

Ayr Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week 13/11/23 - 17/11/23

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Upcoming Events

17th November Children in Need

21st November Challenge Day 2

23rd November S1 'Welcome to Ayr' Parents'

Event

24th November S1 Friday Challenge

1st December 5@5 Dolphin House

4th December Prelims begin

5th December S3 Parents' Evening

15th December Reward Day

17th December Panto Trip

21st December Christmas Disco

22nd December School closes at 2.30pm

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AUGUST			
17th	In Service Day		
18th	In Service Day		
21st	Pupils Return		
SE	PTEMBER		
22nd to 25th	Local Holiday		
26th	Pupils Return		
C	OCTOBER		
16th to 20th	October Holiday		
23rd	In Service Day		
24th	Pupils Return		
DECEM	IBER/ JANUARY		
2th to 5th	Christmas Holidays		
8th	Pupils Return		
FI	EBRUARY		
12th	Local Holiday		
13th	Inservice Day		
14th	Pupils Return		
MA	RCH/ APRIL		
29th to 12th	Easter Holiday		
15th	Pupils return		
	MAY		
2nd	In Service Day		
3rd	Pupils Return		
6th	May Day Holiday		
24th to 27th	May Day Long Weekend		
28th	Pupils Return		
	JUNE		
28th	Summer Holidays		
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AYR ACADEMY - CALENDAR OVERVIEW 2023/2024

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FULL REPORTS				
24th November	\$1-\$3			
16th February	S3			
8th March	\$4-\$6			
10th May	S2-S3			

TRACKING REPORTS				
15th September	S4-S6			
19th January	S4-S6			
13th May	S2-S3			

PARENTS EVENINGS				
3rd October	S1s			
30th October	\$4-\$6			
5th December	\$3			
16th January	\$2			
5th February	\$4-\$6			
13th May	S1			

EVENTS				
8th September	Bake Sale—Seniors			
11th October	Senior Career Event			
13th October	Ayr Factor			
13th October	Bake Sale			
2nd November	Immunisations			
13th November	Book Week Scotland			
4th December	Prelims Begin			
4th December	S3 Fashion & Textile Trip			
6th December	Immunisations			
15th December	Bake Sale			
15th December	Reward Day			
20th December	Panto			
21st December	Christmas Disco			
7th to 9th February	London Trip			
7th March	World Book Day			
25th March	Reward Day			
11th 12th June	Bump up days			



Weekly Quiz



You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.



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Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake

...as requested by S2!

Ingredients

150ml sunflower oil, plus extra for the tin

175g self-raising flour

2 tbsp cocoa powder

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

150g caster sugar

2 tbsp golden syrup

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

150ml semi-skimmed milk

For the icing

100g unsalted butter
225g icing sugar
40g cocoa powder
2½ tbsp milk (a little more if needed)

STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Oil and line the base of two 18cm sandwich tins. Sieve the flour, cocoa powder and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl. Add the caster sugar and mix well.

STEP 2

Make a well in the centre and add the golden syrup, eggs, sunflower oil and milk. Beat well with an electric whisk until smooth.

STEP 3

Pour the mixture into the two tins and bake for 25-30 mins until risen and firm to the touch. Remove from oven, leave to cool for 10 mins before turning out onto a cooling rack.

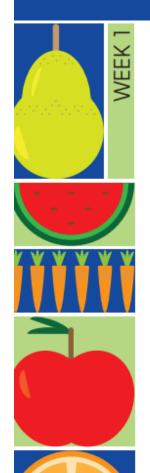
STEP 4

To make the icing, beat the unsalted butter in a bowl until soft. Gradually sieve and beat in the icing sugar and cocoa powder, then add enough of the milk to make the icing fluffy and spreadable.

STEP 5

Sandwich the two cakes together with the butter icing and cover the sides and the top of the cake with more icing.

SOUTH AYRSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOL MENU 2023/2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Lentil soup o Potato & leek soup o	Lentil soup o Farmhouse soup o	Lentil soup o Tomato & red pepper soup o	Lentil soup o Chicken & rice soup	Lentil soup o
Mains option 1	Cheese & tomato pizza v	Beef mince	Chicken curry, boiled rice & chapati	Steak pie	Breaded fish
Mains option 2	Vegetarian meatballs o	Macaroni cheese & garlic bread v	Veggie pasta o	Spicy veg noodles o	Pasta bolognese
Veg	Peas, potato wedges & salad bar o	Mixed veg, mashed potato & salad bar o	Peas, sweetcorn & salad bar o	Oven roast potatoes, green beans & salad bar o	Chips, beans, coleslaw & salad bar v
Sweet		Self-s	ervice fruit bar available	daily o	

