

Dyce Academy



Newsletter

2025-2026 Term 4

Welcome to the summer edition of our School Newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of another school year, and what a year it has been. This year has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable events, outstanding accomplishments and countless moments of creativity, kindness and teamwork. As we reflect back, we are incredibly proud of all of the hard work, resilience, commitment and even bravery that our young people have shown over the course of this session. Bravery to try new things, push themselves out of their comfort zone, and on so many occasions challenge themselves to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

I hope that you enjoy learning more about all the activities, events, and successes that have taken place across this term through this edition of our School Newsletter.

Miss Arthur

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Friday 14 August	Inservice Day
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Friday 18 September	September Holiday
Monday 21 September	September Holiday
Wednesday 23 September	S4-6 Interim Reports Issued
Thursday 24 September	S1 Parents' Evening
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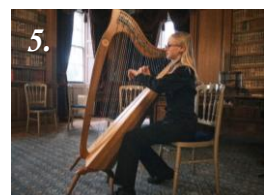
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Welcome from Miss Arthur

As another busy term comes to an end for us at Dyce Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back on some of the highlights across our school year.

Over the past three months we have supported our senior pupils as they have embarked upon their Qualification Scotland exam diet, we have shared all the fun and excitement that comes with Activities Days with our junior pupils, and we have said our fond farewells to those pupils who are leaving us to embark on the next chapter of their lives beyond school. We have worked together to make the transition through into the new timetable and we have welcomed our new S1 pupils into school for their transition experiences. We have cheered on our junior pupils in the annual Sports Day, embraced the importance of First Aid training with our senior pupils and encouraged them to take on new leadership roles through our new Personal Development Programme. We have been enthralled by the creative talents of both our Expressive Arts pupils during their Showcase fundraiser event, and through the many performances put on by our ACMS pupils over the course of the term. We have supported our local community through our involvement in the 24hour Litter Pick and we have celebrated the achievements of all of our pupils through our annual Awards Ceremony and House Assemblies. These are just some of the key highlights of our collective efforts as a school this term, it's no wonder our pupils are ready for a rest!



As we bring this session to a close we have said a fond farewell to some of our colleagues who will be moving on from Dyce Academy. Earlier in the term Miss Rae, Computing, moved on to a new chapter in education, and we have also now said our goodbyes to Miss Cossette in Biology. We have wished Mrs Forno, Faculty Head of Technologies, and Mrs Buchan, Pupil Support Assistant a very long and happy retirement and we have also wished Mrs Lusted, Principal Teacher of Pupil Equity, all the very best of luck with her exciting new adventures abroad.

We have also been able to welcome some new faces into the Dyce team this term. Mr Opoku joined us in Computing, Mrs Buchan into Home Economics and Miss Gibson into Technical. I am delighted to share that our four Probationer teachers Miss Swan, Miss McKay, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Paterson will all be staying on with us next year. August will also see the arrival of further new staff members into Drama, Pupil Support, Science and English and I will introduce you to them all in the next edition of our newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families, staff and the wider community for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you enjoy looking back on the many successes we've shared and we wish everyone a safe, restful and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year ahead!

Miss Arthur

A Selection of Photos from Across this Term:

1. Higher Photography: Dumottar Castle,
2. High Ropes Course At Gowan Bank,
3. Residential Trip to Blackpool
4. Critter Cakes from Activities Week
5. Musical Performances at Haddo House



House Captain Update: Brimmond House

During this term, our four Guidance Houses have successfully recruited their House Captains for the 2026-2027 session. This process involved pupils that wished to be considered to write and submit application forms before being invited to interview for the position.

In this Newsletter, we introduce the new House Captains for Brimmond House. Congratulations to **Ellie Spraggan** and **Jett Bergman** in their new roles. Below, Ellie outlines her experience of this process and what she aims to achieve in the role this session:

As one of the House Captains for Brimmond House, I believe that the opportunity this process has given me to showcase my skills in a new environment, such as an interview, has been valuable.

