

Whole School

MMR Vaccine Letter from the NHS. All parents please read [this letter](#)

Lunch Menu. For August to December 2023 find [here](#).

Head of School Hybrid Coffee Morning. 8.30am - Crathes meeting room and online with [this link](#).

Swimming Pool. Parents are able to use the school time at the following times. Questions to [Sam Kazmierski](#)

Flu consent packs. Distributed today for all KG to Gr 12 students. Please complete and return to school by Wednesday 6th September 2023. Any queries please contact gram.immsserviceots@nhs.sc

Feedback. Please complete our [autumn family survey](#)

Outdoor Clothing Swap. This year to support the excellent work our eco clubs are doing, we organising a clothing swap where students are welcome to turn in any used (but clean) outdoor clothing that they have grown out of such as waterproofs, jackets, trousers, and useful layers in return for a ticket which they can then use to switch for a replacement item. Any leftover clothing will be donated to a good cause. If you have any outdoor clothing to swap which would be suitable for children of aged 11 and upwards, please give it to your child to bring into the middle and high school office between 4th and 15th September. Students and their families will be able to exchange their tickets from w/c 18th September for replacement clothing. Please ensure all items are clean and in decent condition

Chromebook Care. Please keep Chromebooks in cases, do not eat or drink near them and take extra care - we've had too many lost/damaged devices this year already.

Driving Carefully. A big thank you to everyone who drives very slowly on campus - even when they are running late!

Design Tech. Please complete [this very short survey](#) about road signs to help a Grade 10 student.

Global Perspectives. Please take some time to complete these [surveys](#) to help out our Grade 10 students. Thanks!

RAAC Concrete. Our building's architect and structural engineer have confirmed that there is no RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) at ISA.

School Photographs: A professional photographer will take photos of all ES/MS/HS students on Thursday 21 September. These photographs will be available for purchase. For any students who are absent a follow up session will be arranged for February 2024

Archway. A charity supporting those with learning disabilities. Our CAS group needs good quality clothes, particularly for adults, to sell in Archway's banchory charity shop. Collections boxes near reception, outside the middle/high school office and outside Ms Barker's office. Runs to 29 Sep. Freya.

Lunchtime Concert. Wednesday 20 Sep, 12.40pm in the Black Box. Informal student voice and piano performances. All staff and families of performers are warmly invited.

Student Newspaper. Please find the first edition [here](#).

Recent Letters to Parents.

To all parents - [information for the new year](#) (18 June) and [welcome to a new year](#) (14 August).
- [a reminder about powerschool forms](#) (18 August)

To Middle/High School parents - [Return to School and Activities Week](#) (14 August) To

Preschool/Elementary parents - [Return to School](#) (14 Aug)

Trip Letters: [the Grade 6/7 Activities week](#), [the Grade 6/7 Activities week](#), [the Grade 8 Activities Week](#), [Grade 9 residential trip](#), [Grade 11 residential trip](#), [IB Art Trip](#), [Grade 12. IB development week](#), [Millport trip](#), [IB Theory of Knowledge trip](#)

Welcome Letters: [kindergarten](#), [Grade 1](#) [Grade 2](#), [Grade 3](#), [Grade 4](#), [Grade 5](#), Grade 6 advisor letters (from [Luke Klopp](#), [Marleen Biesheuvel](#) and [Clare Gore](#)), Grade 7 advisor letters from [Fabiana Pereira](#), [Callum Marshall](#) and [Kent Walter](#) Grade 8 advisor letters (from [Kate Higgins](#), [Rob Morris](#)) and [Graham Thomson](#)), Grade 9 advisor letters from [Paul Candler](#), [Philippa Davie](#) and [Tom Joyce](#)) From [Grade 9 CECs](#). Grade 10 advisory letter from [Nancy Carmichael](#). Grade 12 CEC. Grade 11 advisor letters from [Cathy Bonnard](#) and [Val Garry](#). Grade 12 advisory from [Christine Ritschel](#)

Also: [Grade 3 PE](#), [Grades 6 - 10 PE](#), [Grade 4 timetable](#), [Grade 5 update letter](#) [Middle School Instrumental Programme](#), [Grade 10 Science Options](#), [Grade 12 University Applications](#), and [To Grade 11 - a guide to IB and university guidance](#). Also [afterschool activity programme](#) and [Elementary After School Activities](#).

