



Newsletter



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Hello,

Please check our website (<http://cullodenacademy.com/>) for regular updates about many school activities. The website is updated daily with our Pupil Notices which allows parents to keep an eye on activities and deadlines in school. Also, if you haven't seen our Facebook page it can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/CullodenAcademySchool/> where we share information about the school and the successes of our young people.

Apart from the SQA exams which start in less than a fortnight, this term is all about change: change of subjects, change of teachers, change of plans and plans for change and improvement in the school. Before the summer holidays I will share the school's Standards and Quality report which is a summary of our progress and activities this session. As with most schools, our Improvement priorities for next session will match up with the national agenda to

- a) Bring about improvements in attainment, particularly numeracy and literacy
- b) Close the poverty related attainment gap
- c) Bring about improvements in health and wellbeing
- d) Bring about improvements in employability skills and positive destinations

Below are the key dates for the next term and some important information for parents/carers.

Key dates for your diary looking ahead

- Monday 16th April- School reopens to staff and pupils
- Wednesday 25th April- P7 parents' information evening at 7pm
- Monday 30th April- SQA exams start
- Monday 30th April- Study leave begins
- Monday 7th May- Holiday
- Wednesday 9th May- Rector's drop-in 5-7pm
- Wednesday 16th May- Parent Council at 7pm
- Monday 21st May- S2-4 New timetable
- Friday 1st June- SQA exams finish
- Friday 1st June- Study leave ends
- Monday 4th June – In-service day
- Monday 4th June- SQA exams finish
- Tuesday 5th June- Seniors New timetable
- Tuesday 5th June- Graduation ceremony at 7pm
- Friday 8th June- S1-3 awards event
- Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th June- Beauty and the Beast
- Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th June- P7 visit days
- Friday 29th June- School closes 12.25pm
- Monday 20th August- In-service day (staff only)
- Tuesday 21st August- Pupils start new term

Staffing changes

Mr Eadie has left the Technical department to move to Inverness Royal Academy. He has been replaced by **Mr Laidlaw**.

Mr Weafer has left the English department to move to Alness Academy. He has been replaced by **Dr Campbell** who will join us on 14th May.

Mr Kerr has left the Social Subjects department to move to Nairn Academy. He will be replaced by **Mr Gray** who is with us already but will join the permanent staff in August.

Sponsored Walk

Last year we had a very enjoyable S1-3 Sponsored Walk in May. Partly due to how busy our calendar is this May but partly also because our senior pupils felt they were missing out on an enjoyable part of school life, we have decided to move the Sponsored Walk back to the first term after the summer. This year's walk, therefore will take place in early September.

School Calendar

Term dates for the next two years can be accessed at the Highland Council website: https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates. A more detailed calendar for Culloden Academy session 2018-19 will be uploaded to the school website prior to the summer.

Parent Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parent Council is on Wednesday 16th May in Culloden Academy at 7pm. Any parent/carer who has a child at Culloden Academy is automatically a member of the Parent Forum and is welcome to attend the Parent Council meeting.

Parent Council Young Ambassador Award

Each year the Parent Council award a prize to a pupil, from any year group, who has represented and presented the school in a positive light outside of the school environment. Possible ways include volunteering outside of school, representing the school at an external event, fund-raising, charity work etc. Nominations for this year's award close at 3pm on Thursday 26th April by which time completed forms should be returned to the school or scanned and returned directly to the Parent Council email address at parentcouncil@cullodenacademy.com.

Highland Council one-to-one ICT devices (Chromebooks)

The rollout of devices to every P6-S6 pupil has started with several ASGs having already received their allocation of machines. Culloden Academy is quite far down the list and at this stage I would estimate that it will be about another 12 months before we receive our allocation. Once we have a firm date for their arrival I will share information about how this new tool for learning will be introduced and what support we need from home if we are to make the best use of them.

Best wishes,



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