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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well.



COVID 19

I am sure you are aware of the increase in number of positive cases of COVID 19 across Scotland and the Fraserburgh area has a number of cases. As stated in last week's newsletter, the latest Scottish Government guidance for schools stipulates that face-coverings must still be worn by everyone in school and we must continue to use sanitiser or wash hands regularly and clean equipment and work-stations after use. Please support us by talking to your son or daughter about the importance of following these instructions which are important mitigations we must follow to lessen the risk of transmission of the virus in school.

We would like to encourage all young people to take a twice weekly lateral flow test as this is a good way of identifying asymptomatic cases. Test kits are available from the School Nursing Assistant and the relevant forms can be found on the school website.



SQA Results

In last week's newsletter I gave an overview of the fantastic achievements of our senior learners last session.

At Fraserburgh Academy we are proud of the achievements of all our learners. However, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a number of our senior pupils who have exceptionally high results this year. To gain this calibre of award in such a difficult and fraught time is truly remarkable and we send them our wholehearted congratulations. I think it is only right that we publicly acknowledge their perseverance, fortitude and hard work.

We thank also all our hard-working and dedicated teachers who have facilitated this success.

Learners who achieved 7 National 5 awards all with an A pass

Emma Reid	5K2
Katie Ferreira	5K1
Rosa Kelly	5C1
Kristen Killoh	5M1
Emma Muirhead	5K1
Isabelle Purcell	5D1
Katie Wheeler	5K2
Jamie Whyte	5C1
Amelia Buchan	5K1
Hannah Weir	5F1
Gary Dixon	5M1

Lloyd Bell 5K2 8 National 5 awards at A

Laura Stanger 5C1 plus a Higher at A

Learners who achieved 7 National 5 awards all with an A pass, all at band 1

Ryan Broadly	5P1
McKenzie Morrison	5K1

Learners who achieved 5 A passes at Higher level

Emma Downie	
Tinodiwa Duthie	6K
Lucy McCann	6C
Katie Chapman	6D
Zak Young	6D
McKaylin Sim	6M

Ava Simpson 6K plus a N5 at A

Abi Urquhart 6F plus a N5 at A

These learners who have now left school are also to be congratulated on their great success

Kristen Barbour 3 Advanced Highers at A

Isla Noble 3 Advanced Highers at A, all band 1

We took the opportunity this week to congratulate these learners. Here are most of them on the steps of the school with their SQA certificates.



Prefects

Last Friday all S5/6 prefects were formally installed and received their badges. We look forward to them fulfilling their duties around the school and to their positive impact to school life.





Senior Executive

The Senior Executive is made up of the Rector, Mrs Sharp, School Captain, Iona Strachan, 6D, and Vice School Captains Emma Buchan, 6C, and Josh Strachan, 6C.

We meet every week to discuss the projects in which the Executive takes a lead role, and the involvement of the School and Vice School Captains in the school priorities.

Here is our first meeting on Monday 23rd August.



College Courses

For a few years now a high number of our S4-6 pupils have taken the opportunity to have a NESCol course as part of their school curriculum. We are very proud to announce that this week over 200 Fraserburgh Academy pupils took up this offer and will attend college one or twice each week, as part of their education. This experience broadens their educational experience and paves the way for them moving from school to a college or university place after leaving school. We wish all learners well with their college studies.



School Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Our staff have prepared a very comprehensive list of extra-curricular clubs and activities to take place at lunchtimes and after-school. I ask that you encourage your son or daughter to take part; participating in these clubs and activities provide learners with the opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends, and use their free time positively.

A full list clubs and activities for this session can be found at the end of this newsletter.



ASPIRENorth

ASPIRENorth (Grampian) delivers the Schools for Higher Education Programme (SHEP) across Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire & Moray, with the goal of raising the aspirations and awareness of the pupils that they work with. The team provide impartial information, advice and guidance to pupils at a number of secondary schools in these areas to help them reach their full potential. Their aim is to build learner understanding of what options are open to them once leaving secondary school, with an emphasis on entry to Further and Higher Education.

The week ASPIRENorth personnel met with our S6 learners to speak about making an application to college or university through UCAS.

Uniform

We continue to be impressed with the smart turn-out every morning of the majority of our learners who come to school wearing school uniform. We thank you for your support with this and ask that you continue to ensure your son or daughter continues to wear their school uniform with pride.