This year, I am hoping to be able to achieve a lot, but I am specifically looking forward to the aspect of creating a welcoming and interesting environment for pupils to thrive in. Throughout my years in school I have held the belief that student voice is something that should be highly considered when we evaluate what we can improve in education. Therefore following this, I hope that the people in the years below will be able to have plenty of opportunities to share their opinions and contribute to a positive school year. I also hope to be able to provide a sense of community and spirit in terms of not only our houses, but for our school in general. I believe in the importance of having a place to belong to and using that to encourage excitement and advantages outside of academics. With that, I am also hoping to expand pupil opportunity and provide plenty of spaces for people to develop their passions and interests outside events like sports day.

Overall I am most dedicated to sparking inspiration in the year groups to take on more roles in our school and continue developing a learning environment where people feel supported and successful. I aim to be able to achieve this following my year as house captain and continue this in those who apply after me.

Ellie Spraggan

Junior Prefects



This term, five S3 pupils have taken on leadership roles as Junior Prefects. As Junior Prefects, Bethan, Izzy, Katie, Lauren, and Marianna have supported key aspects of the school day including supervision of the snack box at Breaktime and monitoring the Canteen queues at Lunchtime.

Through these roles, all have demonstrated confidence and professionalism which they will continue to develop in these roles next session. Well done!

Mr MacKenzie

Easyfundraising

The Easyfundraising app can be used to help support and sustain our in-school equity initiatives. We have now raised over £300 through this which is a fantastic amount that will go towards keeping our snack box going for all pupil to access.

Thank you to all that all that have already signed up. To learn more and get involved, please visit the link or scan the QR code:



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ca/uses/dyce-academy-here-to-help/>

PT PEF



School Uniform Reminder

In preparation for the return to school in August, we want to see every member of our school community proudly representing the school and looking part of the team here at Dyce Academy.



Our uniform expectations are:

- Black trousers, skirt or formal/tailored shorts – no jeans, tracksuit bottoms or joggers
- Plain Black jumper/cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo
- Plain Black/ White shirt
- Dark smart shoes/ dark trainers
- School tie
- For PE we also have our red Dyce Academy T-shirt

Swap Shop

Through our Swap Shop initiative we gladly accept any items of school uniform that remain in good condition but that have been out grown.

If you do have anything you would like to donate, please hand this in at the School Office and we can incorporate it into our offer.

If you would like to make use of the Swap Shop to access any items of uniform, then please just contact your Guidance Teacher or the School Office and this can be arranged. We have plenty of items new and pre-loved, ready to go to a new home, and given how quickly our young people out grow things, we would thoroughly recommend this as an option for all pupils.

School Uniform can be purchased at:

ABSTITCH:

www.abstitch.com/product-category/school-wear/dyce-academy/

ARLO ORIGINAL

www.arlooriginal.com/dyceacademy

P. E. and Swimming Kit

A reminder that all pupils (in Core P. E. and National Qualification classes) are expected to wear the correct PE and swimming kit:



P.E. Kit

- Red T-Shirt
- Black shorts, Leggings/ Tracksuit bottoms
- Hair Tied Back
- No Jewellery
- Spare Socks
- Black Jacket or Jumper (wet weather appropriate)

Swimming Kit

- Towel
- Sliders
- Swimwear
- Goggles



Celebrating Pupil Successes

The final term of any school year is a great opportunity to pause and reflect on the many successes and achievements from across the year. This term, we have highlighted the hard work and effort of pupils through our Award Ceremony and end of term House Assemblies.

At Dyce Academy, our award structure consists of Academic, Commendation, and Wider Achievement Awards.

We award Academic Awards to the highest attaining pupil for each level in each subject from S1-S6, Commendation Awards to individual pupils across S1 to S6 in recognition of hard work and effort, and Wider Achievement Awards are awarded to pupils in recognition of wider achievement successes.

We were delighted to be joined by so many pupils, parents/carers, family, and friends for our Annual Award Ceremony that took place at Kings Church, Bridge of Don. Through this event, pupils received awards from Miss Arthur alongside Year Heads or Guidance Teachers in recognition of academic success, commendation from multiple subjects, or for significant wider achievements. Many congratulations to all pupils that received their award during this event!

With so many awards to share, we have continued to celebrate the success and achievements of our pupils through our end of term House Assemblies. During these, pupils received awards from Miss Arthur alongside Guidance Teachers, as part of the wider House Assembly, for commendation and wider achievements.