Available Daily

Sandwiches, rolls, wraps and baguettes with a variety of fillings

Panini's, pizzini's and toasties

Baked potatoes

Pots to go

Salad bar

Check the menu board for daily specials







Scan here to see the dates for each weekly menu and allergen information





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Preliminary Examinations Timetable December 2023/January 2024

Day/Date	Subject	Level	Location	Times
Monday	Chemistry	H - Paper 1	Gym 1	9.00 - 9.40
4 th December	Chemistry	H - Paper 2	Gym 1	10.10 - 12.30
	Graphics	N5	Gym 1	13.00 - 14.30
	Graphics	H – Paper 1	Gym 1	13.00 - 15.30
Tuesday	Mod Studies	H - Paper 1	Gym 1	9.00 - 10.30
5th December	Mod Studies	H - Paper 2	Gym 1	11.00 - 12.30
	Mod Studies	N5	Gym 1	13.00 - 14.30
	Music Technology	N5	Room 1	14.15 - 15.05
	Music Technology	Н	Room 1	14.15 - 15.00
Wednesday	Maths	N5 paper 1	Games Hall	9.00 - 10.00
6th December	Maths	N5 paper 2	Games Hall	10.30 - 12.00
	Application of Maths	N5 paper 1	Games Hall	9.00 - 9.30
	Application of Maths	N5 paper 2	Games Hall	10.15 - 11.15
Thursday	PE	Н	Gym 1	9.00 - 11.30
7 th December	Art	Н	Gym 1	13.00 - 14.15
	Art	N5	Gym 1	13.00 - 14.00
Friday	History	N5	Gym 1	9.00 - 10.30
8th December	History	H - Paper 1	Gym 1	9.00 - 9.45
	History	H - Paper 1	Gym 1	10.15 -11.45
	Practical Woodwork	N5	Gym 1	13.00 - 14.00

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Day/Date	Subject	Level	Location	Times
Monday	Biology	N5	Gym 1	9.00 - 11.30
11th December	Biology	H - Paper 1	Gym 1	11.45 - 12.25
	Biology	H - Paper 2	Gym 1	13.00 - 15.20
Tuesday	English	H paper 1	Games Hall	8.45 - 10.15
12th December	English	H paper 2	Games Hall	10.45 - 12.15
	English	N5 paper 1	Games Hall	12.30 - 13.30
	English	N5 paper 2	Games Hall	13.45 - 15.15
Wednesday	Geography	H - Paper 1	Gym 1	9.00 - 10.30
13th December	Geography	H - Paper 2	Gym 1	10.40 -11.40
	Geography	N5 – Paper 1	Gym 1	9.00 - 11.00
	Music	N5	Room 1	12.15 - 13.05
	Music	Н	Room 3	13.30 - 14.30
Thursday	Physics	N5	Gym 1	9.00 - 11.30
14 th December	Drama	N5	Gym 1	12.00 - 13.30

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Additional Information

Responsibility

Hospitality/Music practical exams will take place on the following days:

Music

Thursday 23rd November Friday 24th November Monday 27th November Tuesday 28th November

Practical Cookery

Wednesday 29th November Thursday 30th November Friday 1st December

The following subject prelims will take place during class time in January

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- Hospitality N5 Written Paper
- Business Management N5
- Admin N5 and Higher
- Chemistry National 5
- French and Spanish All papers
- Drama N5 Practical

Information to follow directly from departments.



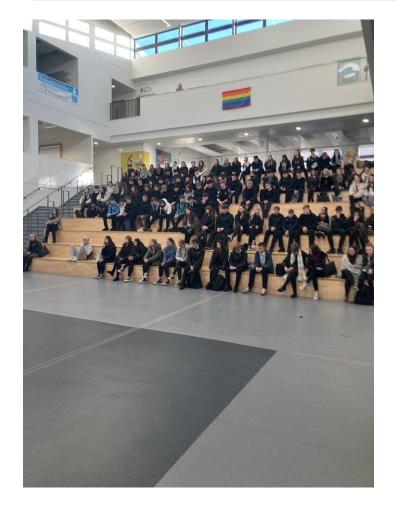


Countdown to 1st SQA examination of 2024....

23 weeks

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Ayr Academy Attainment Programme



Senior School Assembly with Mr Brown and Sarah Quinn from the Saltire Awards.
Seniors all have their SQA booklets and AAA timetables!
A busy week with the 5@5 mentoring group also receiving their second tracking reports!

