



Cults Academy Weekly Update

Thursday 2nd July 2026

Summer Sports Event

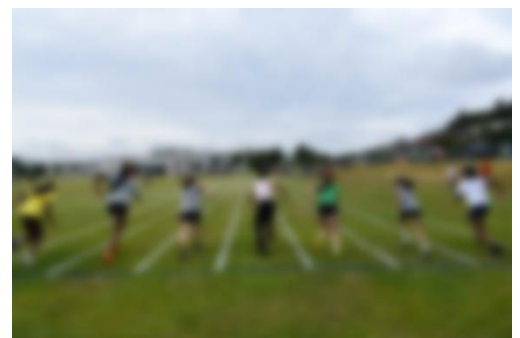
Our annual Summer Sports Event took place yesterday and was a huge success, bringing together pupils, staff and the wider school community for a fantastic day of competition, participation and fun.

Throughout the day, pupils competed for valuable House points in a range of track and field events. The atmosphere around the track was outstanding, with House teams cheering on competitors and showing great sportsmanship from start to finish.

Away from the athletics events, pupils had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities, including the football cage, climbing wall, volleyball, crazy golf, tug o' war, Cults Tough Mudder, rowing challenges, basketball, parkour, dance mats and Sponge the Teacher. These attractions helped create a fun festival atmosphere enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

A huge thank you must go to our PE Department and every member of staff who played a role in planning and delivering the event. Their hard work ensured the day ran smoothly and provided an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Congratulations to all of our competitors who contributed points to their House throughout the day. We would also like to recognise all of our event winners, Sports Champions and the Houses who were successful in this year's competition. The effort and determination shown by our pupils were outstanding and reflected the very best of our school community.



Finally, this event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and partners. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the day such a success, including our Parent Council, local clubs, activity providers, food vendors and volunteers who helped create an amazing event for our pupils.



Cults Academy Athletics Champions 2026

S1 Girls

1st	Sadie N	43 points
2nd	Lois R	42 points
3rd	Olivia S	30 points

S1 Boys

1st	Johnston F	87 points
2nd	Cory VLC	34 points
3rd	Julian KM	30 points

S2 Girls

1st	Ava H	58 points
2nd	Dee A	44 points
3rd	Jasmine N	39 points

S2 Boys

1st	Euan Y	54 points
2nd	Alexander O	51 points
3rd	Griff A	35 points



Cults Academy Athletics Champions 2026

S3 Girls

1st	Abbie Craib	73 points
2nd	Sophie DM	72 points
3rd	Pippa Roberts	55 points

S3 Boys

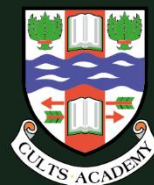
1st	Luke S	72 points
2nd	Jack S	47 points
3rd	Ikeji O	44 points

Senior Girls

1st	Lani M	80 points
2nd	Maggie G	59 points
3rd	Ruby H	56 points

Senior Boys

1st	Ewan A	90 points
2nd	Gavin P	73 points
3rd	Tom G	64 points



Summer Sports Event 2026

Overall Results

Junior Interhouse Cup

1st	Friarsfield	1020 points
2nd	Hillview	920 points
3rd	Blairs	660 points
4th =	Murtle	640 points
4th =	Ronan	640 points
6th =	Devenick	620 points
7th	Cairn	580 points

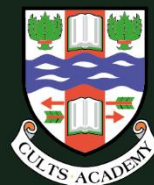
Senior Interhouse Cup

1st	Blairs	780 points
2nd	Friarsfield	760 points
3rd	Cairn	500 points
4th =	Devenick	480 points
4th =	Ronan	480 points
6th	Hillview	460 points
7th	Murtle	340 points

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Summer Sports Event 2026 Overall Results

Athletics Cup		
1st	Friarsfield	779 points
2nd	Devenick	696 points
3rd	Blairs	632 points
4th	Hillview	565 points
5th	Cairn	557 points
6th	Murtle	423 points
7th	Ronan	366 points

Interhouse Champions		
1st	Friarsfield	3080 points
2nd	Blairs	2320 points
3rd	Ronan	2300 points
4th =	Hillview	2260 points
4th =	Cairn	2260 points
6th	Devenick	1940 points
7th	Murtle	1500 points



Cults Golf Championship 2026

The 2026 Cults Golf Championships were held at Deeside Golf Club on Monday 22 June, with 18 golfers competing for a range of prestigious trophies and prizes.

