

Leaving ISA? Please complete the withdrawal form on Powerschool. If your plans are not definite please inform the relevant administrator - Diane McBain for Elementary (dmc bain@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk) or Alison Yesildag for Middle and High School (ayesildag@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk)

Ceilidh and Prom Deadlines. The deadline for Ceilidh tickets is 5 May, and Prom 6 May. All can be purchased in ipayimpact.

School Buses will not be running on Friday 2 May and Monday 5 May. Those students who have exams on these days will have to make their own way to school.

Improve your English. See details of classes for English as a Second Language for adults [here](#)
Yearbook. Last chance to purchase one - follow [this link](#)

Pathways and Placements Q&A: Thank you for attending the session on Monday. [Here](#) is the presentation.

Plastic Plant Pot Appeal: Our Elementary School vegetable growers are looking for plastic pots (approx. 10cm diameter) to pot on seedlings for their plant sale in June. If you have any pots you can donate, please pass them to Jory Bolton (Grade 1, jbolton@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk). Help us to help you grow your garden this growing season!

Virtual Pathways and Placements Meeting: This is an open Q&A session for any ISA community members to learn about High School pathways at ISA and an opportunity to ask questions about our programmes and placements. [Here](#) is the meeting link to join Monday 28th April at 8:30am.

Transition to Middle School: Thank you for attending this Tuesday's virtual meeting. [Slideshow attached here.](#) If you have any questions please contact Alyssa Dreelan or Valerie DeGraw.

ISA Summer Football Camp. 7-11th July 2025. 9am-3pm daily. For ages 5-13, all abilities. At ISA. Cost: £100 (the same as last year). Sign up [here](#) (separately for each child) Once completed the lead coach will be in touch regarding payment. Feel free to forward the information to family and friends. Any questions, contact – elfootballcentre@gmail.com

Whole School

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

Social Media. Thanks for your support of our social media - see [update here](#).

ISA Prints @ the Print Room. Details of our February exhibition involving all ISA students & workshop invitation [here](#).

Private Music Tutors. We have a new guitar tutor joining our team! For details of all the private music tutors available for after-school lessons, see [this list](#).

Lost Property. Please check out these videos of lost property, or pop in to browse & collect missing items: [small jumpers/jackets](#) - [scarves & larger tops/jackets](#) - [hats/gloves/water bottles](#) - [shoes/trousers/small accessories items](#)

Photos. For previously absent and new students in Elementary, Middle and High School. Also Graduate Headshots for the Yearbook. Wednesday 5 February. Please follow this [link](#) for the schedule and location. Eligible students will be given a yellow card during advisory which they must bring along.

School Transport Whatsapp. If you travel on the school buses and would like to join a whatsapp group for updates, please see our recent email & join directly by clicking [this link](#) on your phone.

Keeping Children Safe Online: Parenting Across Scotland is hosting a [webinar](#) on keeping children safe online on 25 February, from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Google Guardian reports. Some parents are reporting blank reports from Google since last Friday. This is an issue at Google's end which is being investigated; hopefully it will be sorted soon!

ISA Lunchtime Concerts - The next informal concert will take place on Thursday 13th March at 12.30pm in the Black Box Theatre. These are occasions for students learning an instrument or to sing, inside or outside of school, to gain performing opportunities. If your child is interested in performing a piece in this one or you have any questions, please contact Mrs.McMorran -smcmorran@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

Sick children. Please keep children at home if they are unwell, particularly as the winter bugs are still out there. Children can return to school when they no longer have a fever (without paracetamol) and are well and 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting / diarrhoea.

Solar Panels Project. Now running about two weeks late - should be complete by mid-April
Lunchtime Concert today at 12.30pm in the Black Box Theatre. A varied [programme](#) of instruments and singers at all levels. Families of performers and staff are welcome to attend and enjoy the students' performances.

