



Abercorn News



April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter. This has been a strange month in school due to the Spring Break and then the Easter Weekend holiday, however it has been no less busy. Our senior pupils are busy completing their SQA and wider achievement assessments. A number of our senior pupils have already began their SQA National 5 examinations, as well as one pupil sitting their Higher Computing Science. I am very pleased with their mature attitude towards these and their ability to keep a level head 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 last week. Mrs Collie had a new team with her this year representing the school as many of our former players left last session. I am delighted to announce that they worked very hard and played extremely well, we were the runners up in the tournament this session. This was an excellent effort by everyone involved and we are extremely proud of all of them.

The summer term is always a particularly busy time for us here in Abercorn. Over the next two months there are a number of sporting activities organised not to mention residential trips to Blairvadach, Spain and both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Whitelocke who has been appointed as Faculty Head of Languages, I am sure you will join with me in wishing her every success in her new position.

Over the next few months we have organised a few parents/carers events to provide information on the personalisation and choice options on offer to our S2 and S3 pupils – I hope that you will be able to attend.

I cannot believe it is time for us to say goodbye to our summer leavers. We will have 22 young people moving on to pastures new and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them well in their future paths. The official school leaving date is 31st May, however the young people are welcome to attend until the end of June. If your son/daughter is leaving in May we would be grateful if you would inform their Pastoral Care Year Head.

Please continue to follow us on Twitter: [@AbercornSecSch](https://twitter.com/AbercornSecSch). This will keep you up to date on all of the events, outings and activities we are arranging.

Patricia McGowan

May Holidays
May Day - Monday, 6 May
Inset Day – Tuesday, 7 May
Bank Holiday – Friday, 24 May and
Monday, 27 May

Dates for your Diary (Summer term 2019)

May	
Wednesday 1 st May to Thursday 2 nd May	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Wednesday 1 st May	National 3 Hospitality Class to City Markets (Fruit and Fresh) for workplace visit
Thursday 2 nd May	Athletics Event, Crownpoint
Thursday 2 nd May	Bingo Night
Friday 3 rd May	Oor Wullie Bucket Trail Assembly
Monday 6 th May	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 8 th May	Young Chemical Ambassadors Day at Strathclyde University
Thursday 9th May	NATIONAL 5 ENGLISH EXAM
Wednesday 15 th May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze walking expedition
Friday 17 th May	Football tournament at Kilpatrick School
Monday 20 th May	S3 Personalisation and Choice Parents/Carers Information Afternoon
Wednesday 22nd May	NATIONAL 5 COMPUTING SCIENCE EXAM
Thursday 23 rd May	Barclays Insight Trip
Thursday 23 rd May	National Football Finals
Thursday 23 rd May	NTS Picnic and App Launch in Kelvin Meadow
Friday 24 th May	May Holiday
Monday 27 th May	May Holiday
Tuesday 28 th May	P7 Transition full day
Wednesday 29 th May	P7 Transition full day
Wednesday 29 th May	BT Skills for Work Event
June	
Monday 3 rd June	S2 Personalisation and Choice Parents/Carers Information Session
Wednesday 5 th June	Science Centre Trip
Thursday 6 th June	Salters Chemistry Festival at Strathclyde University
Thursday 6 th June	Employability Visit to Stalbridge Linen
Thursday 6 th June	Senior School Prom in Grand Central Hotel
Monday 10 th June to Friday 14 th June	Residential trip to Blairvadach for S3 pupils
Tuesday 11 th June	Pride Lite event at City Halls
Tuesday 11 th June	S4 workplace visit to Crowne Plaza
Saturday 15 th June	Spanish Trip for Senior Pupils
Wednesday 19 th June	3D to Social Enterprise Awards Ceremony in Edinburgh
Thursday 20 th June	S1-S3 BBQ 3.30 until 5 pm
Thursday 20 th June	STEM trip to Royal Highland Show
Tuesday, 25 June	Annual Awards Ceremony
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Football



The school football team are continuing to perform very well in the Regional tournament. The last round of games took place on Friday 26th April and we finished

the year second overall. Well done to all of the young people who have participated over the year. We are looking forward to attending the Nationals next month.

Spanish 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 a number of attractions and also there will be a visit to a famous tapas restaurant.

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, 6th June. The Prom Committee have been

busy planning this event to ensure it is a great success. More details to follow.

Shinty Tournament



Our school shinty team once again travelled to Aviemore to

participate in the National Shinty Disability Festival. We were defending champions having won the tournament for the last 4 years. After some great performances throughout the event it came down a sudden death decider against Ayrshire school Stanecastle. After a 2-2 draw we were very unlucky to lose the golden goal. Overall though a great performance from a very young side many of whom were travelling up for the first time. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Collie for her hard work coaching and preparing the team to take part in these events.

Scottish Women's International Football



The Scottish FA are asking you to raise the roof at Hampden Park on Tuesday 28th May for your record breaking Scottish Women's National Team as they take on Jamaica in their final game before leaving to make even more history at the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019. **Free tickets for the event are available.** The match is on Tuesday, 28 May at 7.35 pm in Hampden Park. If you would like tickets please telephone the school by **Friday, 3rd May to say how many tickets you would like.**

Lunderston Bay, Beach Clean

On Saturday, 27 April thirteen pupils and eight staff took part in an organized beach clean as part of their volunteering award and our schools eco-programme. The terrible weather did not put them off and they worked hard to collect and record all of the rubbish that was washed up on the beach. Well done everyone!! Watch this space for more news about our Eco-schools Green Flag.



Senior Pupil chosen for Italian Adventure

Stephen has been chosen by Partick Thistle to travel to Italy with them to take part in a period of coaching. This is a fantastic opportunity for Stephen and we are very proud of him being chosen. When he returns he will leave school to take up a Modern Apprenticeship with Two Fat Ladies at the Buttery following a very successful work placement there – again this is a fantastic achievement for Stephen and we are delighted for him.

Cyber Security Event

Mrs Bennett and 22 pupils attended a Cyber Security event in Glasgow Science Centre last week. They had the opportunity to take part in various demonstrations and activities related to the important lesson of being safe online. They also visited the planetarium. All agreed it was an excellent day out.

Seasons for Growth

Mrs Johnston and Catherine Jephson, Children First worker have arranged to meet with a few of our young people to help support them through loss and bereavement. As we all know this is an extremely difficult subject however it is extremely beneficial to be able to talk over your thoughts and feeling within a supportive environment.

Easter Story, PopUK

We were very lucky to have Elyn Oliver, PopUK and Charlene Peterson in school to work with the young people learning more about the Easter Story. This was an excellent opportunity for the young people to learn through music and song. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend our assembly on Thursday, 18 April to hear our young people sing.



Summer BBQ for S1-S3



Crazy Entertainers are busy organizing this year's summer BBQ. This even will take place on Thursday, 20th June from 3.30 pm until 5 pm when hopefully the weather will be better!!! Please check your son/daughter's school bags and our Twitter feed to find out more over the coming weeks.