Despite a brief rain shower, conditions remained favourable throughout the day, allowing for an excellent standard of golf. The players represented the school impeccably, earning praise from club members for both their conduct and sportsmanship. A high standard of golf was on display from the outset, with competitors overcoming the challenge of the demanding opening holes as early nerves settled. Strong scoring and impressive shot-making continued throughout the round, making for an exciting and closely contested championship.

Following the competition, players enjoyed a well-earned meal together, reflecting on the day's highlights, memorable shots and the challenges presented by the course. Among the standout performances was Aaron Milne, who produced an outstanding score of 41 Stableford points. Daniel Davison successfully defended his scratch title, winning the championship for the second consecutive year and adding another accolade to his growing collection of golfing honours.

Congratulations to all of this year's prize winners:

- **Scratch Champion:** Daniel Davison
- **Stableford Champion:** Aaron Milne
- **Longest Drive:** Daniel Davison
- **Closest to the Pin:** Daniel Davison

Well done to all who took part and contributed to another successful Cults Golf Championship.

Fundraising Achievement

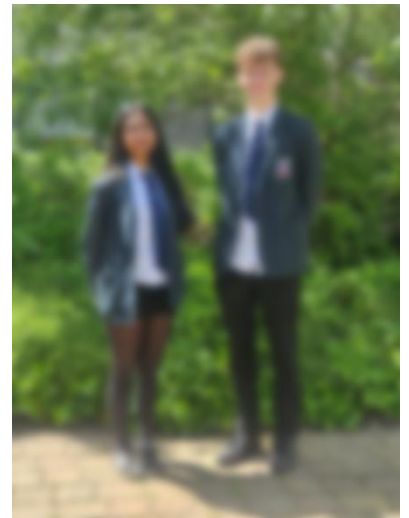


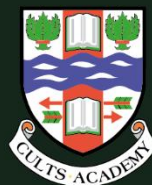
Well done to Jamie F (New S3), who has taken on the challenge of running 5km every day for 31 days in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. At the time of writing, Jamie has completed 18 consecutive days and has raised over £700 towards his £1,000 target. As Jamie will complete the challenge during the summer holidays, we wanted to recognise his achievement before the end of term. We wish him all the best as he completes the final part of his fundraising challenge. Well done Jamie.



Appointment of School and House Captain Teams

Congratulations to all students who applied for School and House Captain positions this year. The selection process was highly competitive, with an exceptionally strong field of applicants, making decisions incredibly difficult. We would like to commend every student who put themselves forward and thank them for their enthusiasm, commitment and leadership shown throughout the process. Congratulations to those who have been selected—we look forward to seeing the positive impact you will have in your roles next session. Well done to everyone involved





Hannah L and Tom G
School Captains 2026-27



CULTS ACADEMY

SENIOR PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM



School Captain
HANNAH LOUIS



School Captain
TOM GREEN

**BLAIRS HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
ELLIOT BELL &
OLIVER BROWN

**CAIRN HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
NIAMH SHAND &
ASTON RODRIGUEZ

**DEVENICK HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
NIKA SHARIFI &
HARRIS PARKE

**FRIARSFIELD HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
ARIA CAMERON &
RODDY RITCHIE

**HILLVIEW HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
MIA BIRNIE &
ZOE DAVIDSON

**MURTLÉ HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
SOFIA RIVARA &
FINLAY GREIG

**RONAN HOUSE
CAPTAINS**
PHEOBE SMALL &
CALLUM RAMSEYER

**BLAIRS VICE
HOUSE CAPTAINS**
DALE BRUSATORI &
ISABELLE ROBERTSON

**CAIRN VICE
HOUSE CAPTAINS**
CLAIRE RODRIGUEZ &
XINDI WANG

**DEVENICK VICE
HOUSE CAPTAINS**
ISOBEL PURDON &
ISLA BRADY

**FRIARSFIELD VICE
HOUSE CAPTAINS**
ISLA NICOL &
AMINA KADIRI

**HILLVIEW VICE
HOUSE CAPTAINS**
JOELY ROBERTS &
JOEL MANTE

**MURTLÉ VICE
HOUSE CAPTAINS**
LEAH WHYTE &
SOPHIA DUNN

**RONAN VICE
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AVA DUNCAN &
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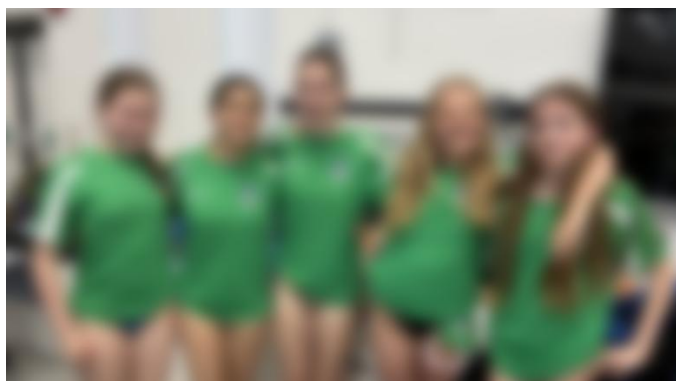
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Swimming Success

