

Cults Academy Weekly Update

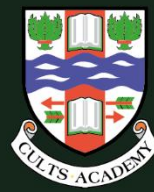


Friday 4th July 2025

Summer Sports Event

Our annual Summer Sports Event took place yesterday and was a HUGE success. From our Athletics finals to sponge the teacher, the event had something for everyone to enjoy. A huge thank you to our PE department and every member of staff who played a role in organising the day. Congratulations to all of our competitors who achieved points for their house. And well done to all of the event winners, Sports Champions and our successful houses. We are looking forward to next year already. Finally, this event would not be possible without our sponsors. Thank you to everyone who contributed! All of the standings for our House and individual awards are listed at the end of the update.





Advanced Higher Modern Studies

The Advanced Higher Modern Studies class visited the Sir Duncan Rice Library on Tuesday 1st July 2025. The class were there to find books for their Advanced Higher Dissertation. They searched through the library to find appropriate books and students who participated found a book to take home with them. The pupils greatly enjoyed the visit and the chance to see the University's modern and expansive library. Many thanks to Mrs Dawson from the School Library for going with the class.





Book Group

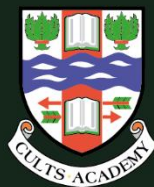
The S2-3 book group was fortunate to receive extracurricular funding to support a trip to Waterstones. This was an exciting opportunity for the pupils and after a lot of deliberation, the list was whittled down to a range of genres and titles with 42 new books winging their way to the shelves of the library. The book group pupils are looking forward to reading and reviewing these books and they will be available to borrow after summer!



St Machar Academy - I Belong We Achieve Cup Festival

A massive congratulations to our S1-3 girls who were crowned champions of the tournament! After a challenging group stage - drawing 3 out of 4 matches - the team showed incredible determination to battle through to the finals. The girls held their nerve through not one, but two penalty shoot outs with Justine pulling off some critical saves to secure their place in the final and go on to win.

Girls your hard work, resilience and teamwork have made the PE department and whole school incredibly proud. A fantastic achievement - well done girls!



Well done to all of the pupils who represented Cults Academy in sports fixtures this week.



Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



St Machar 7-a-side Football Festival - S1-3 Girls		26/06/25	Tournament	Winners
St Machar 7-a-side Football Festival - S1-2 Boys		26/06/25	Tournament	Semi-Final Loss
St Machar 7-a-side Football Festival - S3 Boys		26/06/25	Tournament	Semi-Final Loss

Staff Updates

Sadly, today we say goodbye to a number of staff across our school.

Peter Graham (Design & Technology), Beatriz Gomez-Leal (Support for Learning) and Sandra John (Maths) are leaving Cults Academy to return to their home countries of Northern Ireland, Spain and the U.S respectively. We wish all three the very best.

Jen Spoon (English) has completed her fixed term contract at Cults Academy. She has secured a position at Bridge of Don Academy, where we know she will do a fantastic job.

Ross Paterson (Acting PT Pupil Support Curriculum) is returning to Bridge of Don Academy after his secondment to Cults Academy. Thank you to Ross for his hard work and dedication to our school. His experience and expertise has been invaluable in supporting our young people.



Staff Retiring

Four valued members of our team are also retiring after long and successful teaching careers: Gillian Paterson, Elizabeth Hawthorne (both Enhanced Provision Teachers), Suzette Furneaux (PT Science) and Richard Dempster (Design & Technology).

Elizabeth and Gillian set up our Enhanced Provision in 2021 and have steered it from strength to strength ever since. Thank you to both for supporting our Enhanced Provision learners so well and providing them with the amazing experiences and opportunities that they have had. In our Enhanced Provision, you are both leaving behind a legacy that is now such a valued and integral part of our school.

Suzette Furneaux has been at Cults since 2010, joining as Faculty Head of Science. Science are our largest faculty and under Suzette's leadership they have achieved consistently superb results. Over the last fifteen years Suzette has challenged, supported and encouraged thousands of young people to achieve their potential. Her impact on our school has been huge and will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Lastly, Richard Dempster is retiring. Richard has taught Design & Technology at Cults Academy since 1989. In our community he is considered a legend, and rightly so! His teaching career has spanned 5 decades and in that time he has not lost any of his enthusiasm and love of the job. Over the 36 years he has taught at Cults Academy, Richard has consistently gone above and beyond for our young people, and staff. Within Lower Deeside there are generations within our community that will have many fond memories about the time they spent in Mr Dempster's class.

To Gillian, Elizabeth, Suzette and Richard, we wish you a long and happy retirement. You will all be greatly missed by colleagues, pupils and parents. Thank you for everything you have done for our school.



Summer Sports Event 2025

Overall Results

Athletics Cup		
1st	Friarsfield	697 points
2nd	Devenick	674 points
3rd	Blairs	668 points
4th	Cairn	574 points
5th	Hillview	461 points
6th	Murtle	393 points
7th	Ronan	241 points

Interhouse Champions		
1st	Friarsfield	2100 points
2nd	Devenick	1840 points
3rd	Cairn	1640 points
4th =	Hillview	1580 points
4th =	Murtle	1580 points
6th	Blairs	1240 points
7th	Ronan	1120 points



Summer Sports Event 2025

Overall Results

Junior Interhouse Cup		
1st	Friarsfield	580 points
2nd	Cairn	520 points
3rd	Devenick	480 points
4th	Hillview	460 points
5th =	Murtle	320 points
5th =	Blairs	320 points
7th	Ronan	260 points

Senior Interhouse Cup		
1st	Friarsfield	540 points
2nd	Murtle	460 points
3rd	Cairn	440 points
4th	Devenick	360 points
5th	Blairs	320 points
6th	Hillview	220 points
7th	Ronan	160 points



Cults Academy Athletics Champions 2025

S3 Girls

1st	Lani M	77 points
2nd	Ruby H	63 points
3rd	Freya S	40 points

S3 Boys

1st	Ched C	48 points
2nd	Jayden W	42 points
3rd	Timothe V	36 points

Senior Girls

1st	Callie M	74 points
2nd	Naeto A	38 points
3rd	Josie B	33 points

Senior Boys

1st	Ewan A	90 points
2nd	Ryan D	44 points
3rd	Max S	37 points

YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE

HEART 

OF ALL THAT WE DO



Cults Academy Athletics Champions 2025

S1 Girls

1st	Isla W	62 points
2nd	Ava H	52 points
3rd	Dee A	36 points

S1 Boys

1st	Griff A	43 points
2nd	Zayden R	35 points
3rd	Alexander O	32 points

S2 Girls

1st	Sophie DM	74 points
2nd	Abbie C	73 points
3rd	Pippa R	44 points

S2 Boys

1st	Amasai I	55 points
2nd	Angus S	51 points
3rd	Cameron J	39 points



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!