

# Cults Academy Weekly Update



# Thursday 28th March 2024

## **Enhanced Provision - A Squeezy Good Time**

Mrs Cowan's Music Group has relished learning about Scottish Music and enjoyed a visit from Mr Cowling who brought along his accordion. The pupils learned about the keys, buttons and bellows and even had a shot of the hefty 12kg Italian made instrument. The pupils played, sang and danced along to top Scottish music hits such as "Skye Boat Song", "Auld Lang Syne" and "Donald Far's Yer Troosers?". Thanks go to Mrs Cowan for creating so much enthusiasm for the topic and well done to the young people who will surely be ready to grace the stage at the White Heather Club or the Auld Meal Mill before too long!









# **Iceland Study Tour Opportunity**

The Geography department is looking to run a study tour of Iceland where pupils will have the opportunity



to see sights such as the Blue Lagoon, Gullfoss Waterfall, plate tectonics at Thingvellir National Park and Geysers! Priority will be given to pupils who are current or previous Higher/Advanced Higher Geography pupils. Spaces may be extended to S4 National pupils on a first come first serve basis. A meeting will be held on Tuesday the 16th of April at 1pm in 3.18 for pupils to find out more!







### Success for our future engineers

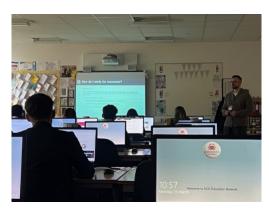
Pictured receiving their awards from representatives of Balfour Beattie the Association for Black and



Minority Ethnic Engineers (AFBE) are senior pupils Aasiyah and Saanvi. Having taken the opportunity to participate in a virtual work experience programme with AFBE, our students took part in online sessions with engineers which included Zoom sessions on a Saturday morning and set construction research challenges for pupils to complete between September – December.

The two learners from Cults Academy successfully completed the full programme, earning a gold Industrial Cadet certificate, and were two of only eight pupils in Scotland to achieve the award at gold level.

### **Higher Economics**



In the last week, we've been very lucky to welcome Iain Duff from the Bank of England, and Ben Cooper and Callum Fox from the Fraser of Allander Institute at Strathclyde University.

lain delivered a fantastic session on monetary policy where he covered his role within the Bank as well as the impact of monetary policy on the UK economy. This paired really well with the policy

theory from the Higher course and helped support pupils through the linked exam style questions.

Ben and Callum delivered a bespoke revision masterclass this morning, covering complex economic concepts as well as providing practical advice on how best to prepare for the Higher Economics exam.

Both sessions were incredibly beneficial to the Higher pupils and the feedback has suggested that their confidence about their exam has increased following the sessions.









### **SQA Examinations**

This week all S4-S6 pupils received their personal SQA examination timetable. To allow for local circumstances (buses, lunchtimes etc) schools are permitted to make minor adjustments to the SQA published timings. It is important that all pupils refer to their own timetable issued by the school and not the SQA national timetable.

### **PTA Quiz Night**

Our PTA is running a quiz night fundraiser. Please see the details for the event on the poster below. We hope that you will consider attending and supporting the PTA. Please email <a href="CultsAcademyPTA@outlook.com">CultsAcademyPTA@outlook.com</a> to book a ticket.