Supported Study Timetable

Monday				
Subject	Level	Time	Teacher	Room
		13.20 -		
Art	Higher	14.00	Mrs Cairns	202
		13.20 -		
Art	National 5	14.00	Mrs Cairns	202
		15.40 -		
English	Higher	16.40	Mr Campbell	128
	National 5/	13.20 -		
Administration	Higher	14.00	Mrs Campbell	209
	National	15.40 -		
PE	5/Higher	17.00	PE Staff	PE
	National	15.40 -		
Music	5/Higher	16.40	Miss Gibson/Mr Roy	1

Tuesday					
Subject	Level	Time	Teacher	Room	
		13.20 -			
Art	Higher	14.00	Mrs Cairns	202	
		13.20 -			
Art	National 5	14.00	Mrs Cairns	202	
	National 5/	13.20 -			
Administration	Higher	14.00	Mrs Campbell	209	
		15.45 -			
Modern Studies	National 5	17.00	Miss Alexander	211	
		15.45 -			
Geography	Higher	17.00	Mr Kennedy	218	
		13.20 -			
Maths	National 5	14.00	Mr Murphy	222	
	National 5/	15.45 -			
Maths	Higher	17.00	Mr Murphy	222	

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Wednesday				
Subject	Level	Time	Teacher	Room
		14.50 -		
Art	Higher	16.00	Mrs Cairns	202
		14.50 -		
Art	National 5	16.00	Mrs Cairns	202
		15.00 -		
Practical Cookery	National 5	16.30	Mrs Morison	10
		14.50 -		
English	National 5	15.50	Miss Kinnen	127
		14.50 -		
Business Management	National 5	15.50	Mrs Campbell	209
	National 5/	12.30 -		
Administration	Higher	13.10	Mrs Campbell	209
		15.00 -		
Graphic Communication	Higher	17.00	Miss Roche	15
		14.50 -		
History	Higher	16.00	Mrs Gray	214
		14.50 -		
Geography	National 5	16.00	Miss Stott	217
		12.30 -		
Physics	National 5	13.10	Mr Hirst	115
	National	12.30 -		
Chemistry	5/Higher	13.10	Mrs Thompson	110
		14.50 -		
Physics	National 5	16.00	Mr Hirst	115
	National	14.50 -		
Music	5/Higher	15.50	Miss Gibson/Mr Roy	1
		12.30 -		
Maths/Apps	National 5	13.10	Mrs Beattie/Mr Murphy	219/222

Thursday				
Subject	Level	Time	Teacher	Room
		15.00 -		
Practical Cookery	National 5	16.30	Miss Turnbull	12
	National 5/	12.30 -		
Administration	Higher	13.10	Mrs Campbell	209
		15.00 -		
Graphic Communication	National 4/5	17.00	Miss Roche	15
-		15.00 -		
Graphic Communication	Higher	17.00	Miss Roche	15
		14.50 -		
Practical Woodwork	National 5	15.50	Mr Rich	23
		12.30 -		
History	National 5	13.10	Mr Poulter	216
-		12.30 -		
Modern Studies	Higher	13.10	Mr Poulter	216
		14.50 -		
History	Higher	16.00	Mrs Gray	214
-		12.30 -		
Biology	National 5	13.10	Mr Standring	112
		12.30 -		
Biology	Higher	13.10	Miss McCreadie	113
		12.30 -		
Health Sector	Level 5	13.10	Miss McCreadie	113
	National 5/	14.50 -		
Maths	Higher	15.50	Mr Murphy	222

Friday				
Subject	Level	Time	Teacher	Room
		14.50 -		
Art	Higher	16.00	Mrs Cairns	202
		14.50 -		
Art	National 5	16.00	Mrs Cairns	202
	National 5/	12.30 -		
Administration	Higher	13.10	Mrs Campbell	209

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November Focus

School Values:

- Respect
- Compassion

Wellbeing (SHANARRI):

- Included
- Nurtured

Book Week

5 Ways to Wellbeing:

- Learn
- Give

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We have now extended this invite to include our P6 families We hope to see as many of you as possible! We can't wait to meet you! Domino's Ayr have kindly agreed to donate 120 slices of pizza for the event



Ayr Academy Counselling Service

65 Counselling Session attended in October !!!!!!

We currently have appointments available for anyone who is struggling and not coping with any aspect of their life, including exam anxiety/stress

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH – Referral forms can be found outside counselling and guidance rooms, complete and pop into red post box or just pop along to the counselling room and speak to one of the counsellors who are keen to help you.

We will arrange an appointment for you as soon as possible





Counselling Service is here to support you

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Immunisations





There will be a catch up day on 06.12.23 for pupils who have missed their flu vaccines this past week. The next round of immunisations will take place in January, 2024.

