Chief Executive: Kathryn Lindsay

23rd October 2026

Dear Parent, Carer,

Prelims

I hope to have issued prelim timetables to all pupils before the end of next week. Prelims are for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 who are doing National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications in school. Pupils who are doing courses through the Angus Academy are likely to have their prelims at a later point.

We have already offered parents and carers the opportunity to attend a Family Learning event, which we hope will have provided useful information about the courses as well as study materials and after-school or lunchtime supported study options. Information from the Family Learning evening can be found on the school website. At this event, we also discussed online learning platforms and we are working our way round classes to ensure that young people have access to this information too. We had our Targeted Support Parents' Evening this week, which was relatively well-attended, and I thank parents and carers who did come along. It's never too early to start preparing for prelim exams, and we hope that the above helps you to feel better-equipped to support young people to do their best in the prelims and beyond.

MAPP

The next meeting of MAPP is on Wednesday 28th October at 6pm. The meeting will take place in the assembly hall and entrance to the building will be via the staff car park. The main aim of the meeting is to discuss preparations for the Christmas Fayre which will be held on Saturday 14th November. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Course Choice 2026/27 - Parent Survey

If you have a child in S2-S5, Mrs Robertson would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete a short survey about the information and inputs you would find helpful to support your young person during the course choice process. The survey will close at 1pm on Friday 30th October. It can be accessed via the following link:

Course Choice 2026/27 – Fill out form

S6 alumni visit

On Thursday, Dylan MacDonald and Luca Foley, both former Montrose Academy pupils came to speak to S6 PSE classes about what they had been doing since they had left school. Dylan and Luca both spoke about their own learning styles, transferable skills and pathways since leaving school with the overwhelming message of 'don't worry you will get there!' - just what S6 needed to here as they begin to consider life after school.

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Reading
While a lot of young people are very able readers using devices, the exam system still relies – for most young people – on the ability to read text from paper and to handwrite answers. We know that most young people don't read enough, particularly as they get older, and Mrs Webster, PT English, has prepared a document which will encourage young people to read the types of text that will prepare them well not only for English exams but which will also encourage them to broaden their vocabulary and knowledge of a wide range of subjects. I have attached this document to this update today; please encourage your child to have a look at it.

Football
Congratulations to S2 pupil Charlie Crane who has been selected for the u16 Scotland team to play in Turkey from 28th October to 3rd November.

Wider Achievement
At the end of each session, we recognise pupils' achievements beyond the formal curriculum. This may include representing the school in musical or sporting events, success through clubs and organisations beyond school, or making a positive contribution to the local community through volunteering. We are keen to ensure that the wider achievements of our young people are recognised and celebrated. Please use the form below to tell us about your child's achievements since the start of July 2026: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/d5RTGH7QM4

Bingo night
Family fun at our Bingo night to help the S6 Yearbook & Leavers BBQ Committee raise funds. Cash prizes for a full house and something sweet for a line. Contributions for the raffle table would be greatly appreciated.

Admit Two (Filmmaking Family Learning)
Parents/Carers of S1 pupils learning Film and Screen, please sign up to our family learning event if you are able to attend next Wednesday between 6-7pm.

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e-Sgoil Evening Study Support (S4- S6)

The e-Sgoil Evening Study Support programme is now open for registration. The programme provides free, weekly online webinars delivered by qualified teachers to reinforce classroom learning and boost confidence in exam preparation. Please ensure your child has their Glow username and password ready as these credentials are required to complete the sign-up process. The e-Sgoil Evening Study Support timetable and further information can be found here: https://e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/

Careers

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is hosting a free webinar for parents and carers of secondary school pupils on Thurs 12th Nov, 6:30 to 7:30pm. This session will give information and resources to support you with career conversations at home. We will discuss the support SDS offer, as well as exploring the aspirations and career influences of young people and other key findings from our Pupil voice and Parent and Carer voice research. We will also introduce you to additional SDS resources available to support you and your young person. Register for the session here: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2dbb4144-56df-47ed-99b8-0bb8d632546d@33ca6d47-5e4f-4774-84f1-696cbb508cbe?source=copyLinkLegacyShareEventDialog

