

Dear Parent/Carer

31st March 2014

As we approach the end of this term, we continue to make progress as a school. Again, I wish to thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to see your child achieve his/her full potential.

Our pupils continue to achieve success, with some of our most recent in the last couple of weeks including:



Aaron Norris 5C: Being selected to the Scottish U16 Talent Camp on the 3rd & 4th April.

Elizabeth Cordiner 6G: Leading the North Aberdeenshire Music Centre School Orchestra.

Young Enterprise “Candolls”: Reaching the Finals of the Young Enterprise Grampian Competition which will be taking place at the Marcliffe Hotel on

Monday 28th April. The “Candolls” will be competing, for a place in the Scottish Finals against teams from Mackie Academy, Inverurie Academy, Oldmachar Academy and Albyn School. The judging panel includes Sir Chris Hoy who will also be the after dinner speaker at the event.

Easter Revision Sessions: If your son/daughter is in S4, S5 or S6, last week information was mailed to you about the Easter Revision Sessions which we are providing, in addition to our current afterschool sessions. This will allow and enable him/her to further increase their potential to achieve good grades and in turn increase opportunities for his/her future. I thank you, in advance, for your assistance in encouraging your son/daughter to attend these sessions. If you did not receive this information then please contact the school and a copy will be forwarded to you.



SQA Exams: Full details of arrangements for the forthcoming SQA exams arrangements were given to your son/daughter at their S4, 5 & 6 assemblies last week and a separate communication is being mailed today to all S4-6 parents/carers. Should you not receive this communication by the middle of this week then please get in touch with the school office and a duplicate will be forwarded to you.

School Uniform: Thanks to your sustained support, standards have remained high in the wearing of our school uniform and compliments continue to be received on how smart our

pupils are at events taking place both in and out of school. As this is our first session of the uniform and as promised at the start of this term, a review of the uniform will be taking place, with particular focus on a couple of anomalies that have arisen with regards to footwear. This review will take place early next term and further details will be supplied then.



Parents Information Session: As part of our PSE program and in response to recent national news reports on the dangers of Legal Highs, our Guidance Team is organising an information session for parents, led by "CREW" (a drugs information charity) on the evening of **Wednesday 7th May**. Legal Highs can be legally purchased on the high street or over the internet and are designed to mimic the effects of illegal drugs. Further details will be issued after the Easter holidays from our Guidance Team.

Last Day of Term: As intimated earlier in the term, due to our participation in "Denim for Dylan" last month this Friday will not be a dress down day. Likewise, following deliberation on enquiries and comments from parents, pupils and staff, this Friday, although the last day of term is a normal school working day and classes will be continuing as usual on subject focused work.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th April: Last day of term

Monday 21st April: Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April: School Starts

Tuesday 29th April: SQA Exams Start

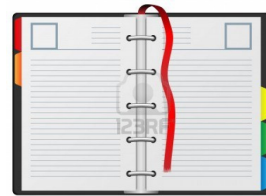
Monday 5th May: May Day Holiday

Wednesday 7th May: Parents Information Session by "CREW"

Tue 27th & Wed 28th May: S1-3 Activities Days

Monday 2nd June: Local Holiday

Saturday 21st June: School Summer Fete



More details of these events will be available in due course

Have a happy Easter and on behalf of all the staff at the Academy, thank you again for your ongoing support, as we work alongside you, for your children to achieve their full potential during their time with us and in preparation for their lives ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Evan L Ritchie
Head Teacher (Acting)