Scottish Schools Swimming Team Challenge 2026

Twenty Cults pupils recently competed in the Scottish Schools Relays Competition 2026 at Aberdeen Aquatics Centre. It was a hectic event with over 400 pupils from 50 different schools competing against each other. Our swimmers performed excellently securing 5 sets of medals. A standout performance came from the S1/2 Boys team, who claimed gold in both the Medley and Freestyle events, earning the title of National Champions. Further congratulations to Nathan C, Glen W, and Lewis H for receiving regional team medals as well, competing as part of the Aberdeen City teams in their respective age groups.



Medley Relay — 7th

Sadie N, Lorelai J, Ava H, Caitlin E

Freestyle Relay — 5th

Ava H, Caitlin E, Hansika G, Lorelai J

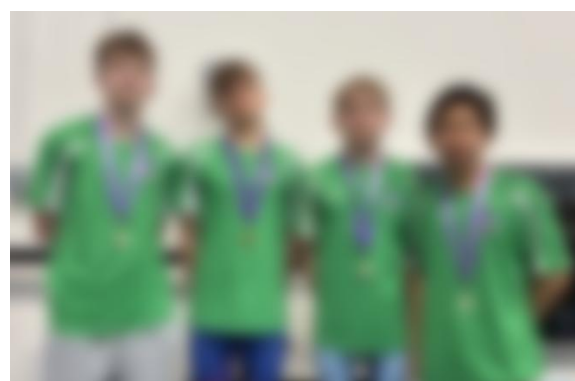


S3-4 Girls

Medley Relay — 4th

Freestyle Relay — 7th

Pranavi R, Abbie C, Lani M, Eve P

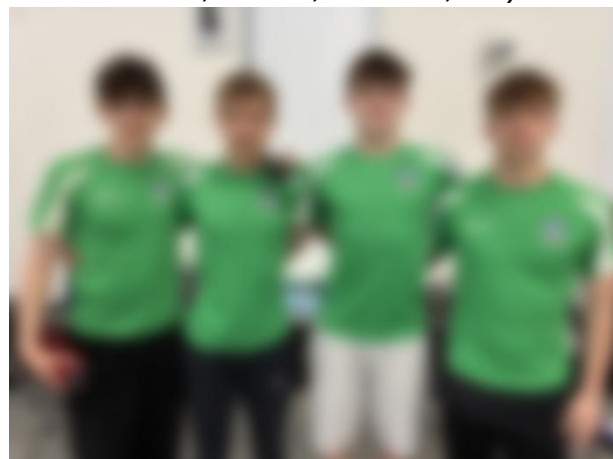


S1-S2 Boys

Medley Relay — 1st

Freestyle Relay — 1st

Nathan C, Glen W, Marcus L, Cory V

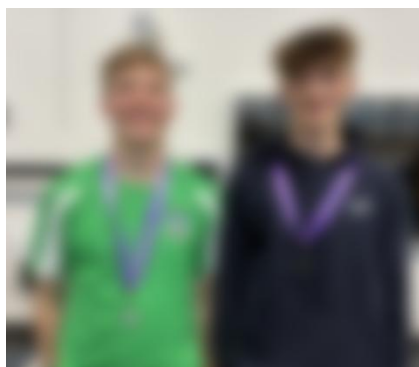


S3-4 Boys

Medley Relay — 3rd

Freestyle Relay — 3rd

Ethan C, Cameron J, Michael G, Tim V



Open Boys

Medley Relay — 4th

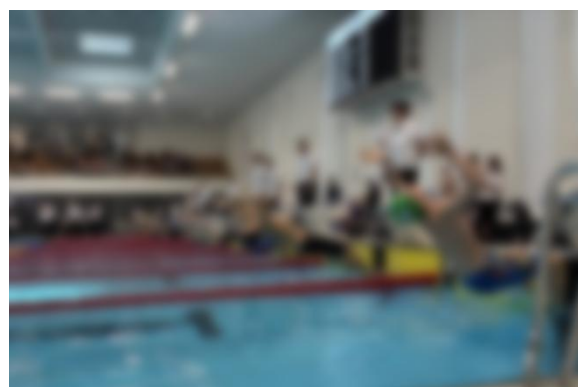
Josh N, Robbie C, Ethan C, Lewis H

Freestyle Relay — 3rd

Josh N, Robbie C, Lewis H, Tim V

Scottish Schools Swimming Finals 2026

Following the success of the team championships, 12 swimmers competed in individual finals at Aberdeen Aquatics Centre on Friday 5th June; Nathan C, Blair D, Glen W, Sadie N, Abbie C, Ethan C, Lani M, Michael G, Tim V, Cameron J, George H and Josh N. Together they managed to achieve 10 top 10 finishes and several long course personal bests. There were swimmers from over 200 schools across Scotland present so well done to all who qualified. Further congratulations to our medallists Abbie C, Lani M and Lewis H.



Swimmer	Age	Event	Result
Nathan C.	13–14	100 Freestyle	8th
Abbie C.	15–16	200 IM 100 Backstroke	2nd 3rd
Lani M.	15–16	100 Breaststroke 200 Breaststroke	3rd 3rd
Ethan C.	15–16	400 Freestyle	4th
Tim V.	15–16	100 Backstroke	8th
Josh N.	17–19	200 IM	6th
Lewis H.	17–19	100 Freestyle 200 Freestyle	1st 4th

In other swimming news, Ethan C competed in the East District Open Water Championships on 31st May at Loch Ore where he won a silver medal in the 1 km event. Ethan has been a member of the Scottish Youth squad this year which is an incredible achievement and we wish him luck with the rest of the open water season.



Staffing Updates

As we reach the end of another school year, we would like to thank and wish all the best to the staff who are leaving Cults Academy:

- Jordan Lynch (PE Assistant/Lifeguard)
- Mr Urquhart (Art and Design)
- Mr McCann (History/Modern Studies)
- Miss Ritchie (Business)
- Mr Wilson (Design and Technology)
- Mrs Munro (English)
- Ms Gilmour (Home Economics)

Good luck to Miss Davidson Clark who will be on maternity once we return.

We would also like to recognise two teachers who are retiring – Graham Milner and Lorna Gaston.