Lost property. Please see videos of current lost property: [Lunch boxes & water bottles.](#)
[T-shirts, small jumpers & hair accessories.](#) [Trousers, shoes & small tops.](#) [Hats, gloves & socks.](#)
[Jackets & sweatshirts.](#) [Sweatshirts.](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences. Monday and Thursday after school - there will be limited clubs: see [this letter](#). No classes for students on Friday (and no after school clubs)

Instagram. We are at 996 [instagram followers](#) and would love to hit 1000 if you haven't followed us yet! For a preview [click here](#) to see one of our popular posts this week, showing the university offers to our Grade 12 students so far!

Lunch Menu April to June. See [here](#).

International Day: please use these images to help advertise International Day and promote donations of food, time and cultural activities, in your blogs, home learning etc. [Advert](#) and [Appeal](#) for help. Middle School and High School advisors: can you ask your students to complete this [form](#) by Friday 11th April. Thank you

International Day - Flag Bearers for Event Opening - Please fill out this [form](#) to indicate if your child would like to be considered to be the flag bearer for your country. If there are multiple notes of interest for a country, a name shall be selected at random. Flag bearers will have to be available from 10:45am on Saturday 26th April.

International Day is when we come together to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community. Saturday, 26th May from 11am - 2:00pm: an event for students in all grade levels, and it would be great to see as many families attending as possible. National dress/colours are encouraged. Whilst the event will be packed with fun events throughout the afternoon, if you

cannot manage for the full time, please pop in when you can. Please indicate if you can make it via this [RSVP](#).

International Day - LAST CHANCE FOR FLAG BEARERS - we currently only have notes of interest for 19 of our represented countries - we are still looking for representatives from Lithuania, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Wales, Switzerland, Russia, France, Ukraine, Finland, Azerbaijan, England, Germany, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Lebanon, Kazakhstan, Oman, India, and Ireland. Please sign up to represent your country [here](#).

Grade 6 KIVA Walkathon: We had about 300 students join in and in total, we raised over £300 which will benefit refugees worldwide. Thank you for your support and donations for such a great success.

PowerSchool Portal / Open Gradebook: We have made [this video](#) to show Middle & High School parents all the information that is available in PowerSchool including your child's current grades or what we refer to as the 'open gradebook'.

International Day – Important Information. We're expecting a large number of people, so the car park may fill up quickly. If that happens, we may need to direct visitors to park on nearby roads to the east, next to the houses. If possible, we kindly encourage you to walk, take public transport, car share, or park by the houses directly to help ease congestion. It's likely to be very busy!

Food Allergy Info. Thank you to everyone who has offered to bring a dish. Please remember that [allergy information must be clearly displayed](#) with your dish. You can either print this at home, or we'll have printed forms available at the entrance starting Friday.

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

ISA Lunchtime Concerts - The last informal concert of the school year will take place on Wednesday 21st May at 12.30pm in the Black Box Theatre. These are occasions for students learning an instrument or to sing, inside or outside of school, to gain performing opportunities. If your child is interested in performing a piece in this one or you have any questions, please contact Mrs.McMorran - smcmorran@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

New ISA Website. We are currently developing a new ISA website and would like some students to give some input at an early stage. Ideally, we are looking for students who recently joined the school and looked at school websites as part of selecting ISA or preparing for joining - or who have knowledge of other school websites which you think are worth us knowing about. If you would be interested in being involved, and are free on Tuesday 29th April from 3pm - 3.30, please get in touch with Mrs Veitch - gveitch@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

International - Flag Bearers - Names were chosen at random and all successful flag bearers have been notified. Please check your emails and confirm your availability.

International Day - Student Parade - Our annual student parade will take place at the end of this year's celebration, as a closing ceremony. Students will be invited to gather in the gym around 1:45pm, in their grade levels, in order to parade as a whole student body, through the school and out under the flags at the front of the school. Families can watch the student parade from the grassy area around the tower. Students can bring small flags with them to carry during the parade. Preschool parents may accompany their children if they would like to.

High School

IGCSEs: Use this [link](#) to access the letter sent to parents in January with information relating to IGCSE exam arrangements and flexible leave. Families will shortly receive invoices from the Business Office that includes a digital copy of individual student exam schedules. If you have any questions, please email Jo Curnock.

