

# Cults Academy Weekly Update



Friday June 2026

## ***Grease is the Word* - School Show Announcement**

We are excited to announce that this year's school show will be *Grease*! Around 150 pupils attended the launch assembly on Wednesday, where the announcement was met with great excitement and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see such a positive response.

Already, over 120 pupils have expressed an interest in being involved, with more than 70—and counting—signing up to audition for leading roles. Auditions are set to take place next week, and we are very much looking forward to seeing our talented young people shine.

A huge thank you, as always, to our committed staff team for providing these opportunities and supporting our pupils to get involved in such a memorable experience.



## **Pupil Achievements**

### **Lifeguard Award**

Congratulations to S6 student Vani V for passing her National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Gold.

### **Basketball**

A huge well done to Isla, who has been selected for both the Scotland U14 and U15 basketball teams—an outstanding achievement!

Isla will represent Scotland at her first 4 Nations Tournament in Cardiff from 26–28 June. We are incredibly proud of her success and dedication. We look forward to hearing all about the experience when she returns and wish her the very best of luck in the tournament.



## N5 Drama Event

On Tuesday, a group of our National 5 Drama pupils took part in a full-day *'Into the Arts'* event as part of the Light the Blue Youth Festival. This exciting opportunity allowed pupils to work alongside industry professionals and learn about their technical roles.



Pupils took part in workshops led by Aberdeen Performing Arts, North East Scotland College, and The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. They explored skills such as lighting design, directing, sound design, animation and set design. Pupils particularly enjoyed learning directly from the professional actors and designers currently working in the industry, gaining valuable advice and insight into potential future pathways in the arts.

The day ended with a shared performance, where pupils watched demonstrations of the skills they had been developing. This was a brilliant way to see their hard work brought to life.

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Additional School Holiday

We would like to confirm that Aberdeen City Council Elected Members have agreed to take up the Scottish Government's option to add an additional local holiday in recognition of Scotland competing in the World Cup. As a result, Monday 15 June will be observed as a local holiday. Please note that the school will be closed to all pupils, staff and parents on this day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the next school day as normal.





# Albyn Open Cross Athletics Success

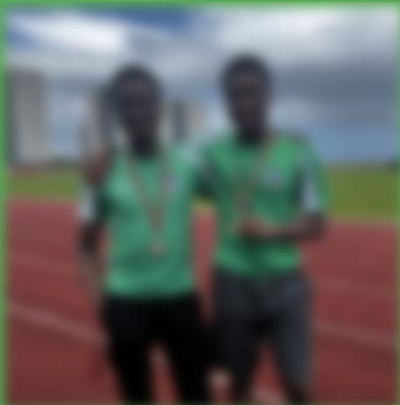


On Tuesday 27th May, 52 young people from S1–S3 travelled to Aberdeen Sports Village to compete in the Albyn School Open Track and Field Championships.

Competing against schools from across the city, pupils took part in a range of events including the 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, javelin, shot putt, long jump and mixed relay. Throughout the day, pupils represented Cults really well, showing excellent determination, resilience and team spirit both on the track and in the field events.

A total of 28 medals were won across different events and year groups. Congratulations to all pupils who finished on the podium, and well done to the entire team for their effort, encouragement and support for one another throughout the day.

Overall, Cults finished 2nd in the boys' competition, 2nd in the girls' competition and 2nd overall — finishing only behind Albyn School.



Amasai I - 1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump  
Ikeji O - 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump



Dee A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Putt



Aaron N - 1<sup>st</sup> Javelin  
Amasai I - 2<sup>nd</sup> Javelin



Alexander S  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put



Laura B  
1<sup>st</sup> Shot Putt & 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Jump



Isla W  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shot Putt



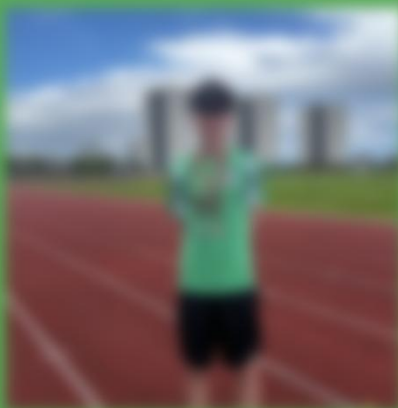
Robyn O - 1<sup>st</sup> Javelin  
Violet B - 2<sup>nd</sup> Javelin



