

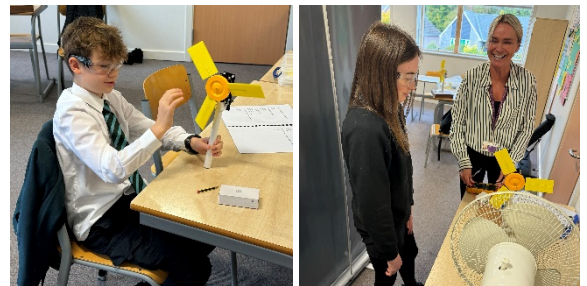
The banner features a photograph of a modern school building on the left. On the right, there is a large white semi-circle containing the text 'Cults Academy Weekly Update'. To the far right is a portion of the school crest, which includes a green tree, blue waves, a red arrow, and an open book.

Cults Academy Weekly Update

Friday 11th October 2024

S2 Energy Challenge

This week, all S2 pupils have been involved in the S2 Energy Challenge, run by Shell and NESCOL. Pupils initially competed against their own classmates with an electronics problem-solving activity, then two of the best performing pupils from each class competed against each other in a further activity to determine which two pupils would be put forward to represent the school in the final. Congratulations to Jack Sandilands and Taha Mallick who created the most efficient wind turbines and will compete against other schools in the city at the final in May.



Golf Success

Well done to all of the Cults Academy pupils who took part in the Dunhill Schools Golf Championship at the Fairmont, Kittocks course in St Andrews, held on Sunday 30th September. Seven Cults Academy pupils made up the field of 100 golfers. Well done to all of the participants: Arran M, Michael M, Michael Z, Jay P, Fergus I and Euan Y. There were some great results from the pupils, including Euan Y who shot an impressive 82 (net 68) to come 2nd in the S1-S3 Boys section. Congratulations also to Fergus I who won the handicap event shooting 92 (net 62).

Tennis Success

Two Cults Academy pupils, Caelan McK and Jessica C, recently represented Scotland at U14 level in the 4 Nations event that took place in Dublin. Both players competed well, winning several matches against some of the best players in the UK. Well done to both.



U16 SRU Schools Challenger Series

Cults Academy U16 Boys Rugby team travelled to Huntly RFC to take part in the SRU Schools Challenger series tournament against The Gordon Schools, Huntly and Westhill Academy. The boys beat TGS 29-22 and Westhill 28-0 but more importantly, were excellent ambassadors for the school demonstrating great sportsmanship and a superb attitude throughout the day. If your child wishes to participate in rugby, both boys and girls



train on a Tuesday night after school. See Mr Mine or Mr Netherway for more information.

Hockey Success

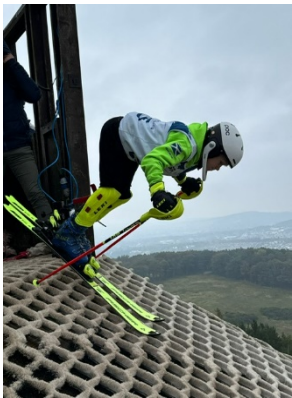
Congratulations to Ruby Hudson and Sophie Davies Macleod who have both been selected to participate in the Scottish Hockey BRAVE Academy, the talent pathway between District and International level. We look forward to hearing about your experience.

S5/S6 Parents' Evening

A reminder to all parents/carers that our S5/S6 Parents' Evening will take place in Cults Academy on Tuesday 29th October.

Please book interview slots using the Parent Booking System: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/cults>.

Parents/carers can book appointments from Monday 21st October at 9am until Monday 28th October 1pm.



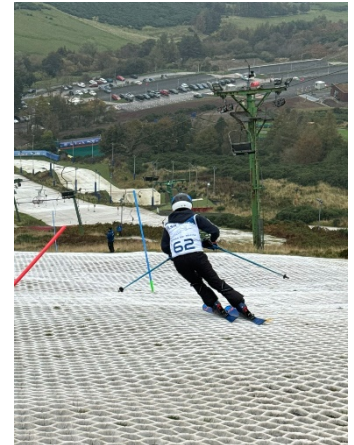
Oliver R

Skiing Successes

Well done to Oliver R and Ava S who both competed in ski events last weekend.

On Saturday, both took part in the GSR Bairns Race in Glasgow. Oliver won his individual race with Ava taking 3rd place in her race.

Oliver also finished 4th in the team event, narrowly missing a podium position.



Ava S

On Sunday, both pupils took part in the Craig Macfie Classic race organised by LSR at Hillend, Edinburgh. Here, Oliver and Ava both finished 3rd in their races.

Fantastic achievements for both pupils – congratulations!

