

Cults Academy Weekly Update



Thursday 22 September 2022

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Sponsored Walk

Today (Thursday), we held our first whole school Sponsored Walk since 2019. The aim was to raise funds to help support school activities throughout the school year. The walk took us along the Deeside Way to Duthie Park and back again. The rain turned out to be heavier than most forecasts, but our pupils and staff showed great team spirit and good humour and enjoyed the day, albeit with some groans about sore feet by the end of it. Thank you to everyone who supported the Sponsored Walk.



School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan and Standards & Quality Report have now been published (as one document) - available on the school website: <https://cults-academy.aberdeen.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Cults-Academy-SQUIP-2022-2023.pdf>



Aberdeen Art Gallery Workshop

A group of our senior pupils were lucky enough to get the opportunity to visit Aberdeen Art Gallery and work with artist David Blyth. David is the course leader of Contemporary Arts Practice at Grays School of Art so it was a great chance for our pupils to ask him questions! They got to see some of his work and take part in some practical workshops which they thoroughly enjoyed. A huge thank you to David and the AAG staff!



S1 Information Evening

An information evening was held for parents of S1 pupils on Tuesday 13 September. This gave the chance to talk about the curriculum, about our approaches to digital learning, and about learning and teaching approaches in general. We also had a team of Prefects and Captains on hand to give parents and carers a tour of the school. If you were unable to attend, the presentation is available on the school website: <https://cults-academy.aberdeen.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/S1-Curriculum-Evening-2022.pdf>

Young Enterprise

Following a two year break due to Covid, we are delighted to be running the Young Enterprise Company Programme with S6 pupils once again. This year, we have registered 5 teams of enthusiastic young entrepreneurs to participate, all of which will have a chance to compete for the title of “Company of the Year”.



The Company Programme provides a real-life learning opportunity that introduces young people to the realities of the world of work. Pupils work in teams to set up and run their own student company, under the guidance of teachers and a business mentor. Teams make all the decisions about their business and even get to keep any profit they make!

In addition to gaining practical business experience and employability skills, participants have the opportunity to gain an SCQF Level 6 qualification, accredited in partnership with Glasgow Kelvin College.

On Tuesday evening, representatives from Cults Academy attended the Young Enterprise Grampian launch event and masterclass. This was a fantastic evening during which our young people got to find out more about the Programme and participate in a variety of workshop activities, ranging from branding to financial management. They have left the event inspired and excited to get started on their entrepreneurial journeys! We look forward to supporting them and following their progress in the months ahead.



Activities Week

Earlier this week, we sent an email to parents of S1, S2 and S3 pupils seeking views on what combination of trips and activities should be offered this year, in light of concerns over the cost of living. If you wish to respond to this, please do so by the end of the day on Tuesday 27 September. The Google Form for responding can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/TZH7sqYJ7G8eh5baA>

Skiing

On Wednesday 21st, 4 pupils attended the SSSA Autumn Dual Slalom Series held at Aberdeen Snowsports Centre. With the sun shining, the team had a fun afternoon on the slopes, for some their first experience of ski racing. The team were delighted to come away with a bronze medal in the Open category. The Scottish Schools Snowsports Association run a range of freestyle and race events throughout the year. Please feel free to have a look at their website and if any young person is interested in taking part in an event, they should contact Miss Bowie in the PE department.



French Play

On Wednesday 21 September, we welcomed a theatre company called The Flying Theatre come to school to perform a play in French to the whole S1. This was hugely enjoyed by our S1 pupils, and our thanks go to the Cults Academy PTA, who supported the event financially.



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