



Cults Academy Weekly Update



Friday 5th December 2025

UKMT Senior Challenge Success

Some of our senior pupils recently took part in the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge, showcasing their problem-solving skills in this prestigious national competition. Participants achieved a fantastic range of awards, including Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participation certificates. A special congratulations goes to Julia Ostiwicz and Edan Robertson, who qualified for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo follow-on challenge—an impressive achievement! Both pupils completed the challenge last week and received certificates for their performance in this additional round, highlighting their exceptional mathematical ability.





Pupil Achievements

Running

We are delighted to share that Jack M from S2 had an outstanding performance on Saturday, 29th November. Jack took part in the Banchory 5K run in the Adults category and finished an incredible 4th overall – a remarkable achievement for such a young athlete competing against adults!

Photo credit: Dave Cowe, Banchory.



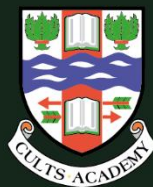
P7-S1 Transition Event

On Friday, 5th December we hosted our second ASG transition event of the session, the first within Cults Academy. We welcomed over 200 P7 pupils from Culter, Cults and Milltimber Primaries alongside peers from Mile End, Airyhall and Lairhillock. The assembly hall was buzzing with excitement as many pupils had their first exposure to our school building and worked together on their team working, communication and creativity skills.

The pupils were supported by staff from their own schools, parent helpers and some of our superb Prefect team who modelled the very best of Cults Academy pupils for our future cohort to aspire to.

Cults Primary World of Work Week Feb 2026

Cults Primary will host its annual World of Work Week from February 16th to 20th 2026. We warmly invite our alumni - anyone who has attended Cults Primary over the years - to inspire our current learners by sharing their experiences and achievements. Hearing from former pupils can greatly benefit our learners by illustrating the diverse paths possible after primary school. If you are interested in participating, please contact the school office at cultsschool.enquiries@ab-ed.org by Friday 23rd January 2026.



Robotics Club First Tech Challenge

The Robotics Club had a successful day at RGU preparing for the First Tech Challenge competition. They not only completed their first build iteration of the robot, but they also got the robot, D.A.V.I.D Beep Boop, moving for the first time too. The pupils showed amazing teamwork, each finding different areas to work on, building, programming and communication. The competition encourages Gracious Professionalism, think sportsmanship. The pupils exemplified this by offering support to the other teams with pointers and swapping use of components. They even found the time to create a Tik Tok video where they had members from all the teams from the North East of Scotland, including teachers and the representatives from First Tech. The next step is the North East of Scotland heats in February then who knows what would be next...

A huge well done to all the pupils involved and their continued commitment in their attendance in all the lunchtimes and after school events



Music Lessons

Some of our visiting music instructors now have availability to teach the following instruments: Cello, Double Bass, and Chanter/Bagpipes. Music lessons are operated by Aberdeen City Council's Music Service, if you'd like some more information or would like to request music lessons please visit their website here:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/music-tuition>



STEM in the Pipeline Presentation Day

In June 2025 6 students in S6, Yujin A, Isha K, Hannah R, Cameron W, Tymon S and Lewis P, were selected to take part in a project known as STEM in the Pipeline. Together as a group they had to complete a series of complex tasks before completing and submitting a very detailed report on their findings. They then delivered their findings in the form of Presentation at B.P. Head quarters in Dyce on Wednesday 3rd of December. The group worked exceptionally hard all year and the presentation represents the culmination of all their hard work. The group are competing against teams from other Schools in the North East and presented their project to allied professionals from the energy sector. It took a great deal of organisation, independence and resilience to complete the project and all 6 students were a credit to themselves and those that attended the presentation day represented Cults Academy with distinction.



This was an excellent opportunity to network with industry professionals within the oil and gas industry, and get a valuable insight into the various roles available. It was also an opportunity to talk to peers with similar career goals and discuss the project and its challenges. We then presented our findings to a pair of assessors and were scored on the level of depth and quality of our work as well as our ability to answer their questions. There was also a short workshop that focused on personal qualities and how to apply them to a working environment. This experience was highly beneficial and required a lot of hard work from all team members.

Hannah R. S6



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



Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



S2 Football		01/12/25	v Ellon Academy	Loss
S3 Football		03/12/25	v Dyce Academy	Win
S1 Football		04/12/25	v Robert Gordons	Win
Senior Volleyball		04/12/25	Tournament	Ongoing
Junior Netball		04/12/25	v Bucksburn Academy	Win
Senior Netball		04/12/25	v Bucksburn Academy	Win

Reminder - Lighthouse Project Donation



You can now donate long-life food and toiletries at the donation station next to the office every morning from 8am to 8:30am. Your tutorial teacher will have gone over the type of items that can be donated last week as well as some background information about the charity and the school's partnership. If you missed this, just ask. You have until the 16th of December to donate. Please donate what you can!



PTA Updates

Christmas Raffle

The Cults Academy Christmas Raffle is now live! There are over 30 amazing prizes available to win and tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Christmas Concert

Get in the festive mood and join us on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm in the school hall for our annual Christmas Concert. Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment including a variety of performances from talented pupils in Concert Band, Percussion Group, Ceilidh Group, Choir and many more. Tickets go on sale next week via our online box office at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cults-academy



CULTS ACADEMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

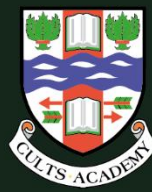


Tuesday 16th December
2025
7pm
Cults Academy Hall



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Community Events

Crafts & Culture: A Festive Fusion (Cowdray Hall) Saturday 06 December 2025, 14:00 - 16:00

Celebrate the season with a creative blend of Chinese culture and Christmas cheer. Enjoy free, drop-in craft activities suitable for all ages, from festive lantern decorations to Christmas cards with a cultural twist.

Bring your creativity and curiosity! Make festive decorations and cards inspired by Chinese art, enjoy a cup of tea or a sweet treat, and soak up the sounds of live music as you craft. Everything you make is yours to take home, perfect for brightening up your home or gifting to someone special.



Everyone is welcome, this event is free and open to all!

Festive Family Fun



EXPERIENCE ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL AT CHRISTMAS

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER
18.30-21.00
Entry free

Donations will go towards the Kirkyard Biodiversity Project and Cathedral nominated charities, Big Noise Torry and Medecins sans frontiers

Tickets on eventbrite or on the door



live music with singers Fin and Coast and clarsach player Alice |
create sustainable decorations | shop for quality presents | festive
hot drinks and nibbles | seasonal all age activities



*Family tickets are for 2 adults and up to 4 children 16 and under. No unaccompanied children

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Sports Aberdeen Christmas Celebration for Care Experienced Young People and Young Carers

We're delighted to share details of the Sports Aberdeen Christmas Celebration for young carers and care experienced children, taking place on Thursday, 18th December.

This special event is open to young people, their families, and support networks, and promises an afternoon full of festive fun!

What's on?

- A variety of activities, crafts, and food
- Exciting features like the climbing tower and a gaming station
- Every young person will receive a gift, with chances to win prizes too!

The event is designed so you can come and go as you please, creating a relaxed and enjoyable get-together with lots of benefits for everyone involved.

How to access?

You can sign up via QR code (see posters around the school) or collect a paper copy from the school office.

Let's make this a memorable celebration for our amazing young people!