Merit Certificates



Across the school year, class teachers recognise the hard work and effort of pupils in classes through our Merit Programme. As pupils reach specific Merit milestones, we share Merit certificates with pupils and messages with home.

In total, over 300 Merit certificates have been shared with pupils. Well done to all pupils that have achieved certificates for reaching the following milestones; Bronze (25 Merits), Silver (50 Merits), Gold (75 Merits), and Platinum (100 Merits).

Mr MacKenzie

We love to hear about successes and achievements of our pupils outwith school: Find out more on Pg 16



Term 4 Updates from Aberdeen City Music School

As another busy and rewarding term draws to a close, we are delighted to celebrate a number of musical highlights from Aberdeen City Music School.

Our pupils have enjoyed an exceptionally varied programme of performances, workshops, educational visits and outreach opportunities, demonstrating not only their musical ability but also their commitment, resilience and enthusiasm.



A Day of Performances at Haddo House

One of the standout events of the term was our ambitious musical takeover of Haddo House. In what proved to be a hugely memorable day, ACMS pupils presented fourteen performances across seven venues throughout the estate.

Audiences were treated to an extraordinary range of music, from solo recitals and chamber music to jazz, traditional music, opera and choral singing.



The day culminated in a beautiful Choral Evensong, providing many pupils with their first experience of singing in a full cathedral-style service. We are extremely grateful to the team at Haddo House and Haddo Arts for their warm hospitality and support.

Scottish Opera



Our principal-study singers have also continued to benefit from our growing partnership with Scottish Opera. Throughout the year, pupils have participated in a series of workshops led by Scottish Opera professionals, gaining invaluable insight into the world of opera production and performance.

The project culminated in a final showcase where pupils performed fully staged operatic scenes, working alongside professional directors, coaches and production staff. The experience provided a remarkable opportunity to develop confidence, stagecraft, and musical understanding.

The Marriage of Figaro

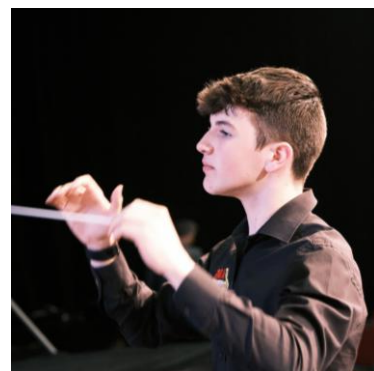
Continuing our relationship with Scottish Opera, we recently travelled to His Majesty's Theatre to attend Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*.

This was a first experience of seeing a live Mozart opera for many. We are grateful to Scottish Opera for their continued support of our pupils and for helping to make professional opera accessible to young musicians.





Term 4 Updates from Aberdeen City Music School



Summer Concert

Performance opportunities have been plentiful throughout the term. Our Summer Concert at Fountain Hall at the Cross brought all our pupils together in a celebration of the year's musical achievements. The programme showcased the breadth of talent within ACMS, featuring classical, jazz, traditional and contemporary repertoire performed to an appreciative audience of family, friends and supporters.



A Busy Term For All

Pupils have also represented the school at festivals, competitions, masterclasses and community events across Scotland, continuing to uphold the excellent reputation of both ACMS and Dyce Academy.

Whether performing in public concerts, participating in educational projects or supporting community initiatives, our young musicians have consistently demonstrated professionalism, kindness and a willingness to embrace new challenges.

Looking Ahead: ACMS Turns 25

Next session promises to be a particularly special one as Aberdeen City Music School celebrates its **25th Anniversary**.

Since opening its doors in 2001, ACMS has helped develop countless young musicians from across Scotland, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in music and beyond.

We are currently planning an exciting programme of concerts, events, collaborations and celebrations to mark this significant milestone, and we look forward to sharing further details with the wider Dyce Academy community in the months ahead.

Thank You

As we reach the end of the academic year, I would like to thank our dedicated team of staff, tutors, our parents and carers, and of course our pupils, whose hard work and enthusiasm make these opportunities possible. We wish all members of the Dyce Academy community a restful summer break and look forward to another exciting year of music-making ahead.

