



CHIEF EXECUTIVE:
Kathryn Lindsay

8th March 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

The next meeting of Montrose Academy Parent Partnership (MAPP) will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm in the school's assembly hall. All parents and carers of young people in Montrose Academy are very welcome to attend.

We had the final of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) on Wednesday evening. This is an initiative which seeks to engage young people with and raise money for local and national charities. The charities and organisations represented at this year's final were Rossie Young Person Trust, Adam Centre, Montrose Rugby Club, Montrose Playhouse and Montrose Befriending Society. Congratulations to Benjamin Taylor and Jake Prudhoe who presented on behalf of Montrose Befriending Service and who were announced winners of this year's final. Thank you to all charities and young people who participated in the initiative and to staff from the Social Subjects department.



Several of our football teams have played recently.

- At the end of last week, the S2 boys' team won 7-1 against Forfar Academy and the goal scorers were Jamie Mustard, Cohen Lewis, Kai Ewen, Daniel McKenzie, and Kyle Candy. The S2 boys' team has won all 3 league games and are into the semi-final.
- The senior boys' team beat Brechin High School 7-1 on Tuesday with goals from Tyler Shepherd, James Masson, Taylor Davidson, Riley Calder and Kyle Mennie. The senior team has won 3 games and drawn 1 and are playing Webster's High School in the semi-final.
- The S3 team just played Forfar Academy and won 6-3. Thomas Smith, Finlay Chalmers, Cole Simpson and Harley Massie all scored. Well done to all teams and thank you to Mr Hely for coaching and accompanying the teams to matches.

The Junior Community Council met for the first time on Thursday in Southesk Primary School. This group is made up of two representatives from each primary school and two pupils from the Academy, and will work together with Montrose Community Council. Thank you to Jaime Donald and Archie Shepherd who represented the Academy

Keeping Calm About Exams. A lot of pupils feel anxious before the exams but don't know what to do about it. If that sounds like your child, the school's educational psychologist can help. She'll be in school the week before the exams start (just after the Easter holidays) and has offered to see individuals or small groups of pupils. She

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can give tips and practice on coping strategies, relaxation techniques and confidence building. If your child would like to be included, please ask them to speak to their PT Pupil Care and Support by Friday 22 March.

A group of senior pupils attended the Apprenticeship Fayre in Arbroath on Thursday. Mr Colley, who accompanied the group, commented on the impressive range of local companies represented at the Fayre.

We are becoming aware of the ever-growing needs of young people. For some, full-time school education is not the right thing and it is becoming more and more common to blend school-based education with work experience and volunteering opportunities. We have a growing number of partners but if you are in a position to be able to consider offering a work experience placement to young people, please contact Mrs Robertson at the school for more information.

Angus Council is looking to re-design and/or expand family support services in Angus to make sure children, young people and families can access the support they need, where and when they need it. If you're a new parent, currently use family support services such as the Welfare Rights Service, Glen Clova Project etc or feel that as a family you've missed out on help or support, please complete this [short survey and help us transform family support services in Angus](#). The survey closes on Thursday 14 March.

From the pupil bulletin:

- For pupils who are interested in Sports science/Sports rehabilitation/ Physiotherapy/Healthcare, we have the opportunity to work with a Sports Therapist for 6 weeks to gain an insight into this profession. Applicants need to be 16+. Please see Mrs Taylor (RMPS) for more information.
- The deadline for yearbook payments is 15/3/24. If you have not already paid and would like a yearbook please pay £23 in cash to Miss McIntosh in the school office or £23.50 on ParentPay.
- On 7th March, as part of the Dundee Women's Festival 2024, there will be an open panel discussion about the achievements of women and careers in forensic science and law. It will take place in Dundee Central Library in the Wellgate Centre, from 18.00 to 19.00. To reserve your space or to find out more, please follow the link below: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/events/women-power-and-law-dundee-womens-festival>
- All S3 pupils will attend a theatrical performance based on themes related to health and wellbeing on Thursday 14th March. The performance will last for two periods. Details of times have been posted in the pupil bulletin.
- A Women and Computer Science event is being held in the University of Dundee on Wednesday 13th March. S4 and S5 girls interested in this field are invited to attend. Please see <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/events/women-computer-science-day> for more information.

Forthcoming events

- Tuesday 12th March – MAPP, 6.30pm start. Entry is by the staff entrance in the main car park.

Regards

Mr Smart