Chimaobim O  
3<sup>rd</sup> 100m



Ikeji O  
3<sup>rd</sup> 100m



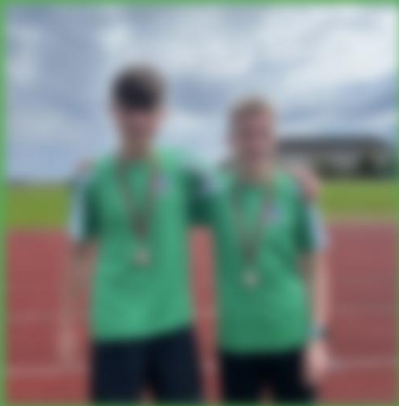
Euan Y  
2<sup>nd</sup> 200m & 3<sup>rd</sup> Javelin



Abbie C 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m  
Sophie DM 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m



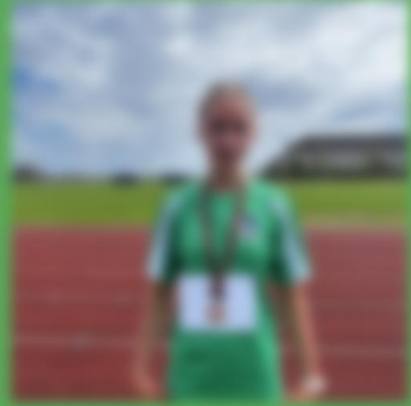
Luke S  
2<sup>nd</sup> 200m



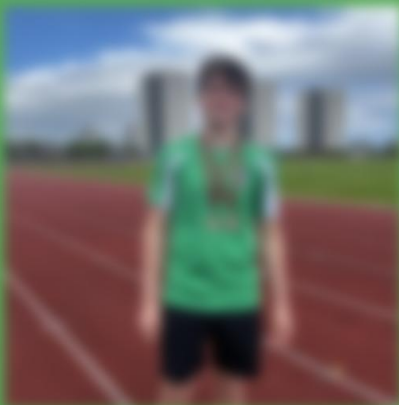
**Griff A 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m**  
**Alex Forbes 3<sup>rd</sup> 800m**



**Luca R 1<sup>st</sup> 800m**  
**Jamie R 3<sup>rd</sup> 800m**



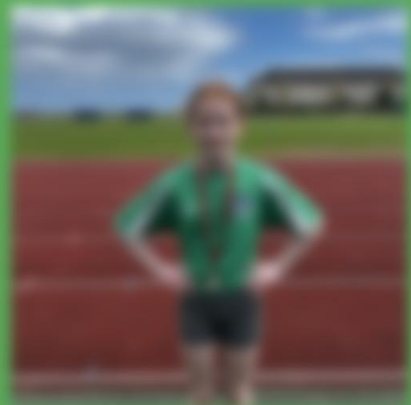
**Pippa R**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 800m**



**Jamie R**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 800m & 3<sup>rd</sup> 1500m**



**Julian KM**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 1500m**



**Isla B**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m**



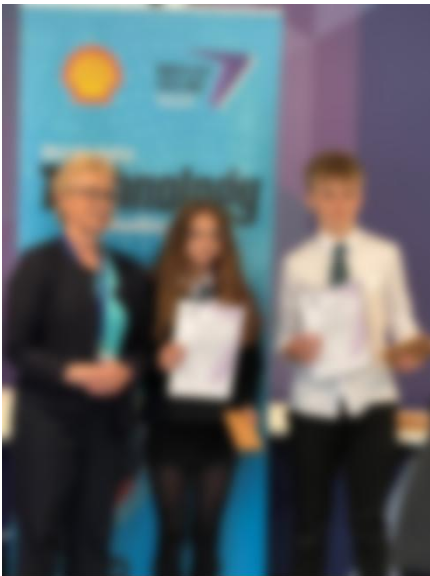
Well done to all of the pupils who represented Cults Academy in sports fixtures recently.



## Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



Aberdeen City Schools Golf League		21/05/26	v Robert Gordon's College	Draw
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### S2 Schools Technology Challenge

Well done to new S3 pupils Amy and Oliver for completing the S2 Technology Challenge final

at NESCOL yesterday. Amy and Oliver represented the school tremendously well, undertaking a variety of challenges covering pneumatics, robotics, communication, construction, mechanics and virtual reality with great skill and teamwork. We hope to start running the heats of the competition for the new S2 pupils in September.



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## Post-School Careers Support Service

Skills Development Scotland public access centre, 381 Union Street, Aberdeen.

My name is Holly and I am a qualified Careers Practitioner. I work for Skills Development Scotland- Scotland's National Career Service. As a Careers Adviser, I offer a dedicated post-school support service to help young people successfully transition to further or higher education, volunteering, apprenticeships, training or employment.

Support provided is entirely impartial, evidence based and will enable the young person to make confident decisions regarding their future.