As stated before, we are fortunate to have a large stock of new uniform items to provide to learners who for various reasons may not have uniform. Please contact your son or daughter's guidance teacher who will be happy to help.



Safe travel to school

If you drive your son or daughter to school **please drop off pupils on Dennyduff Road and Alexandra Terrace only**. **Please do not use the school drive unless a prior arrangement has been made.** All pupils will be encouraged to use the marked crossings and the designated footpath within the school grounds. Pupils with mobility issues may be dropped off at the school door.

As ever, should you have anything you would wish to raise with the school please do not hesitate to contact us using the details at the top of this letter. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our learners and the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Irene Sharp'.

Irene Sharp
Rector

Broader Achievement Fraserburgh Academy

Day	Club	Time	Location	Teacher	Description	Skills
Monday	National 5 Biology Supported Study	13:20 – 14:00	Sc 7	Mrs Murray	Subject support club to support pupils in achieving their potential	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Monday	Volleyball	13:20 – 14:00	Games Hall	Mrs Kaczor & Miss Wood	Participating in an activity which requires a lot of hand/eye coordination!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teamwork 2. Focus 3. Resilience
Monday	Dodgeball	13:20 – 14:00	Gym 1	Mr Wallace	Participating in an activity which requires a lot of hand/eye coordination!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teamwork 2. Focus 3. Resilience
Monday	Keyboard club	13:20 – 14:00	H1 Music	Miss Clements	For anyone that wants to practice their keyboard or have help improving their	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning 2. Organisation 3. coordination skills

					skills on the keyboard Bring your music or see what we have here!	
Monday	Eco Club	13:20 – 14:00	Sc 1	Miss Cusack, Miss Penman and Mr Beats	Eco club is an opportunity to engage with the school environment. The club looks at ways we can improve our carbon footprint around the school looking at plastics and energy. The ultimate goal is to get the green flag award for the school.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership skills 2. Teamwork 3. Critical thinking
Monday	Higher Physics Supported Study	3:30: To be updated October	Sc 9	Mr Cuthbertson, Miss Penman Mr Cullen	Key area revision sessions focused on preparing pupils to answer SQA style exam questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving

Monday	Staff Sports Club	15:20 till 16:20	Games Hall	Open to all		4.
Tuesday	Film Club	13:20 – 14:00	C2.2	Mr O'halloran	The Film Club provides an opportunity for pupils to learn about digital media and film production. anyone is welcome to attend.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital media production skills 2. Team-working and communication skills 3. Boosting confidence as self-esteem.
Tuesday	Rugby	15:00 – 16:30	School pitches	Miss Carey	This club is open to both girls and boys from S1-S6. The Fraserburgh Rugby club engaging coaches supporting them every step of the way. Pupils are taught how to catch, pass, kick, run with the ball and play as part of a team with fun games.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teamwork 2. Communication 3. Positive attitude - respect and listening to ensure safety for all.

Tuesday	Netball	15:00 – 16:30	Games hall	Miss Muldoon & Miss Patterson	Open to girls of all ages at the academy, this club involves training and games in the games hall every Tuesday with occasional competitive games to other schools. No prior knowledge of netball necessary, just some trainers!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teamwork 2. Coordination 3. Fitness
Tuesday	Cyber Security	15:30 - 16:30	C2.4	Mr Chikowore	The club is a national effort to get students to become aware and develop skills in Cyber Security. There is a predicted rise in these specialist skills being on demand as global hacking rises.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attention to detail 2. Resilience 3. problem solving
Tuesday	Higher Maths Supported Study	15:30 - 16:30	Maths department	Mr Bovill	Key area revision sessions focused on preparing pupils to answer SQA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge

					style exam questions	3. Problem solving
Tuesday	STEAM Club	13:20 – 14:00	Sc 2	Miss Penman Mr Cullen	Linking Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths together. Try your hand at coding, programme development and get involved with our VEX Robotics kit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Higher order thinking
Tuesday	N5 Chemistry Supported Study	13:20 – 14:00	Sc 3	Mr Beats, Dr Snyder and Miss Semple.	Timetables will be displayed on classroom doors and sent via email detailing which Key Area each session will be based on. During the sessions we will be summarising notes and working on past paper questions related to a specific key area. You are welcome to ask any	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation 2. Problem Solving 3. Communication

					questions you have based on that key area or bring in questions to work on that you have struggled with during independent study.	
Tuesday	N5 Computing Science help club	13:30 – 14:00	C2.5	Mrs Souter	Subject support club to support pupils in achieving their potential in Computing Science	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Tuesday	N5 Geography & Modern Studies Supported Study	13:30 – 14:00		Mrs Cowie	Study support available to catch up on missed work, complete homework in a supportive environment or practice past paper questions to prepare for either or both National 5 Geography and or Modern Studies prelims and final exam.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving

Tuesday	S1 Maths help club	13:30 – 14:00	D5	Miss Muldoon	Subject support club to support pupils in achieving their potential in maths. All S1 Welcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence in basic Math skills 2. Problem solving 3. Planning
Tuesday	N5 Maths Supported Study	15:30 – 16:30	D2	Mr Querro	Subject support club to support pupils in achieving their potential in N5 Maths.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Tuesday	Guitar/ Ukulele Club	13:30 – 14:00	H1	Miss Clements	For all guitarists, bass guitarists and ukulele players. Improve your skills using our talented guitar students here playing songs by Nirvana, RATM, the Beatles and many more. Student led activity.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning 2. Organisation 3. Coordination skills
Tuesday	Badminton	13:20 – 14:00	Games Hall	Mr Flannighan	Smash your way against your friends and others in school! Maybe even challenge Mr Flannighan if your brave enough??	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teamwork 2. Coordination <p>Fitness</p>

					Tuesday Lunchtime in the Games Hall	
Wednesday	Science Club For S1 to S3	13:20 – 14:00	Sc2	Miss Penman	For students who are interested in learning more about Science. All practical! Get the chance to do experiments that are not in the curriculum and have fun!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Wednesday	S1 Drop in	13:20 – 14:00	E9	Mr O'Halloran	The S1 drop in is an informal club where S1 pupils can come to eat their lunch, play games, work on art projects and meet up with friends. It's a great place to make new friends and ask questions about anything school related that you are unsure about.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication skills 2. Positive peer relationships 3. Confidence building

Wednesday	Study group for senior pupils	13:15 – 14:00	Library (Back Room)	Mrs Cook	An opportunity for senior phase students to have a place of quiet study. Also to complete outstanding work/homework	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning 2. Organisation 3. Punctuality
Wednesday	Music Help Club	13:20 – 14:00	H1	Miss Clements	For any music student that wants help with their performing, composing or understanding music. For senior students to improve coursework or junior students to improve their skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Planning
Wednesday	Table Tennis	13:20 – 14:00	Gym 2	Mr Davidson	Participating in an activity which requires a lot of hand/eye coordination!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Teamwork 5. Coordination 6. Fitness
Wednesday	Netball	13:20	Games Hall	Miss Muldoon & Miss Paterson	Open to girls of all ages at the academy, this club involves training and games in the games hall every	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.

					Tuesday with occasional competitive games to other schools. No prior knowledge of netball necessary, just some trainers!	
Wednesday	Staff HiIT Class	15:20 till 16:00	Drama Studio	Miss Fleming		8.
Thursday	Higher Chemistry Supported Study	15:30 – 16:30	Sc 3	Mr Beats	Timetables will be displayed on classroom doors and sent via email detailing which Key Area each session will be based on. During the sessions we will be summarising notes and working on past paper questions related to a specific key area. You are welcome to ask any questions you have based on that key area or bring in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation 2. Problem Solving 3. Communication

					questions to work on that you have struggled with during independent study.	
Thursday	Higher Biology Supported Study	13:25 – 14:00	Sc 7	Mrs Murray	Subject support club to support pupils in achieving their potential	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Thursday	Student Choir Club “Grace Notes”	13:25 – 14:00	H1	Miss Clements	For all students that enjoy singing and want to be part of a choir. For all year groups – no audition necessary! Learn to sing songs in 2 or 3 parts, performing at a variety of events around Fraserburgh. Songs by Adele, Coldplay, the Beatles, shows and musicals – loads of different songs. Student	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Teamwork 3. Leadership

					suggestions of songs also wanted.	
Thursday	Shakespeare Club The Tempest	15:30 – 17:00	H1 or School hall	Miss Clements	<p>Student produced and directed by the student team.</p> <p>Current show: The Tempest run by Nadia Raduncheva and Scarlett Humpidge supported by Miss Malone</p> <p>Show performed in school hall in November</p> <p>Rehearsals Thursday after school</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Creativity 2. Public performing 3. Teamwork
Every Lunchtime	Modern Languages Homework/Help club		F2.1	Mrs Esslemont	<p>Pupils can come along for help with homework or revision.</p> <p>Alternatively, they can borrow iPads to use language learning apps.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving

Thursday	N5 Physics Supported Study	13:20 - 14:00	Science Department	Miss Penman Mr Cullen, Mr Cuthbertson	Key area revision sessions focused on preparing pupils to answer SQA style exam questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Thursday	Higher RMPS and Philosophy Supported Study	13:20 - 14:00	A3.1	Miss Noble	Key area revision sessions focused on preparing pupils to answer SQA style exam questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Thursday	Craft Club	1.15 – 14:00	E9	Mrs Bain	This is an opportunity for pupils to come along at 1.15 – 2pm and join in. They can meet friends, work on their creativity, build on their social skills and hopefully gain confidence.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building relationships 2. Creativity 3. Social interaction
Thursday	Art Club	13:20 - 14:00	Art room 6	Mr Lapeyre	We provide a safe place to explore personal creativity. Art club is a place	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Creativity 2. Developing Technical Skills

					to work on skills or projects that pupils already explore in their free time or new skills that they want to learn. An important goal of Art club is to share what art means to you with other academy pupils and provide a space to inspire and help each other.	3. Developing Dialogue and Listening skills
Thursday	Indoor Football	13:20 – 14:00	Games Hall	Mr Burns	Participating in an activity which requires a lot of foot/eye coordination!	4.
Thursday	Basketball	15:20 – 16:00	Games Hall	Mr Harper	Participating in an activity which requires a lot of hand/eye coordination!	5.

Friday	Concert band	13:20 – 14:00	H1	Miss Clements	For all students that play an instrument whether it is a trumpet, flute or bass guitar. All instrumentalists welcome. Playing a range of jazzy, popular and film tunes. A great way to meet people and improve your skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Creativity 2. Public performing 3. Teamwork
Friday	Amnesty Club	13:20 – 14:00	Sc 8	Miss Semple	<p>If you are the type of person who wants to change the world, get involved in fighting injustice, campaign to make your voice heard, and work against inequality, then Amnesty Club is for you!</p> <p>Campaigns to work on that YOU care about. We could be writing letters to political prisoners, helping organise fundraisers to support Amnesty's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership 2. Creative thinking 3. Debating

					work all over the world.	
Friday	Friday Drop in Club	13:20 – 14:00	E9	Mrs Bain	This is an informal drop-in where pupils are welcome to come along and play games, meet friends and have lunch.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building relationships 2. Creativity 3. Social interaction
Friday	Philosophy Club	13:20 – 14:00	A3.2	Mr Mackie	<p>The Philosophy Club meets every second Friday lunchtime.</p> <p>Pupils/attendees are introduced to three competing philosophical ideas or thinkers on a related theme and then engage in friendly open-ended discussions to explore their own views and those of others (both historical and current).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listening 2. Speaking/Presenting 3. Higher Order Thinking

Friday	Higher Geography Supported Study	13:20 – 14:00	D1.1	Miss Cusack	Study support available to catch up on missed work, complete homework in a supportive environment or practice past paper questions to prepare for prelims and final exam.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
Maths Department	Maths Supported Study	At lunch and after School	Maths department	All Maths teachers	Open invitation to all pupils at all levels for any additional support at lunchtime or after school by arrangement with any teacher.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence 2. Enhanced subject knowledge 3. Problem solving
	School Show School of Rock	To start January Auditions start December Performance June 2020	School Hall	Miss Clements	For all students who are interested in performing Musical Theatre acting, singing and dancing open to all students regardless of ability Rehearsals take place Thursday after school until	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Creativity 2. Public performing 3. Teamwork

					5.30pm. Performance in June 2022 School of Rock!	
Friday	Basketball	13:20 till 14:00	Games Hall	Mr Wallace	Participating in an activity which requires a lot of hand/eye coordination!	4.
Friday	Staff Golf	13:20 till 14:00	Gym 1	Mr Mckenzie		5.
Friday	Comic Book Club	13:20 till 14:00	E7	Mr Aitken		6.