Mr Kyle



Activities Week, May 2026

Blackpool Residential

During activities week, we took part in the trip to Blackpool. This was an early start, leaving at 5am! When in Blackpool, we visited the Promenade and Madame Tussauds before free time to explore and shop. We enjoyed the meal at a World Cuisine restaurant, which offered a wide variety of food options.

A highlight of the trip was to go up the Blackpool Tower and then a visit to the Pleasure Beach. After a few thrilling, adrenaline-pumping hours, we headed to the Flower Bowl Entertainment Centre to have dinner and go bowling.

On the final day, we visited Blackpool Zoo, where we saw baby monkeys and a herd of elephants.

Thank you to all teachers that were involved in organising this trip.



Alton Towers Residential



Our trip began at midnight at Dyce Academy. After a long night and a few stops on the bus journey, we arrived at Alton Towers.

Starting at the best and scariest rides, we took the challenge of sitting in the front row of The Smiler! We then had an excellent day enjoying all the rides at the park, before going back to the hotel. We also won a few prizes at the best arcade ever.

The next day, we had another fun day at the theme park going on all the rides, and in the evening we went Crazy Golfing.

On our last day, we went to the water park and had a great time. Overall, the trip was an amazing experience and made us more responsible and independent.

Ryan Duthie and Leo Crowe

In School Activities: Cooking



S1-S3 pupils recently had a fantastic full day of hands-on cookery, filled with fun, creativity, and lots of delicious results! Throughout the day, pupils worked individually to make a range of tasty treats, including freshly baked scones and homemade pizzas. They showed great enthusiasm and growing confidence as they developed their skills in the kitchen.

One of the highlights of the day was creating their very own "critter cake." Pupils really let their imaginations run wild, using sugar paste to design and make a variety of insects and bugs. From bright ladybirds to wriggly caterpillars and even a few creepy crawlies, each cake was unique and full of character.

It was a great opportunity for pupils to build their practical skills while having fun and being creative. We are very proud of their effort and the fantastic creations they produced!

Mrs Forno



Activities Week, May 2026

York Residential

Our recent school trip to York was a fantastic success. At Flamingo Land, pupils enjoyed thrilling rollercoasters with enthusiasm and bravery, while at the Chocolate Story they had great fun creating their own chocolate lollies.

Pupils also visited a science centre, which sparked curiosity and excitement as they explored interactive exhibits and learned in a hands-on environment. Pupils also had the opportunity to manage their spending when faced with lots of discounted shops at the outlet centre!



Throughout the trip, pupils displayed excellent behaviour, respect, and teamwork, and they represented the school superbly, with members of the public speaking so highly of their behaviour. All the staff on the trip were incredibly proud of their attitude and conduct.

Miss Rhynas

Gowanbank Residential

On the first day, we took part in the tree climb, a scavenger hunt, supper, and hot chocolate before bed.

The next morning, we went to the woods for Crate Climbing which was a mix of scary and exciting because we had to balance on multiple crates and we had to work together as a pair to see how many crates we could stack and stand on top of. At archery we had to draw shields and a castle and we had to shoot the shields before we could get to the castle.



In the Nightline challenge we were blindfolded and our partner guided us through a set of obstacles. We also had to work together as a team to try to solve problems in the Escape Room and Bushcraft activities.

On Friday we went to some high rocks and we had to try to climb to the top. It felt really scary because it felt like we were going to fall off. We all felt proud of ourselves for achieving our goals that we set ourselves on this trip.

By Luke and Ellie

Manchester Residential

We had an absolutely amazing time for our Activities Week. We did things like go to different kinds of museums and we also went to Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United Football Club.

We went to the Arndale Centre, where we had some time to go shopping. One of the most fun things that we did when there was The Cube Experience as it was very active and competitive (and some attempts at cheating from certain teams)!

We also went to the Trafford Centre which was a huge shopping centre where we made the most of our time. One of our favourite moments was when we all got mystery football kits then went back to the hotel and tried them on in a fashion show. We even managed to keep up by watching the Champions League game.

Finally, we would like to thank all the teachers for organising the trip.

Archie Close and Liam Fleming



S5/6 Induction Activities

Our S5 and S6 students made an excellent start to the new academic year on Monday 1st June, taking part in a dynamic and engaging programme of workshops designed to prepare them for the year ahead and their future pathways.