### What I Can Offer:

- 1:1 professionally tailored career guidance
- Support in person or via video call/telephone
- Referral and guidance to access support from partner agencies
- Support with college, university and training applications
- Help to search for and apply for apprenticeships and jobs
- CV building and interview preparation
- Ongoing contact until a positive destination is secured

### Who This Is For:

- School leavers (S4-S6)
- Young people who have left an opportunity or changed their mind
- Young people who are unemployed or unsure of their next step
- Those needing extra support to move into a positive destination

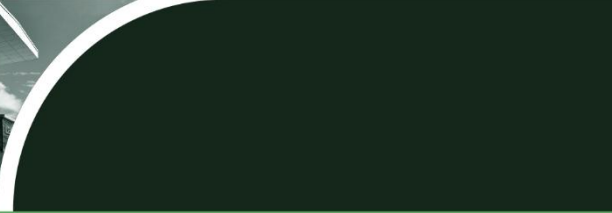
### Why It Matters:

This service ensures no young person is left without support after leaving school. It provides reassurance for young people and their parents/carers that continued guidance is available during this important transition period and beyond. Support is available up to age 20, and up to age 26 for individuals with care experience.

### Get in Touch:

**[holly.mackay@sds.co.uk](mailto:holly.mackay@sds.co.uk) / +44 1467 454831**

Young people can self-refer at any stage. Support is available from any stage after leaving school. If you are a parent/carer and wish to discuss support for your young person, please contact the email or telephone number provided.



Police Scotland have asked all schools to send the message below to parents/carers.

## Message from Police Scotland: E-scooters, dirt or scrambler bikes

If used on a road or public place, they're legally treated like cars.

- Do you have a licence?
- Is it registered to you?
- Is it insured to you?

... If not, it's illegal – Police have powers to seize the bike (any age of rider) and charge the rider (aged 12+) with crimes.

If seized, the bike will be recovered to a garage and will not be released until proof of ownership and appropriate documentation is presented, and storage costs paid.

Exemption: if ridden on private land with landowners' permission or rented (in designated trial areas – driving licence required).

**\*\*\* No exemptions for speed or power \*\*\***

Young people can receive penalty points on a 'ghost licence', which are added to any provisional driving licence they might later apply for.

Parents could face a fine and points on their licence if their children ride them illegally – £300 + 6 penalty points out of court (Fixed Penalty), or 6 to 8 penalty points + unlimited fine at court.

It's parents/carers responsibility to know this – a simple search online gives the same info.

- [E-scooter warning to parents of fines and penalty points - BBC News](#)
- [Police Scotland provides advice on e-bikes and e-scooters ahead of Christmas - Police Scotland](#)
- [Riding an electric bike: the rules - GOV.UK](#)



## ***Beyond English: Investigating Multilingualism in North-East Scottish Schools - University of Aberdeen***

Researchers from the University of Aberdeen are trying to learn more about how schools support multilingual children in the North-East. The aim of this research is to investigate the experiences of families in the North-East of Scotland who use more than one language at home, and to explore how schools and communities support children growing up with multiple languages. The results of this research will help build a clearer picture of language diversity in the region and inform practical recommendations for schools, policymakers, and community organisations.

Several young people from Cults Academy have already participated in a Focus Group to support this research.

**We would like to ask parents and carers to complete a survey about the languages they use and how these are supported at home and in school.**

The survey should only take around ten minutes to complete, and all responses are treated confidentially. Go to the link or use the QR code to access the survey - <https://tinyurl.com/abdnlangsurvey>

**Do you have children who can speak more than one language?**

Please complete our survey to help us support multilingualism in North-East schools.



[tinyurl.com/abdnlangsurvey](https://tinyurl.com/abdnlangsurvey)





## Summer Sports Event – Wednesday 1st July 2026

We're gearing up for one of the most exciting days in the school calendar—our Summer Sports Event, taking place on Wednesday 1st July.

In the leadup to the day, S1–S3 pupils will take part in athletics heats in the hope of representing their House in the finals. Senior pupils will again have the opportunity to sign up after study leave.

This year's programme offers something for everyone, including the athletics finals, the always lively Interhouse Tug o' War, and the return of the Cults Tough Mudder. A range of drop-in activities will also run throughout the day to suit all levels of interest and ability.

Top performers will be recognised with medals and trophies, and the day will conclude with the much-anticipated announcement of the Interhouse Cup champions.

To help deliver this large-scale event, we welcome support from local businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring part of the day. Sponsors will be acknowledged in our event programme, weekly updates, and school assemblies. Please contact the school office at [cultsacademy.enquiries@ab-ed.org](mailto:cultsacademy.enquiries@ab-ed.org) or 01224 868801.

We would also love to hear from community groups who may wish to run taster activities or get involved in any way. If this sounds like an opportunity for you or your organisation, please contact the school office.

