

Welcome to



Dyce Academy Newsletter

Session 2022—2023

Issue 2

SLT Update

As we come to the end of our first term of the new session we would like to thank our whole school community, pupils and staff alike, for their continued hard work and exceptional levels of commitment to Dyce Academy.

As you have been made aware, Aberdeen City Council have appointed Ms Katie Arthur as the new Headteacher. Ms Arthur will be joining us on 12 December. This is an exciting time for our school and we are looking forward to working alongside Ms Arthur as she brings her own ideas and vision as to how we continue to move forward creating the best opportunities we can for all our young people at Dyce Academy.

We hope you all have a good holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the new term.

A probationers first term, Miss Lyle (Home Economics)

Moving from Edinburgh to Aberdeen only in August feels like months ago now, in the best possible way! I began teaching at Dyce Academy in August as a Home Economics probationary teacher and instantly felt welcomed. Not only have the staff surrounding me made the transition calm and supported, but the overall social and friendly buzz of the academy makes for an enthusiastic and positive teaching environment. The pupils of Dyce academy have been patient and helpful during the transition, alongside showing continuous liveliness in classes. I am looking forward to the rest of the year at Dyce Academy and spending more time in Aberdeen

ACMS

Our ACMS pupils and staff have had another busy term. We have welcomed a number of new pupils across the yeargroups to ACMS and it has been lovely to see them settle into life at ACMS and Dyce Academy as well as at the Residence. The Autumn Newsletter has been published and can be viewed here and on the Dyce Academy website. <https://online.fliphtml5.com/nybdc/enzm/>



Chromebook Covers

For those pupils that have Chromebooks, we strongly recommend that the pupils use a padded cover to protect the device while in their bags to prevent accidental damage

Zombies and Werewolves and Ghosts....Oh My!

At 5 pm on 31 October 2022 Dyce Academy will be transformed into The Riverview Insane Asylum. Our junior pupils will be given the opportunity to take part in our Spooktacular live event. A donation from proceeds to be given to the Air Ambulance Charity.

Parent Council

It was lovely to see so many parents in school at our first meeting. We have made a very positive start to the new session and we look forward to sharing some fund raising ideas with you all in the future. Parent Council will be hosting a Tea and Coffee stall at the upcoming S2 Parents' Evening on 9 November. Our next Parent Council meeting is on Thursday 10 November at 6 pm in the school Staffroom.

SQA Exam Invigilation 2023

Preparations are already underway for the administration of the SQA exams in May 2023. Invigilators play an important role in the exam diet and we are keen to increase our pool. Having parents as Invigilators is not encouraged however if any of your wider family members would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with Mrs Jamieson, DHT for further information.

Dates for your diary

- S2 Parent's Evening: Wednesday 9 November 5pm—7:30pm at Dyce Academy
- Parent Council: Thursday 10 November 6pm at Dyce Academy
- School Closed (Inservice Day): Friday 18 November
- Expressive Arts Christmas Concert: Thursday December 15th 2022.
- Expressive Arts Showcase 2023: A Night of Musical Theatre: June 21st & 22nd 2023

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Faculty of Enterprise & ICT

It's been a very busy start to our year—working with our certificated classes and welcoming our new pupils to the faculty. Our S1 pupils have been learning about the Marketing Mix and taking part in their KitKat challenge whilst our S2s have been creating great animations. Meanwhile our S3-S6 classes have been working hard learning new topics and skills and already thinking about the exam diet and coursework requirements.

Enterprise Club: This October saw the launch of our new S1-S3 Enterprise Club. The Club meets every Monday lunchtime in room 303. We are looking forward to sharing with everyone very soon what our first fund raising enterprise event is going to be.

Revision and Study Sessions: We just wanted to remind everyone that staff are available every lunch time to give additional support to pupils or to provide a space for pupils to undertake additional learning or homework. Wednesday lunchtime in room 215 is dedicated to Computing Science support. After the October break, we will announce which days will have dedicated support for Accounting, Administration & IT and Business Management.

Out and About: Mr Duncan was off to Emerson on 30 September to discuss possible events we could run with our S3 pupils over the course of this session. I can't disclose too much just now, but I think our S3 Admin and Business Management pupils are going to enjoy the activities our Faculty and the Stem Ambassadors at Emerson are putting together. The Games Development class visited NESCoI where they were given a presentation by some of the students who had just completed a year of study and created their own computer games. This proved to be great inspiration for the games that our pupils will be creating this year.

In and Around: Our S1 cohort are going to receive a visit from KPMG, a multinational company who are experts in cyber security and will be talking to the pupils about how they can stay safe online. Our senior Computing Science classes will also be visited by representatives from Aberdeen University about opportunities of study in the exciting and varied fields of Computing Science. The Games class were visited by staff from the Video Standards Agency where they were taught how computer games receive their age ratings and were treated to an enthusiastic presentation with lots of game footage.

Expressive Arts Faculty:



DRAMA

Staff in the Drama Dept welcome back the opportunity to start our Drama Club again. Drama Club will run on Wednesdays after school 2.45 – 3.30 (Times can vary depending on rehearsal need and pupils will be informed of any changes via Google Classroom). Open to all pupils S1-6. Pupils are invited to join us as we plan this year's events – which will include concerts/shows/dramas and our Musical Theatre Showcase in June.

There will also be a number of **Pupil Leadership** opportunities available for choreography and directing.

MUSIC

On the 12th of September the Music Department welcomed the Scottish ensemble to an afternoon of music and colour. S1's and S2's received a performance of a new theatrical collaboration with MishMash productions, which has been touring Scotland throughout September. 12 musicians took our S1/2 cohort on an immersive, energetic musical journey, tapping into a whole spectrum of emotions. Pupils had an enjoyable afternoon and were left feeling inspired and entertained.



ART & DESIGN/PHOTOGRAPHY

Currently S2 are working on portraiture which compliments the annual TMM Recruitment Competition – My Future Aspirations. You will be able to view the entries from November in the Bon Accord Centre and online.

Dyce Bowling Club have presented the department with an exciting opportunity, allowing some pupils to design and create a mural on a prepared 27 x 1 metre wall at the end of the bowling green. This will be a problem solving design brief to challenge our pupils, where they can make improvements to their local surroundings whilst working with the local community.

We will soon be running our ever popular Xmas card competition again starting October

	Music	Art & Design	Drama
		Junior Lunch	Senior Lunch
			After School
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			Drama Club 2.45-3.30
Thursday	Guitar & Ukulele Group		
Friday	S1-3 Choir	Eco Group	