

# Cults Academy Weekly Update

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are delighted to share that we are now a **Bronze: Rights Committed School** as part of UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). This marks an important milestone in our journey to regain the Gold accreditation we previously held.



The RRSA supports schools to place children's rights at the heart of their ethos and practice. Based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), it helps pupils learn about their rights, experience them in school life, and take action to promote the rights of others.

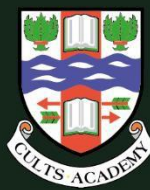
This achievement reflects the commitment of our RRSA team, led by Mrs Mann and Miss Dingwall, alongside a dedicated pupil steering group. Together, they have led a range of initiatives to embed children's rights across the school.

Over the past year, pupils have played a leading role in raising awareness of the UNCRC. A steering group of around 25 pupils has organised activities including a 'Right of the Day' campaign, a school-wide treasure hunt, inter-house quizzes and staff presentations. Pupils have also led community engagement, supporting causes such as the Lighthouse Project in Tillydrone and fundraising for UNICEF. The group also contributed to our Culture Week by organising the National Anthems tutor activity and the Staff vs Pupils sporting events.

Pupil leadership and voice have been central to our work. Students have shaped activities, contributed to school discussions, and helped identify the rights that matter most.

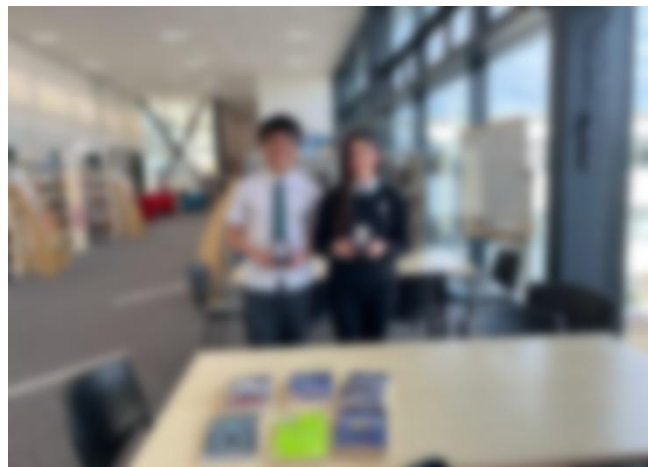
This Bronze award confirms strong foundations are in place. Our next step is to build on this as we work towards **Silver: Rights Aware status**, further embedding rights-based learning and pupil voice across school life.

We thank all staff and pupils for their contribution and look forward to continuing our journey as a Rights Respecting school community.



## 2D CULTS ACADEMY BOOK AWARDS

As part of their S2 English course, 2D participated in the Cults Academy Book Awards. The class was split into groups and they had to read six books over two terms. They discussed the books in detail and it was interesting to hear their different responses to the texts. One of the popular texts was 'Refugee' written by Alan Gratz. Individually, the pupils had to write a review of their favourite book and there was a competition for the best



book review. The class also voted for their favourite book overall. Congratulations to Isavela who won the prize for the best book review and Mathew who was runner-up. They both received a medal and a voucher. The best book overall was '7 Days' written by Eve Ainsworth. Thanks to Mrs Dawson in the school Library for helping to organise the competition.

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



## Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



|                                       |   |          |                         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| S1 Football                           |  | 01/05/26 | v Lenzie Academy        | Win     |
| Under 14 Girls                        |  | 06/05/26 | Tournament              | Various |
| Under 15 Scottish Schools Cup Cricket |  | 07/05/25 | v High School of Dundee | Win     |
| Aberdeen City Schools Golf League     |  | 07/05/26 | v Oldmachar Academy     | Win     |



## SDS Parent/Carer Survey

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) have asked us to share a link to their [Parent/Carer Survey](#). The survey gathers views from parents and carers to help improve the support and information available to young people as they make decisions about their future pathways.



