



Cults Academy Weekly Update

Friday 13 May 2022

YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE
HEART 
OF ALL THAT WE DO

S3 Activities

For the past couple of years, we have not been able to hold our annual activities week which is when our normal timetable is suspended to allow for our junior phase pupils to experience a range of activities which are not normally part of the school day. Our S3 pupils were clearly the priority this year and most pupils (166 of them!) headed off to Manchester for the week, visiting Chester Zoo, Alton Towers and Old Trafford. Those who preferred not to go away have had a week jam packed with a huge range of activities with two full days in school and three days out to different venues. In school, pupils experienced a number of activities including soap making, clay modelling, dance, Zumba, yoga, boxercise, mountain biking, climbing, segways and swimming games under the expertise of staff and outside providers. On Tuesday pupils headed off to Battleground in Banchory and took part in laser tag, archery and bubble football. Thursday saw them take to the slopes at Garthdee for an action packed day of skiing, tubing and snowboarding where some pupils managed to demonstrate their skills while most took part for the first time. Friday's final adventure was a day out at Wildshore Dundee Scotland's largest Aqua Park, Wakeboarding and SUP Boarding venue. Pupils have had a fantastic time and have all joined in with every activity and got on amazingly well with each other interacting with others that they might not have known very well beforehand. Our pupils have been extremely enthusiastic and well behaved prompting comments as "awesome" and "fabulous bunch of kids" from these establishments. Our staff have been amazing either by giving up their own time to go away on trips and also generally providing the essential backup and cover needed to make this week possible for our S3 pupils.



Golfing Success

Congratulations to S1 pupil Ollie Robertson, who represented Cults Academy this week in the Aberdeen schools competition run by the Paul Lawrie Foundation. With a score of 3, under he was the winner in the scratch section.



Summer Programme for 2022

Aberdeen City Council has been awarded money from the Scottish Government to provide children and young people (aged 5-14 years old) with a range of opportunities, activities and childcare during the summer school holidays. It can also be used to provide food for those taking part. The summer 2022 offer will look quite different this year and we need your help to get it right. Your views will help Aberdeen City Council to plan and put together a programme that meets the needs and interests of your family. You can find out more and give your views by following this link: <https://forms.gle/rYrgR8GnSQkPE1YW8>

Grampian Children's Book Awards

Three of our pupils left the GCBA ceremony with prizes on Wednesday this week. 1E has been shadowing the award, reading the shortlisted books, taking part in the competitions, and voting for their favourite book. Estere Krumina won 2nd place for her poster, with Charlotte Bird and Rumaisa Niaz winning 1st and 2 place respectively in the book review category. It was super for pupils to return to the university to meet authors and here their stories of writing and their love of books once more, after a two year break due to covid. The winning book, "I Know You Did It" by Sue Wallman, was a very popular book with the class!



Writing Success

Congratulations to S2 pupil David Strachan, who has had his creative writing piece chosen to be published as part of the Young Writers' Twisted Tales Competition. This really is a fantastic achievement with his piece titled 'Synthetic Nightmare' being chosen from in excess of 10,000 entries. His work will now be published in a book titled 'Twisted Tales 2022 - Sinister Mini Sagas'.

The Hockey Season

A successful hockey season has almost come to an end where we managed to complete a large number of games for both senior/junior boys and girls teams and have seen unprecedented numbers turning out for training and matches. As well as great performances by the Academy teams the following have all been selected to represent hockey during the season: Jess Freeland (S5) made her Scotland debut and has now picked up 5 caps. Jess was joined by Grace Wilkinson (S5) Alex Freeland and Katie Donaldson (S4) in being selected for the regional BRAVE Academy based at Dundee, where they played against the other top talent in the country from Edinburgh and Glasgow academies. Evie Baghurst (S2), Ryan Dunbar (S2), Freddie Freeland (S1) and Archie Pope (S2) have also been successful in being selected to the North District U14 teams where they will play nationally against the other districts and we are delighted to see all of their hard work and dedication being rewarded. *Allen Shaw (Hockey Coach)*

Parent Survey

The Parent Survey closed on Wednesday of this week – thank you to all those of you who responded. We are currently analysing the results, and will share these with you next week.

Rowing Success

Congratulations to S6 pupil Maisie Aspinall, who in the Munich International Regatta, won both her events in coxless fours (4-). GB won 5 medals with Maisie and Zoe, a clubmate from ASRA, winning three of them. Maisie is off to the European Championships in Italy next weekend to row a pair (2-) with Zoe. Good luck!

Keep The Heid and Read

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week and to mark it, the Scottish Library and Information Council launched an initiative, "Keep the Heid and Read", to inspire everyone to read every day to boost their mental health and wellbeing. We have a very good reading culture in school, but to mark the occasion, S1 and S2 classes in English were given a period to read and to reflect on the impact reading has on their wellbeing.