The morning focused on key skills such as perseverance, communication and teamwork. We were delighted to welcome a range of partners, including the Army, Skills Development Scotland and Superhuman in You, who delivered a variety of interactive sessions. In addition, school staff facilitated a workshop developed by Barclays, ensuring a diverse and enriching experience for all students.



Working in their House groups alongside their Guidance teachers, students rotated through the different activities. The Army challenged students with practical tasks including map reading, reaction testing, coordination exercises and logistical planning. Skills Development Scotland delivered their “You’re Hired” session, where students analysed CVs to identify the most suitable candidate for a job, encouraging careful evaluation of skills and employer expectations. Superhuman in You sessions encouraged students to reflect on personal development, followed by a focus on the qualities of effective teamwork and setting individual goals for the year ahead. Meanwhile, the Barclays Finance workshop presented a budgeting challenge, where students planned an event, considering venue selection, catering, accommodation for a guest speaker and promotional materials—all while ensuring they remained within budget and made a profit.

These sessions provided valuable experiences to support students in reflecting during the afternoon session, where they were introduced to the Personal Development Programme. This initiative offers opportunities to take on leadership and ambassadorial roles within the school, alongside the chance to gain additional qualifications.

Our students demonstrated excellent engagement and enthusiasm throughout the day, with many of our partners commenting on their focus and positive attitude. We are confident that the skills developed during this programme will support them as they move forward in their senior phase.

Mrs Stuart

Developing Problem Solving Skills with KR Group and Ithaca

Through a construction project, a group of S1/2 pupils have worked with two of our partners from industry to develop their problem solving skills.

Firstly, KR Group came and showed us how to construct a steel rig. This allowed pupils the opportunity to work together using unfamiliar equipment and materials. This required teamwork and good communication skills as well as a level of concentration!

Then, Ithaca hosted a challenging bridge building workshop for us where pupils had to work in teams to build two separate ends of a bridge before joining them together, without having seen each other’s designs. This required clear communication!

SFL Department





Dyce Rotary Club Photography Competition

This year, the theme for the Dyce Rotary Club Photography Competition was 'Happiness in Nature'.

We are pleased to share that Saphia Clement and Oliwia Piatrasiewicz won the Junior and Senior Category respectfully.

Thanks to Iain Milne from Dyce Rotary Club for joining us in the faculty in congratulating both pupils. Well done!

Expressive Arts Faculty



Vibes & Variety Fundraiser

Through our Vibes and Variety school show fundraising evening, we showcased an impressive range of talent in a relaxed concert setting, the first of its kind seen at Dyce Academy.

Audience members were treated to a mix of performances from traditional Scottish music to danceable Soul and Motown classics, upbeat rock songs and even a few previews of this year's school show numbers.

The evening provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to perform the music they have been developing this term, including performances from two newly formed rock bands.

Thank you to all that supported this event. Over the course of the evening raised over £600.

Mrs Kirkwood and Mrs Dawson

Practical Plumbing Workshop

Through our partnership working with DYW, a small group of S3 pupils with an interest in trade apprenticeships had the opportunity to experience a 'Practical Plumbing' workshop.

This opportunity was designed to give young people an insight into the plumbing and heating sector, helping them understand the practical skills, problem solving abilities, and teamwork required in this essential trade.

By engaging pupils in meaningful, practical activities, the session helped to build confidence, spark curiosity, and highlight potential pathways into apprenticeships and further training.

Pupil feedback from this workshop highlighted that this allowed pupils to learn more about this industry whilst working with partners through practical activities.

Thank you to our partners at DYW, Heatcare, for supporting this input for our pupils.





NESCol Shell Energy Competition



After winning the Dyce Academy heats, Sean and Hayley took part in the Shell Energy Competition City final at Altens Campus, competing against a number of different schools.

Sean and Hayley were able to work collaboratively through 8 different Science challenges, including using a VR head set to navigate a ship, controlling a robotic dog round an assault course and using a robotic arm to organise a deck of cards.

Both pupils represented Dyce Academy very well and were able to gain valuable skills through this experience. Well done!