SAT tests for Grade 11/12: ISA will host them on: 8 March, 3 May, and 7 June. All registration is done through the College Board [website](#). If you are interested, please contact Mr. Klopp or Ms. Barker for more information.

IB and Pathway Information Session for Grade 10 parents. [Here](#) is the presentation from yesterday. Heather Barker and Jennifer Grogan.

Grade 10 Parents/Carers: There will be a virtual IB and Pathways Parent Information Session on Tuesday 25th February from 5-6pm using the following [link](#). [Here](#) is the letter that was sent out Friday 14th for more information.

Upcoming Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments. (London and Lisbon) Please join this [meet](#) today at 12pm for more information.

Citizenship Week. See [this information](#) for Grade 11 parents about Grade 12 citizenship week this Autumn.

Grade 11 SPaRCS assessment. Please use [this link](#) to access the letter sent out to all Grade 11 parents on Friday about the SPaRCS assessment on Wednesday 5th March. Please open and respond asap. Please contact Jo Curnock with any questions.

Grade 11 SPaRCS: Please see this [letter](#) that was sent out to all Grade 11 families about the upcoming SPaRCS assessment on Wednesday, 12th March. Please note there is a consent form which must be completed. If you have any questions, please email Jo Curnock.

Phoenix Volleyball. [Booking is now open](#) for Phoenix volleyball on Monday evenings from April - June, and also for a bonus Easter Camp for anyone who is currently attending Phoenix Volleyball, or is signing up for the summer term.

Grade 10 IGCSE - Please see our [contingency plans for IGCSE exams](#) in the event that there needs to be a change to a scheduled exam. Please contact Jo Curnock with further questions.

Middle School

Middle School PE - Please read [THIS](#) important information about the rollerblading unit **ISA Basketball Tournaments.** This Friday from 09:00-16:00 and Saturday from 10:00-13:00 All families are welcome to cheer on our players. The schedule is attached [here](#).

Grades 7 & 8 Basketball Tournament at ISA .Parents welcome to cheer games from 9am to 5pm on Friday 14 Feb and 9am to 2pm on Saturday 15 Feb. A schedule will be posted next week. It is just Aberdeen schools coming so we don't need hosts.

Badminton starts next week for middle and high schoolers, regardless of ability. Those keen may be selected for the school team going to Barcelona. Middle school - Wed and Thur 3pm to 4pm. High School Tue and Thur 4pm to 5pm.

Tennis starts next week. For high and middle schoolers at intermediate level or above. Monday 3:00-4:30 and Tuesday 3:00-4:15. More clubs will be on offer after spring break.

Vaccines. All Grade 7 and students identified by the NHS in older grades should have received NHS forms for HPV vaccination. Please complete and returned to the advisory teacher, by Friday 14th March

Chromebook use at home. Thanks to all Grade 5 - 8 parents who took part in our Chromebook at home consultation. From today we are increasing the filtering at home, and we will introduce time limits after the break. [Full details here.](#)

Grade 8 to 9 Transition. A virtual High School Q&A session for all parents/carers of grade 8 students on Wednesday, April 16th from 8:30-9am. [Here](#) is the link to join. [Here](#) is the information letter sent last Wednesday. Heather Barker

Chromebook Filtering (Middle School). A reminder that full filtering & time limits are now active as mentioned before the break. [Full details here.](#)

Preschool and Elementary

Parent volunteers for after school elementary tennis: please contact Mark DeGraw:

mdegrow@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

Preschool Lunch Menu April to June. See [here](#).

Transition to Middle School. A meeting for Grade 5 Parents on Tuesday, 22nd April from 8:30-9:00. See [invitation letter](#) and the [Google Meet](#). See you there!

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Library and Home Languages

Library Volunteers. We are very lucky to have a wonderful team of library volunteers who help us run the ISA library, but we are always looking for more! If you have some time to spare and you would be interested in a regular volunteer shift in the library, please contact us on library@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk and we will arrange an initial chat. Thank you, Rosaleen Hay and Clare Cheshier.