Dundee and Angus College January Start College Courses 2027 - Now Open to Applications

Jan start course applications close Friday 15*th* January 2027. Courses on offer are limited so will likely fill up quickly

4 in Arbroath: Courses | Dundee & Angus College,

- Access to Animal Care (Part 2) SCQF L3
- Building Trades Fast Track (incorporating NPA in Construction Craft & Technician Level 4) SCQF L4
- Futures in Offshore Wind SCQF L4
- Gateway to College SCQF L4

3 at Gardyne: Courses | Dundee & Angus College,

- Fast Track Business Administration & Accounting SCQF L6
- Fast Track to Social Sciences SCQF L5
- Building Trades Fast Track (incorporating NPA in Construction Craft & Technician Level 4) SCQF L4

3 at Kingsway,: Courses | Dundee & Angus College)

- Certificate in Renewables SCQF L5
- Fast Track to VTCT in Level 1 Preparation to Beauty Therapy SCQF L4
- VTCT Fast Track to Hairdressing SCQF L4

For more information, please see your PT Pupil Care and Support.

Robert Gordons University

Online webinars at Robert Gordon University, which may be of interest to pupils exploring their university options. The webinar programme covers a range of subject areas, as well as sessions offering advice and guidance on applying to university. Upcoming webinars

Wednesday 28 October

- Physiotherapy at RGU - 4:30pm–5:15pm

Wednesday 4 November

- Spotlight on Nursing at RGU - 5:30pm–7:30pm

Wednesday 11 November

- Acing your School of Health Interview: Allied Health Professions - 5:30pm–6:30pm

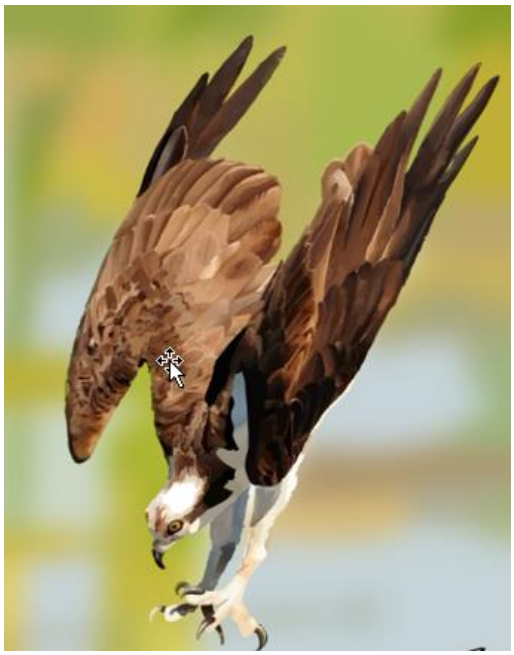
Wednesday 18 November

- Acing your School of Health Interview: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine - 5:30pm–6:30pm

Wednesday 25 November

- Portfolio Guidance with Gray's School of Art – Applications for September 2027 — 5:30pm–6:30pm

All webinars are delivered online and are free to attend, making them a great opportunity for pupils to learn more about their areas of interest and get advice from our academic teams. View the full programme and register for any of the webinars:
Online Webinar Series | Visit Us | RGU



Artwork of the week: 'Diving Osprey' by Isla Clark.

From the Pupil Bulletin:

- Art Competition: Theme: Local environment. Age Categories: S1, S2, S3 & seniors. It can be in any art medium and any size! Deadline: End of November. Please hand in any art pieces to Mr Galligan in the Art department. 1st, 2nd & 3rd win house points!
- French Raffle Prize Winner: Jake Watson.

Key dates:
17th November – S2 Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)
16th December – S1-S3 Christmas Dance
22nd December – S4-S6 Christmas Dance
26th January – S3 Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)
10th February – S4 Parents' Evening
17th February – S5/6 Parents' Evening

Mr M Smart
Head Teacher

GSK Virtual Work Experience

GSK's Virtual Work Experience programme returns this October, giving UK students in S3-6 the chance to explore different career paths, build confidence and learn from people across GSK.

It's completely free, self-paced and designed to fit around school and everyday life.

26th October – 9th November 2026

Register here: Events - Get Ahead - Connectr

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