Miss Rhynas

P7 Transition

This term, we welcomed Primary 7 pupils to Dyce Academy over the course of two days as part of their transition from P7 to S1.

As S1 pupils, they were immersed into the school day, supported by S2 Buddies, and experienced a variety of subjects across the school in preparation for their move to the Academy in August.

We then welcomed Parents and Carers for an evening presentation where they had the opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the transition experiences in preparation for August.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting this important aspect of transition. We are looking forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils in August!

Mr Hose

S3 Geography Trip

This term, our S3 Geography class attended a Student Engagement Day at P&J Live as part of the EAGE (European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers) Conference.

This is a large international event that only takes place occasionally in the UK, so it was a great opportunity for us to be involved.

Throughout the day, we explored an impressive and interactive exhibition where we met professionals and learned more about careers in geoscience and engineering.

We also heard from inspiring speakers, including Luisa Hendry, known as #thescottishgeologist on social media, who shared her passion for rocks. We took part in activities led by Harbour Energy and enjoyed collecting lots of freebies from the different stands.

One of the highlights was the Geo Quiz, where we competed against pupils from other local schools. Well done to our very own Abbie Aigbekean, who took the podium out of over 100 pupils!

It was a really interesting and enjoyable day, and we learned a lot about future opportunities linked to geography.

Mrs Le Ray

P7 Transition in Health and Wellbeing

We have been delighted to host P7 transition activities after school on Wednesdays this term for pupils from Dyce Primary school.

Through this, our PE Assistant Laura Fraser has hosted several fun activities for the pupils under the organisation of Rebekha Singer our Active School's Coordinator.

Through this, pupils have taken part in Badminton, Hockey, Capture the Flag, Dodgeball, Scatter Ball and many more summer games activities. We look forward to welcoming the new S1 pupils in August!

Health and Wellbeing Faculty



John Muir Award Update

Our new S3 Group have made a great start to their John Muir Journey.

They are working with Dyce in Bloom to look after the Oil Sculpture at the Community Garden. They have weeded, planted and watered and are hoping to see all the flowers bloom before the Summer holiday.

SFL Department



Energy Challenges for S4 Physicists

Through the GB Energy Wind Energy Challenge, S4 Physics pupils were introduced to key concepts in energy generation, renewable technologies and sustainability. Through interactive activities, pupils applied mathematical skills including data analysis and problem-solving to understand energy demand and calculate power generation.

Working in teams, students designed their own wind farm for a fictional Scottish community, using real-world data and mathematical reasoning to inform their decisions, before presenting their designs to their peers. Through this, pupils developed skills in teamwork, critical thinking and presentation, while also providing insight into careers within the energy sector.

Thank you to our partners at DWY North East, Techfest, RGU, and GB Energy for leading our pupils through these activities.

Science Faculty

Scottish Opera Inspire Trad Band

The Dyce Academy Trad Band welcomed musicians from Scottish Opera on Friday 12 June for an engaging string workshop.

Pupils explored a range of Scottish tunes, including The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen and also enjoyed a special performance by the visiting Scottish Opera string players.

The session was a fantastic experience with everyone greatly benefiting from and thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to learn from Scottish Opera.

Thank you to Scottish Opera for this valuable experience for our pupils.

Mrs Dawson

24 Hour Litter Pick

This term, over 140 members of the Dyce Academy Community took part in letter picking in Dyce.

In total, 49 bags of rubbish were collected which contributed to the Aberdeen City 24-hour litter pick event. Well done to everyone involved and for participated in such good spirits, doing our local community proud.

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this work, including ASDA Dyce, for supplying snacks for all that took part.

Eco Group





House Athletics Competition

During this term, pupils competed in the Annual House Athletics Competition. Through this, pupils challenged themselves in various Track & Field events.



It was great to see so many pupils push themselves to achieve personal bests. Well done to all involved!

We had gloriously sunny weather which was enjoyed by the cheering supporters! Congratulations to House Ramsay for winning the 2026 event with 422 points!

Health and Wellbeing Faculty

Inter-House Competition Winners

Across the school year, pupils take part and compete in several activities that contribute to the overall Inter-House competition.

Through these activities, pupils receive points for their respective Guidance House for success and participation.

