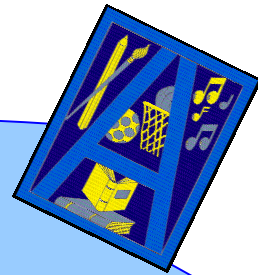


## Abercorn News

April 2017



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter. As always this has been an extremely busy month for all of the pupils and staff in Abercorn. Our senior pupils are busy completing their SQA and wider achievement assessments. A number of our senior pupils are preparing for their SQA National 5 examinations over the next few weeks and two students completed their National 5 Admin & IT assignment before our Spring Break, not to mention our one student who is preparing for his Higher Music exam. I was very pleased with their mature attitude towards these and their ability to keep very level headed during this stressful time. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success when they receive their results in early August.

Mrs Collie and our Shinty Team took part in National Shinty Competition in Aviemore this week. As I am sure you will remember our team won this competition last April and were going back this week to defend the title. I am very pleased to announce that they have successfully retained their title – Abercorn National Shinty disability champions for the third year in a row!!! Well done to our team and our coach Mrs Collie.

June is going to be a particularly busy month in Abercorn with a number of residential trips taking place with our annual trip to Spain and our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

We are currently preparing for a number of end of term events to take place during the next two months, these include: Senior School Prom, S1-S3 BBQ, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and of course our annual Awards Ceremony.

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## Summer Barbeque

Abercorn Crazy Entertainers are busy organizing an end of term barbecue for S1-S3. They have chosen to hold this event on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June between 6.30pm and 8 pm (tbc). They will be providing more information shortly.



## Football Success



The school football team are continuing to perform very well in the Regional tournament – watch this space for updates .....

## Spain Trip

Final preparations are being made for the senior school Spanish trip and final money towards the cost of the trip should be paid now to Miss Campbell. In addition, please ensure that passports and Health Cards are up to date. During their trip pupils will visit Camp Nou, Waterworld Aqua Park, La Sagrada Familia, and also there will be a visit to a famous tapas restaurant.



Thank you once again to everyone who supported our recent fundraising event – we are extremely grateful for all the monies raised (nearly £1,000!!!).

## Senior School Prom

Our senior school pupils will shortly be receiving an invitation to the annual Prom which will take place in the Grand Central Hotel on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. The Prom Committee have been busy planning this event to ensure it is a great success. Tickets to the prom are priced at £18, this includes a 2 course meal and still juice throughout the evening. Senior pupils can pay their money now to Mrs Leyden. Further fizzy juice is available from the hotel on the night for a cost if pupils wish to bring some spending money.



## Abercorn's Apprentice

On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June our S2 pupils will take part in the final of the Abercorn's Apprentice competition which they have been working towards in Enterprise. Two teams will take part in creating products around the theme of "Healthy Eating". All groups will present to a panel of external judges on the day and S1 will make up the audience.

## Shinty Tournament



On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April six of our young people and Mrs Collie

and Mrs Shields travelled to Aviemore to compete once again in the annual National Disability Shinty Competition. They stayed at Glenmore Lodge, a beautiful setting, looking on to the Cairngorm mountains. They won the Final 9-0 to bring the trophy back to Abercorn for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Well done to them all.

## Under-19 Scotland Squad



This 3 of our pupils and Mr Baird travelled to Dublin to represent

Scotland in the Learning Disability Home Nations Tournament. Kyle Gault captained the squad with Blair McGregor and William Mitten playing in the team. The team were undefeated during the tournament and we are pleased to report that they retained the trophy. Well done everyone!!! must go to Mr Baird who is one of the coaches of the team. He too was thrilled by their success.

## Easter Camp



Thanks must go to Mr Baird for organising a very successful 4 day holiday camp for over twenty pupils. Mr Kerr, Miss Hunter and Mr Dorrian all volunteered during the week to take our young people out to a variety of places including: Ayr, Loch Lomond, Hampden Park and the Transport Museum. Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and dedication to supporting our young people.

## Volunteering

A number of our senior pupils have recently begun long term work placements. These allow our young people to gain useful skills as they prepare for life after Abercorn. Chloe Porter has returned to Cowcaddens Nursery following a very successful Work Experience placement and will volunteer there on a Friday afternoon. Joanne McDonald and Brandon Moshin have secured placements in PEEK. This is in addition to the young people who have already undertaken long term placements. All are doing very well.

## Special Olympics Fundraising



Thank you very much to everyone who supported our very successful fundraising dinner & Dance event on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. We are still collecting in monies from the event and will keep you posted on how much we raised. It was a fantastic event and lovely to see so many of our current and former pupils helping by serving all of the guests on the night – they were a credit to you and to us as a school. Well done everyone for all of their hard work.



**Special Olympics**  
Scotland West

## May and June 2016 Dates for your Diary

### May

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May     | May Day Holiday  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Guardianship event for parents/carers                          |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May   | In-Service Day   |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May   | Higher Music Exam  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May     | Festival of Sport Event – S1 to attend                         |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May     | P7 Transition afternoon  |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | National Theatre of Scotland – Caledonian Award workshop       |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May | S2 to Barclays event   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May    | National 5 English Exam  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May    | Regional Football , Toryglen                                   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May    | National Theatre of Scotland – school workshop all day         |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May    | Tennents Academy Workshop with identified pupils               |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May   | National 5 Computing Science Exam                              |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May    | National Theatre of Scotland in school                         |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May    | Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Qualifier Expedition (tbc) |
| Wednesday, 24 May              | National Football Finals, Edinburgh                            |
| Friday 26 <sup>h</sup> May     | Holiday  |
| Monday 29 <sup>h</sup> May     | Holiday  |

### June

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| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                                   | S2 Dragon's Den                                       |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | S1 Science Trip to the Science Centre                 |
| Monday 5 <sup>h</sup> June –<br>Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Camping Expedition           |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June –<br>Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June | P7 Visit all day                                      |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                | SDS – Athletics Championships                         |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Senior School Prom Grand Central Hotel                |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                                | S1-S3 Summer BBQ 6.30pm – 8.00pm                      |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Senior School Spanish Trip                            |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Museum on Mound Trip, Edinburgh identified S3 pupils  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                               | S1-S3 BBQ   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | "Sponge the Staff" fundraising event for Mary's Meals |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Summer Service and Awards Ceremony                    |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                               | Social Enterprise Awards, Edinburgh                   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                               | Submarine Time Machine Performance – Canal            |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | School closes at 1 pm                                 |

### August

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> August | Staff Inset Days        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> August                      | Pupils return to school |