

Cults Academy Weekly Update



Friday 30th January 2026

Etihad Stadium Trip

On Saturday 24th January, a group of S1–S4 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to travel to the Etihad Stadium to watch Manchester City vs Wolves in the Premier League. It was an unforgettable experience, and the pupils represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.

A huge thank you to PE5 Sports Tours for providing this excellent opportunity for our young people.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mr Slavin for organising the trip, as well as Mr Milne, Mr Leith, Miss Strachan, and Mr Higgins who accompanied the pupils and helped make the visit possible.





Shelf-Help: P7 Pupils Explore Mental Health Books During Visit to School Library

Primary 7 pupils from Cults Primary enjoyed an inspiring visit to Cults Academy Library this week, where they were introduced to a special collection of “shelf-help” books designed to support young people’s wellbeing. The visit supports their transition to the academy providing the P7s with a relaxed session with Mrs Dawson exploring books that focus on mental health, resilience, confidence, and understanding emotions. The collection included fiction and non-fiction titles that help readers recognise feelings, cope with challenges, and learn positive strategies for everyday life. Many said they enjoyed discovering books that felt “useful”, “comforting”, “something I could read if I feel stressed” and “seeing myself in these books makes me feel less alone”.

S5 & S6 Assessment Weeks

Our S5 and S6 pupils have now completed their two-week assessment period, and the invigilator team praised their conduct throughout. As pupils return on Monday, we hope the assessments have gone as they wished. This is a key moment to reflect on progress, identify what’s working, and adjust preparation ahead of the final SQA exams. There is still plenty of time to make improvements and strengthen study routines. Well done to all for their hard work so far—keep it going.

Keeping Children Safe – free online event

We are pleased to share details of a FREE online event designed specifically for parents and carers who want to feel more confident about supporting their children to stay safe online.

- Wednesday 25 February
- 5:30–6:30pm
- Booking Link – click [here](#)

As part of Cyber Scotland Week, this informative session is being jointly delivered by Parenting Across Scotland, Police Scotland’s Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team, and Education Scotland. This session was fully booked the last time it ran, and we are delighted that Education Scotland will now be joining the discussion alongside Police Scotland.

Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate Mrs Tweedie, PT Pupil Support (Pastoral) for Devenick House, who has been successful in securing the permanent role of Lead Principal Teacher for Guidance at Harlaw Academy. This follows her ongoing secondment in the same post. This is fantastic news for Mrs Tweedie, and we are delighted to see her hard work recognised. At the same time, it does mean that she will not be returning to Cults Academy, and we are naturally sad to be losing such a valued member of our staff team. Since joining us in 2021, Mrs Tweedie has been a huge support to the young people of Devenick House. She has also played a crucial role in guiding pupils across houses through the university application process, coordinating support and managing key systems. Her contributions have made a real difference to many pupils and families. Mrs Tweedie will be greatly missed by pupils and colleagues alike, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has given to our school. We wish her every success as she continues her career at Harlaw Academy. Mrs Dye will remain Acting PT Pupil Support for Devenick House.



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



Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



Junior Netball		27/01/26	v Westhill Academy	Win
S1-S3 Ski Team		29/01/26	SSSA Alpine Ski Champs	5th Place

NESCol’s Energy on the Move vehicle



This week, our S1 pupils had the exciting opportunity to step aboard NESCol's *Energy on the Move* vehicle, a mobile learning space designed to inspire young people about the future of energy. The innovative vehicle—an adapted 7.5-tonne hydrogen dual-fuel lorry—transforms into a fully equipped classroom and houses the *Net Zero Challenge*, an interactive experience aimed at helping pupils understand the complexity and importance of Scotland's energy transition.

During the visit, all S1 classes took part in the *Net Zero Challenge*, a hands-on 45-minute session developed in partnership with the Glasgow Science Centre. Pupils acted as policymakers for a fictional island and worked through four stations focusing on sustainability, community, security, and affordability as they explored different pathways to achieving net zero. The activities were fun, engaging, and encouraged real teamwork and problem-solving.

Our pupils rose to the challenge brilliantly. They enjoyed the experience, showed great curiosity, and demonstrated strong collaborative skills as they debated energy choices and their consequences. Staff were particularly impressed with how confidently they tackled the tasks.

A special thank you to Stewart, the NESCol facilitator, who guided each group with enthusiasm and created a welcoming, supportive environment for our learners. His ability to explain complex ideas in a clear, engaging way helped pupils get the most out of the experience. The visit gave pupils insight into the growing opportunities in Scotland's low-carbon and renewable energy sectors.

Thanks also to Mrs Duggan who co-ordinated the visit and planned the timetable for the week.

Overall, the Energy Bus visit was a fantastic success, and we look forward to further opportunities to explore STEM learning in exciting and innovative ways.





Community Opportunities

Culter Youth Girls are looking for players born in 2013 or 2014 to join our ever-growing football club. Previous experience beneficial but not essential. All coaches SFA trained, first aid qualified and PVG checked. Training weekly on Thursday night 6pm – 7.30pm - Culter Academy AstroTurf pitches. Matches are 9-a-side Sunday mornings or 11-a-side Saturday mornings depending on age & experience. Players required for both teams. Sessions are inclusive, friendly and fun with development of players the key focus. Please contact the following email address for further information: cultergirlsenquiries@gmail.com



Tullos Training 2026 Careers Fair

We're excited to highlight an excellent opportunity for learners, parents and guardians, and anyone interested in apprenticeships. Tullos Training will be hosting its 2026 Careers Fair on Wednesday 4th March 2026, from 1pm to 5pm at their training centre on Craigshaw Drive, Aberdeen. This event is part of Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2026, celebrating the value apprenticeships bring to young people, employers, and Scotland's future workforce. Visitors will have the chance to:

- Tour the Tullos Training facilities
- Meet current apprentices
- Speak directly with employers recruiting apprentices for 2026
- Learn more about Modern Apprenticeships and the pathways they can open



The fair is open to anyone considering an apprenticeship, as well as employers, families, and the wider community—and no prior registration is required.

Find out more here: <https://www.tullostraining.co.uk/2026-careers-fair/>