#).

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.