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)

SAAS is running events throughout the session to support students who will be starting College or University in 2025/26. SAAS is hosting Funding Talks which are designed specifically for the parents & carers of prospective higher education students. The sessions will be running from Tuesday, 15th October until 31st October. Please book your free ticket [here](#).

These sessions will:

- explain the funding available from SAAS to the parents/carers of those planning to undertake higher education courses (HNC/HND/Degree courses)
- highlight the information we require regarding household income details required from parents and carers
- provide information on the repayment of student loans
- provide direct access to a funding awareness advisor who can assist with specific or general queries you may have regarding SAAS



PTA Update

The PTA met for the first time earlier this term where Chair was handed over from Emma Gillibrand to Cynthia McDonald. We would like to extend our thanks to Emma for her hard work and dedication as Chair as well as her continuing support to Cynthia during this handover period. Our thanks too to Cynthia for stepping up to continue the fantastic contribution parents make to our school community through the PTA. The PTA organises fundraising activities to support extra-curricular activities for all pupils at Cults Academy.

The Christmas raffle is the next fundraising activity and is reliant on generous donations of gifts. If you are aware of any companies who would be willing to make donations to this, please share details with the PTA to follow up on: cultsacademypta@outlook.com

The next meeting of the PTA is scheduled for Wednesday, 30th October 1900-2000 at Cults Academy. All are welcome and it would be lovely to see new faces.

Energy Trilemma

This week almost 100 S3 and S4 Engineering Science students were challenged to consider solutions to the Energy Trilemma. Working alongside industry colleagues from Nexos, OEUK, SLB and Technip, the young people learnt about how the industry is responding to the latest energy challenges, the range of job opportunities and the skills required to find solutions to new problems.








Following a key note speech from OEUK's decommissioning manager, the budding engineers rotated through a range of activities, finishing off their day by hearing about Aberdeen's developing Energy Transition Zone.

We would like to thank all our partners, including DYW North East and Energy Insider, who made the day so successful. If you, or someone in your organisation, would like to participate in future events, **we would love to hear from you!**



Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



S3-4 Girls Hockey		04/10/24	v AGS	Win
Senior Netball		06/10/24	v RGC	Win
Senior Football		07/10/24	v Dyce	Win
S1 Football		10/10/24	v Inverurie Academy	Win
Senior Girls Football		10/10/24	v Inverurie Academy	Win

National Geography Farm Stop Visit

Some of the S4 National Geography pupils had the opportunity to visit Farm Stop in Portlethen. We developed our knowledge and understanding of the diversifying rural landscape in developed countries, a key component in Human Geography. We were able to ask some questions and interact with the animals - feeding pigs, alpacas and most exciting of all brushing some guinea pigs. The pupils also enjoyed interacting with the goats and having chickens on their heads. A very therapeutic experience!





Cults Academy School Show

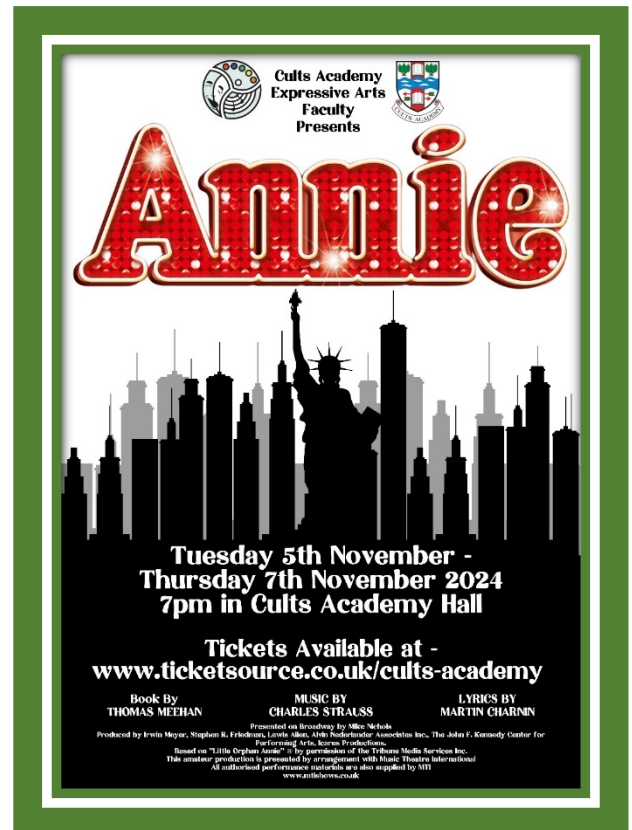
This year Cults Academy Expressive Arts Faculty is proud to present 'Annie' the musical.

The show will be running from Tuesday 5th November - Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7pm in Cults Academy School Hall.

Tickets will be available soon at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cults-academy

We look forward to seeing you there!



End of Term

The staff at Cults Academy wish all pupils, parents/carers and wider members of our school community a fantastic October break.