We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it using the link below:

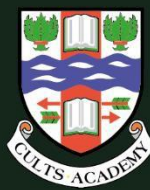
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Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help ensure services continue to meet the needs of our pupils and families.

## Activities Week 2026

As we head towards Activities Week 2026 excitement is building across the school! Five groups of S3 pupils are preparing to travel to the Algarve, the Ardèche, Barcelona, Copenhagen and Krakow for what promises to be an unforgettable experience. Closer to home, almost 200 S2 pupils are getting ready for a week of adventure at PGL centres in England, while 220 S1 pupils will be taking part in a wide range of daily activities in and around Aberdeen. In addition, a group of S2/3 pupils will enjoy a varied programme including baking, paddleboarding, hill walking and paintballing.

We look forward to sharing highlights from the week — follow us on Instagram [@cultsacademyofficial](#) for daily updates!



## Supporting Transitions - Information Evening

Bucksburn Academy will be hosting a Parent and Carer Information Evening focused on supporting successful transitions into adulthood for young people with additional support needs.

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### Parent and Carer Information Evening

## ~ Supporting our Young People and Families with Successful Transitions ~

**WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026 @ Bucksburn Academy**

**Talks from 5pm then time for Informal Networking and Chat until 7pm.**

**Our topics:**

**ACC Adult Learning Disability Social Care Service** – many of our young people are referred to this service for supported opportunities when they leave school. This is a key opportunity to connect with the LD Team.

**Compass by ARC Scotland** - an online tool which helps young people with a learning disability, autism or other additional support need, and their families and professionals, to navigate transitions into adulthood in Scotland.


**ADHD – Amazing Adult Lived Experience** – hope and inspiration for the future!




**\*\* Please register ahead of the event on this short [Registration Form - now working!](#)**

**– thank you!** 😊

*Our event is open to all parents, carers and staff of secondary pupils with ASN in Aberdeen City Schools.*

*Refreshments will be available. We hope you can join us.*



This event is primarily aimed at secondary-aged learners and their families, particularly those beginning to think ahead to post-school planning and future pathways. The evening will include talks from key services involved in transition planning, followed by time for informal networking and discussion.

Topics will include Adult Learning Disability Social Work, transition planning tools such as Compass by ARC Scotland, and lived experience insights to offer reassurance and inspiration. Refreshments will be available, and all parents, carers and staff of secondary pupils with ASN in Aberdeen City Schools are welcome.

Register for the event [here](#)



## 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.



# GIRLS INTO GEOSCIENCE

**For S5 / S6 pupils**



University  
of Glasgow

**Limited spaces**



More information & application form

## FRIDAY 19 JUNE < < <

Travelling as a school group by train from Aberdeen to **Glasgow** to attend one day workshops on Earth science, space, data, fossils and volcanoes.

Studying/Interested in;

- Geography
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Environment

No cost to attend the event,  
travel bursaries are available

Places first come first served

Geoscience might be a career option for you

Please indicate on the application form that MsHeathcote [Room 3.08] is the contact teacher and teacher email should be



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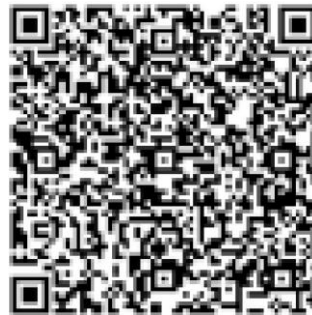
# Additional Support for Learning

## Parent Information Sessions

For a free one-hour guided session  
(5-18 years) with complex additional  
support needs

One session

Time: **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
10:00am - 11:00am  
You can code to register.



Enquire is our national advice service for  
additional support for learning. We're delighted to be  
proud to partner with Aberdeen City Council to deliver this free  
information session for parents and carers.

Join us to learn about your child's rights at  
school, what support can be put in place and how  
Enquire can help your family. We'll also explore  
practical steps to take if your child's support isn't working,  
with tips on how to get the most out of the session.

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