Chief Executive: Kathryn Lindsay

30th October 2026

Dear Parent, Carer,

Christmas Fayre

The school's Christmas Fayre, organised by Montrose Academy Parent Partnership, will be held in the school's assembly hall between 12pm and 3pm on Saturday 14th November. Any raffle or tombola prizes you could donate would be gratefully received. Please hand into the school office before lunchtime on Friday 13th November. Many thanks to MAPP for organising this event; all monies raised will be used to support young people in Montrose Academy.

Prelim timetables

Prelim timetables have now been uploaded to each year group's Library Team with the following notes:

- There will be prelims only for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses. There are no prelims for courses which do not have an exam in April/May as part of the Qualifications Scotland exam diet.
- Computing Science prelims will be held in January (date to be confirmed).
- Some pupils will find that they have more than one exam on the same day during the prelims. No pupil will have to do exams in more than one subject on the same day. Arrangements will be made for one of the exams to be done on a different day.
- Some pupils will be entitled to separate accommodation, extra-time or other exam arrangements. These arrangements are not reflected on the timetable which has been uploaded.
- All pupils who have exams will be issued with an individualised timetable mid-November. On this timetable any alternative exam arrangements will be clear as well as table numbers for pupils who sit exams in the assembly hall.
- An assembly to go over prelim and other Qualification Scotland exam arrangements will be held soon.

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.

Football news

Well done to Evie Wallace, Abbie Buist and Lucy Birse who were selected to represent the Angus senior girls football team versus Aberdeenshire this week.

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Poppy Collections

For the next 11 days we will be doing poppy collections for Remembrance Day. Please send any spare change you have to add to our collections. Also, we will be taking part in the town Remembrance walk and church service on Sunday 8th November, leaving 10:30 approximately. A wreath will be laid by our school captains.

Outdoor Learning in PE

During PE if your young person has an outdoor activity then they need to be prepared for the weather. Unfortunately, we do not have available indoor spaces to move inside when it rains. We take a sensible approach in that if the weather is particularly bad (unsafe) we would take them to a classroom as an alternative, however, not just for some rain. Please ensure your young person has a full change of pe clothes, where possible including footwear and if necessary, a towel to ensure they are not in wet clothing all day.

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

Pupil Parliament

Representatives from the Pupil Parliament have been busy working creating a pupil friendly version of our School Improvement Plan. This was discussed with pupils during House assemblies on Wednesday.

Improving Learning & Teaching

Useful Feedback – I will receive clear feedback that helps me understand my progress in my subjects and what I need to focus on to improve my work.
Learning Conversations – I will receive a chat one-on-one with my teacher once a term to talk about my learning.
Active Learning Opportunities – I will be encouraged and supported by my teachers to take steps into leading my own learning.
Ongoing Feedback – I will receive ongoing feedback from my teachers during class tasks or work which I submit to help me improve on key areas.

Improving Attainment

S3 & Senior Years – *Most* learners will be aided into achieving at least 5 or more qualifications at the highest level they can before they leave school.
-*All* learners before they leave school will gain at least one qualification in numeracy and literacy.
Goal Setting – My teachers and I will keep track of my progress throughout the year to help me improve in my subjects. My teachers will help me make targets during learning conversations.

Improving Relationships & Engagement

Supporting My Needs – My teachers use information on my profile to help plan lessons and give me the support to help me improve.
Learner Rights Within The Classroom – I am aware of my responsibility to help create an environment to help promote high-quality learning and teaching.
Learners' Behaviour – My behaviour I show in and around school which represents the school's values (Kind, Safe, Ambitious, Respectful) will be rewarded.
My Attendance – My attendance in school will be reviewed termly by my PT PCS and my House Head to better improve my education.

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GirlsGetSet

We are now recruiting for our GirlsGetSet group for this coming session. Please see Mrs Clarke for more information.

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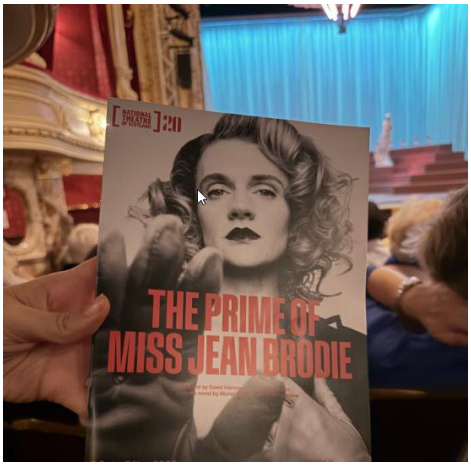
Theatre trip

Our Advanced Higher English class visited His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen on Thursday to watch The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. They are studying the novel as one of their Literary Study texts. Mr McPake was delighted by the class and their erudite discussion of the performance. They are the crème de la crème!



Visiting speaker

Earlier in the week, two visiting university teachers led a joint session of the Advanced Higher English and Modern Studies classes in academic writing. Students in both subjects have now begun drafting their dissertations. Miss Garrow and Mr McPake are proud of the students and their contributions during the workshops.

Basketball

A really enjoyable afternoon with our senior boys' basketball team playing in the first festival of the year against Monifieth. Some fantastic skill on display as well as leadership with lots of young people having a go at officiating as well as playing.

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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

From the Pupil Bulletin:

- Security: The gates to the precinct on the Maths/Computing side of the building will be locked from 9,10am until lunchtime and then again from 2.10pm - 3.40pm.
- Art Competition: Theme: Local environment. Age Categories: S1, S2, S3, ASN & 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!
- Artwork of the week: 'Rabbit in a thistle field' by Kyra Flannery
- Drama Club (S1-S3). Fridays after school until 2pm.
- Cheerleading. Mondays 4-5pm in the Purple Gym
- Film Club. Wednesdays 1.30pm – 2pm in room 1b.

Key dates:

17th November – S2 Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)
16th December – S1-S3 Christmas Dance
17th December – Zones' 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

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