Letters (1 Sep 2023). [Grades 6 to 8 Duke Award](#), [High School Counsellor Introduction](#) to High school counsellor introduction for [Grade 9](#) and, [Grade 10](#). Also [Grades 6 and 7 residential trip](#).

High School

Grade 11. A friendly reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday) is the grade 11 IB Introduction day which runs from 9:00-14:00. Students should meet in the cafeteria and lunch will be provided.

Middle/High School Schedules for grades 6-12 will go live on Tuesday, August 15th after 12:00. Please read about the **new procedures** for checking schedules [here](#). On the first day of school on August 17th, MS/HS students will start in the theatre at 8:15.

IGCSE: Exam results will be released at 08:00 on the 16th August. Students can access them via the CIE website using their individualised login details which were sent directly to them via email at the end of last term and again on Monday of this week (with instructions). Please keep this information handy as you will need it to access your results. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Jo Curnock](#) via email (will be checked periodically over the summer).

Grade 11 and 12 Parents/Carers: There will be a virtual **IB Parent Information** session tomorrow [from 5:30-6:00pm](#). You can access this session by clicking on [this link](#). Following this there will be a **UCAS UK University Application Information** session from 6:00-6:45pm. The focus of this is mainly for grade 12 parents whose students are applying to UK Universities.

Grade 12 Trip to Aberdeen University. Please read [this letter](#).

High School Parent Coffee. Tuesday 5th September 8.30-10. Inviting all Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 parents. Please join us in "the street" for a chance to meet key staff members and other High School parents for chat over coffee and pastries. PTO

French Trip. [This letter](#) was sent recently to relevant Grade 10 to 12 families regarding a French trip in January.

Presentation Slide shows [Grade 11 IB Info Presentation](#) and [Grade 12 Uni Info Presentation](#)

Middle/High School Activities Week Payment Deadline. Today is the final day to make payments for the middle and high school residential in October. Please log on to your iPay account to make the payment.

Royal Navy/Marines Talk: Ms. Barker has arranged an information session for interested students and parents Wednesday Sept. 27th at 3:15-4:30pm in the Seminar Room West. Students who expressed an interest and their parents have been informed. This is open for anyone to join in person or virtually.

Head of School Hybrid Coffee Morning. 8.30am - Crathes meeting room and online with [this link](#).

Belfast Trip Virtual Parent Q & A- Today (Wed) 10-10:30 AM at this [link](#). Luke Klopp, Nancy Carmichael and Paul Menzies

RAF Talk: Ms. Barker has arranged an information session for interested students and parents Wednesday 11th October at 3:15-4:15pm in the Seminar Room West. Students who expressed an interest and their parents have been informed. This is open for anyone to join in person or [virtually](#).

Middle School

NHS immunisation dates: Flu Vaccine - Nov 6th and 7th (all grades). HPV Vaccine - 2nd February (Grade 7s and catch ups offered for older students who have missed). DTP(Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio) & MenACWY Vaccines - 8th March (Grade 9 and catch ups for older students).

Middle School Residential Virtual Q&A. If you have any questions about the October activity week in middle school, there will be a virtual Q&A on Monday for [Grade 8 at 11am](#) and [Grades 6&7 at 12:15pm](#). Sign-up for the residential closes on 31st August.

Middle/High School Open House. [This letter](#) was sent out

After School Tennis. Grade 6 may now join tennis from 3:00-4:00 on Tuesdays. Students need to register with Alison Yesildag

Middle high school girls volleyball practice this Thursday - cancelled.