Graham Milner retires after seven years at Cults Academy. Since joining the Support for Learning faculty in 2018, Graham has had a significant impact on many young people through his passion for outdoor learning and his ability to engage pupils in creative and meaningful ways. From woodland activities to outdoor projects, Graham's enthusiasm, patience and commitment have helped many pupils develop new skills and confidence. We thank Graham for everything he has contributed to Cults Academy and wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Lorna Gaston retires after 12 years at Cults Academy as a Teacher of Support for Learning. During her time with us, Lorna has supported countless young people with additional support needs, helping them to overcome barriers and achieve success. She has been a calm, caring and knowledgeable presence within the Support for Learning faculty and across the school. Always willing to offer advice, support colleagues and do whatever was needed to benefit learners, Lorna has made a significant contribution to our school community. We thank her for everything she has done for our pupils and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.



Netball

Cults Junior and Senior Netball teams have enjoyed a highly successful season, with both teams winning their respective shield competitions within the Aberdeen Secondary Schools Netball Association leagues.

Throughout the season, all players demonstrated tremendous commitment, dedication and hard work, resulting in some outstanding performances. Congratulations to everyone who took part and contributed to this fantastic achievement.

Netball at Cults is looking very positive for next season, with the school aiming to field two senior teams, two junior teams and an S1 team following the summer break. The future of netball at Cults is certainly bright.

Languages Success

The Modern Languages Department is celebrating outstanding success in the prestigious Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators, organised by The Queen's College, University of Oxford. With over 25,000 students participating and more than 5,400 entries judged in 2026, our students achieved remarkable national recognition. Timothé G secured a fantastic double win in Level 4 Spanish and French, earning First Place for Scotland. Maya G received a High Commendation in Spanish Level 2, while Alana S-K was awarded a Commendation in German Level 1. Congratulations also to the other participants from the school, James B, Eilidh S, Sara S, Siya A and Thia C for their dedication and hard work throughout the competition.

These achievements are a sign of the students' talent, commitment and enthusiasm for languages. Well done to everyone involved! Additionally, a huge thanks to Mrs Torres-Molina for organising, supporting and encouraging the young people who took part.

End of Term

From all the staff at Cults Academy, we wish our families and wider school community a fantastic summer break. We look forward to seeing all our learners in August, refreshed, and prepared for a new school session!