

Mearns Updates

December 2023



I would like to share some exciting updates about upcoming events at Mearns Academy alongside some excellent events and achievements over the last term.

Assessment Window

I am pleased to report that our recent assessment window concluded successfully. Our students demonstrated commendable dedication and commitment to their studies during this period and we appreciate their hard work and the hard work of staff across the school. Teachers are currently reviewing the assessments, and we will provide detailed feedback to students in the coming weeks.

Christmas Dances

Our much-anticipated school dances are just around the corner, Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, and Wednesday 20th December. They promise to be a fantastic celebration and we can't wait to see our students enjoying themselves on the dance floor.

Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 30th November. It was a wonderful event and your support made it a tremendous success. Well done to our S3 Business class for pulling together such a successful event. The pupils are now in discussions as to which charity or charities they will support with the funds.

STEM - A Future High Street: Blueprint Challenge

I am thrilled to announce that the finals of this national competition took place last week and Mearns Academy was represented by three outstanding teams. I'm delighted to share that one of our teams, CBGKS, achieved the remarkable feat of finishing as Runners-Up! Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and dedication.

School Christmas Lunch

Our festive celebrations will continue next Tuesday with a special Christmas lunch provided by our Canteen Team.

Christmas Quizzes

To add a touch of festive fun, Christmas quizzes will be held in the Theatre next week. It's a great opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and have some light-hearted fun before the break while earning some valued House Points.

S3 Youth Philanthropy - Raising £3000 for Kincardine Development Partnership

Our S3 pupils have exemplified exceptional dedication and community spirit by raising an impressive £3000 for the Kincardine Development Partnership through their Youth Philanthropy efforts. Their remarkable work is commendable and makes a meaningful impact on our community.

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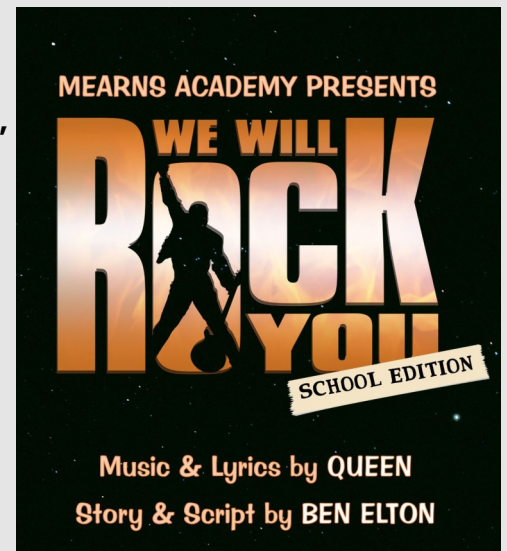
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We Will Rock You

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as Mearns Academy presents "We Will Rock You" – a spectacular school show that promises to rock your world! Save the dates – **January 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th**. This electrifying performance is a must-see, featuring our talented students bringing the magic of Queen's music to life on stage.

Tickets for "We Will Rock You" are now available for purchase. Gather your friends and family, and secure your seats for a night filled with music, dance, and an extraordinary showcase of our students' talents. To book tickets please go to <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mearnsacademy/e-ygoqqv>



S4 & S5/6 Parent Evenings

Looking ahead to the next term, we are excited to announce that our S4 and S5/6 parent evenings will take place in person at Mearns Academy. Our S4 Parent Evening will be on the 23rd January and the S5/6 Parent Evening will be on the 1st February. This will be an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with teachers face-to-face and discuss the academic progress and well-being of your young person.

S1 Theatre Trip

Our S1 pupils had a magical experience at the Dundee Rep, where they enjoyed a captivating performance of "A Christmas Carol." Such outings contribute immensely to their cultural enrichment.

S3 Chemistry Pupils: Chemists Energy Futures at Aberdeen Science Teaching Hub

Congratulations to our S3 Chemistry pupils who recently attended the enlightening Chemists Energy Futures program at the Aberdeen Science Teaching Hub. Such initiatives broaden their scientific horizons and encourage critical thinking.

Senior Pupil Leadership Team

A special acknowledgment to our Senior Pupil Leadership Team for their outstanding support in leading assemblies and contributing to the school each day. We recently celebrated their commitment with a delightful afternoon tea at Charleton Fruit Farm.

Sports Clubs / Extra-Curricular Clubs & Revision Sessions

Our commitment to providing a well-rounded education extends beyond the classroom. Please encourage your child to participate in sports clubs/extra curricular clubs and earn house points. Senior pupils should also take advantage of extra-curricular revision sessions to maximise their potential. A list of all activities can be found on the website, this will be updated early in the new year.

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Health & Leisure

Our S3 football team have had an outstanding first half of the season and have won all of their games. Our S1, S2 and senior football teams have had mixed fortunes and our senior netball team have just completed their second game with a win. Our junior netball team has just begun their season kicking it off with a win.



Other achievements are Linden Faherty and Jessica Anderson attending swimming trials in November and qualifying for the Scottish Finals at the end of January. Good luck to both of them.

Lewis Grant, Brody Alberts, Josh Fleming and Gregor Kerr all attended Aberdeenshire football select trials and were selected as part of the squad to play fixtures against North of Scotland and Aberdeen City.



Following this selection, Brody went on to the National Scottish School boy trials and successfully passed the first phase. Well done to all involved.

Moving forward, we are keen to celebrate more of our pupil's sports successes outwith school. In order to do this we want to hear from you. Please share these successes with us by emailing photos and information to MearnsHL@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

A huge thank you to Robson Vets for sponsoring our new netball strips. Your support enables our students to engage actively in sports and represent our school proudly.

We would also like to thank MacPhie for their ongoing support particularly with the gazebo they purchased for use by our HE department when its time to fire up the pizza oven again.

This term is busy in HE as its Christmas stocking decorations for S1, Yule Log decorating for S2—which is judged, and mini Christmas cakes for S3. Head over to our [Facebook](#) page for lots more photos.



Happy Holidays

As we approach the end of this term, I want to wish each and every one of you a joyful holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, especially our production of "We Will Rock You" school show!