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Winter illness. Follow the NHS advice [here](#).

Middle/High School Open House. This will be held on Thursday 14 September, starting at 6pm in the Theatre. Please follow this [link](#) as a reminder to the letter that was sent out.

Middle/High School Trips. Report from Grade 6/7. "Students are all in good spirits and ready for bed after a busy afternoon at the centre. They have done lots of team building activities, and been jumping from trees in the leap of faith." "Grade 8 enjoyed a day at the Falkirk wheel. Participating in activities such as segway riding, axe throwing, mini golf and a boat tour of the wheel. They are extremely chuffed with their accommodation and looking forward to go-karting today!" Grade 9 report [here](#). Grade 10 wrote, " The group has safely made it to Belfast after a long day of travel but the crossing of the Irish Sea was smooth. Have had dinner and now settling into their bedrooms!"

Elementary

PreschoMiddle School Local Trips: Please see this letter relating to the schedule for the [Middle School Local trips](#). Students have been invited to the MS Local Trips Google Classroom which will be used to share any updates or changes to plans. Students will need a packed lunch every day and will require specific equipment at times (see letter). Please make sure they are dressed appropriately for a typical Scottish day including a rain jacket and fleece. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Curnock.**ol menu.** For Thursday and Friday is [here](#).

Preschool menu for [w/b 21 August](#)

Preschool menu for [w/b 28 August](#)

Preschool menu. For [w/b 4 September](#)

Preschool menu for [w/b 11 September](#)

Preschool menu for [w/b 18 September](#)

Preschool Menu. For w/b 26 Sep [here](#) (no school on Monday, 25th)

Preschool menu. For w/b 2 October [here](#).

Grade 5 Trip - Nethybridge Parent Information Session Friday (25.8.23) at 9:15am in the Grade 5 classrooms. If you can't attend in person see this [meet link](#) to listen virtually.

Elementary Healthy Lifestyle Week. 2 - 6 October. Join our assembly at 8.30am that Monday. If you would like your child to be part of a video montage of healthy activities. Send your clips to gbrace@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk - no longer than 10 seconds, no volume. Include the full name and grade of your child in the email subject line. No later than 17 Sep.

Lunchtime Concert. 20 Sep. 12.40pm in the Black Box. Open to all Elementary and Middle School singers and learners of instruments. If your child is interested in performing, please contact [Stacey McMorran](#).

Healthy Lifestyles Week. Special assembly today at 8.30 also [fit kids and families' competition starts](#). KG - G5 Fit Kids: Mind and Body 1.20 -2.45. Please wear sports clothes for indoors and outdoors. See details about Friday's Fit Kids event [here](#). Parents are also invited to swim Friday 11.30 - 12.30

PTO

LOST PROPERTY FINAL CALL! All found items from the final weeks of last school year are on display for collection today (Wednesday) in reception. All unclaimed items will be laundered and donated after today!

LOST PROPERTY! All found items (clothing and PE kit) are on display in reception all day on MONDAYS. For the rest of the week found items (from the school day) are located in the lost property area on the rack between the cafeteria and the small gym. All clearly labeled items will be returned directly to students. Use [stikins](#) labels and quote 36395 when you order and you will also be fundraising for the PTO enrichment programme!

Library and Home Languages

Library Volunteers needed! We need four. If you can help out for a couple of hours a week, and are interested in joining our team of parent volunteers, please see more information [here](#) and get in touch

Hindi Home Language Group - do your children speak some Hindi at home? This language group will be running on either a Tuesday or Wednesday, 4-5pm - if your children are interested in joining please email jcrimp@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk . More information about our Home Language groups [here](#) Home language skills are valuable skills!

Portuguese and Russian Home Language Groups - we would like to restart each of these after-school groups, and are currently looking for a tutor for each. If you are interested, or can suggest someone, please email jcrimp@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk. More information about our Home Language Groups [here](#) .