The House Points have now been totalled and we are delighted to share that the winner of the 2025-2026 Inter-House Competition is:

Ramsay House

Brimmond 460 2nd	Corby 443 4th	Ramsay 556 1st	Kirkhill 448 3rd
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*Ramsay House Captains
Freya and Eseosa with
the Inter-House
Competition Shield*

Into the Arts at Light the Blue Festival

As an independent travel exercise, we researched bus times, routes, and arranged a trip to the Light the Blue festival.

We set off from school first thing in the morning on the Number 18 Service Bus and arrived in good time and spent the whole day at Aberdeen Music Hall taking part in a series of workshops which included Stage management, Directing, Sound design, Set design and Animation.



All of the work was then put together as a finished performance and we all worked well with young people from other schools and had experience of the many jobs which are available in performing arts.

PDA Group

RGU: Northern Lights

Earlier this term, 30 S2 pupils embarked on a two-day experience at Robert Gordon University (RGU) for the Northern Lights programme.

The extensive programme provided pupils with access to a wide variety of faculty areas within the University and through the sessions in each faculty, they learned more about those subject areas through hands on practical activities.

Feedback highlights that pupils feel that this experience has given them a better understanding of different options that are available through further education.

Thank you to our partners at RGU for hosting these experiences for our pupils.



Higher Chemistry: Salters' Festival

A mix of S5 and S6 pupils studying Higher Chemistry were given the opportunity to go to Aberdeen University for the Salters Festival of Chemistry Discovery Day at the University of Aberdeen for a wonderful day of fun and learning.

At the festival there were Keynote speakers from researchers at the University of Aberdeen to discuss their education journey, the research fields Aberdeen University specialises in and potential careers in science the pupils could consider for their future career. Pupils also had a great hands-on experience in the University labs to make aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid). The pupils completed the day with a tour of the University campus learning about the history of Aberdeen University.

Thank you to Aberdeen university for this opportunity for our Higher Chemistry pupils.

Mr Reid

Lifestars Racquet Sports Trip

The last trip of the session for our S1 Lifestars Group was to Westburn Tennis Centre to try out different racquet sports.

We tried tennis, badminton, and table tennis, with the latter being everyone's firm favourite. It was led by veteran players who made the experience a 'hit'!



SFL Department

Goodbye to 'The Class of 2026'

On Monday 20th April, we were delighted to celebrate our 2026 Leavers with a special leavers brunch. Students from S4 to S6 leaving Dyce Academy this year were invited to take part in the morning, which provided a wonderful opportunity to come together and mark this important milestone.

The event included a fun and engaging quiz, followed by an opportunity for staff to join the students at breaktime to share in the celebrations. We concluded the morning with a small awards ceremony, where we shared the exciting future plans of each student. Students leaving us this year are heading off to various Universities across Scotland, college, apprenticeships and employment.



Mrs Stuart



Celebrating Success

At Dyce Academy, we love to hear about the success and achievements of our pupils that are beyond school curricular and extra-curricular activities.

If you wish to share information on the success or achievement for one or more of our pupils, please complete use the link or QR code below:



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wmRYrnrFBW>

Athletics and Kayaking Success



Congratulations to David Clark who competed in the Scottish Schools Athletics Association Track & Field Championships and achieved 2 new Personal Bests - well done!

Results:

- Long Jump: 5.68m
- Triple Jump: 11.65m



Further to this, Congratulations to David who came first in his division (Div3 K1M) in the Scottish Schools Kayaking Competition.

This competition took place in Alva earlier this term. Well done!

BGC Scotland U17 Success



Congratulations to Lily Lynch for her selection to play as a Midfielder for the BGC Scotland U17s Girls International squad in this summer's BGC International Vs Girls Clubs of Wales.

Lily continues to work hard and develop as a footballer and we are delighted that after a month of U17s Girls trial matches, seeing players from all over the country she has. Many congratulations to Lily on being selected!

Netball Success For Dyce Academy Pupils

Congratulations to the Dyce Academy pupils that recently won the Under 15 Plate League, within the Aberdeen District League as part of the Newmachar Under 15 Netball Club.

Many congratulations to the team on their success!