New Canteen Meal Deals





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ASN Family Support Network ... Upcoming events

Wed 31 Jan 2024 Ayr Grammar Primary

6.30 - 8pm "Supporting your child with Literacy Difficulties"

Holly McBlane from South Ayrshire Reads
To book contact Fiona, priestnall@southayrshire.gov.uk

Tue 20 Feb 2024 Ayr Grammar Primary

6.30 - 8pm "Supporting young people with ADHD" Tanya Tenant from Tanya Tenant Autism Training and Consultancy

To book contact Fiona.priestnall@southayrshire.gov.uk

Wed 24 April 2024 in Walker Halls, Troon 1-5pm; this year's theme is "Transitions"

Over 40 charities and third sector organisations offering support and advice.

Keynote speakers including Tanya Tenant on

Keynote speakers including Tanya Tenant or "Transitions from Secondary Education"

No need to pre-book for this event

Further information from fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Or ASN Website <u>www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn</u>



Careers Week - 13th-17th November



Scottish Careers Week 2023 takes place from 13 to 17 November. Delivered by Skills Development Scotland with a range of local and national partners, the week features events and activities to help people of all ages explore, understand and manage their career choices, and the services and resources available to support them.

Follow the link below for the toolkit for next week:

https://www.skillsdevelopmentsc otland.co.uk/media/50515/scotti sh-careers-week-2023-toolkit.pdf

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Remembrance Services

On Thursday, 9th November, Ayr Academy took time to reflect and show our respect to the fallen at our Remembrance Assemblies, led by Rev Gemmell. Remembering those who served and lost their lives in conflict. 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'



On Sunday 12th November, our captaincy team, accompanied by Mrs Traynor, laid a wreath at the Ayr Cenotaph on behalf of all staff and students of Ayr Academy. Remembering the fallen, including teachers and pupils of Ayr Academy from WW1 and WW2. Three pupils, Ava Nicolson (S2), Logan Brown (S4) and Ian McKnight (S4) were also at the Cenotaph paying their respects alongside their peers in the local sea cadet unit, TS Mountbatten.



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Ayrshire Junior Chess Tournament





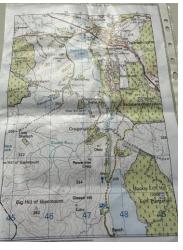


3 members of Mr Guetta's chess club took part in junior tournament at Greenwood Academy this evening. Jake was awarded 2nd in his group and came away with a medal after winning 3/4 games, Ethan also won 3/4 and Fraser won 2/4. The players were a credit to the school and had a fab time. Well done boys!

DofE Bronze Training Day

Miss Leitch and a group of S3 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants swapped the classroom for the great outdoors this week! They had an excellent training day building navigation and teamwork skills great fun had by all!











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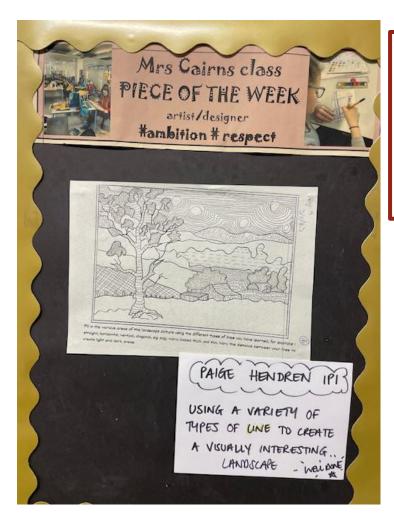




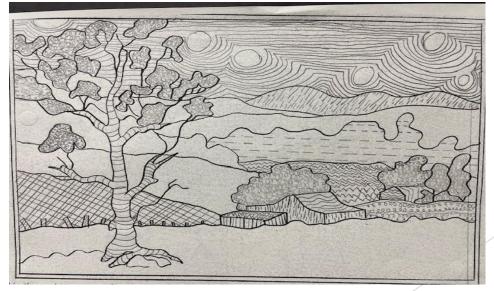


Mrs Cairns' 'Piece of the Week'





This week's 'Piece of the Week' from Mrs Cairns is by S1 pupil Paige Hendren. She used a variety of types of line to create a visually interesting landscape. Well done Paige!



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S3 Art and Design Trip



Last Monday, S3 art pupils visited the thought provoking installation by Rachel MacLean...a little brightly coloured culture on Ayr High Street. The pupils and Mrs Cairns thoroughly enjoyed creating a story board and learning to use green screen!







Command Word of the Month

In your

"when you say or write something in own words a different way, not using the same words"

Command Word focus for this month

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Ayr Academy's Finest







A huge well done to S2 pupil Ava Nicholson who was recently presented with a cheque for £850 by the CEO of NFA Scotland. Ava then passed on the cheque to her commanding officer at Ayr Sea Cadets. The money was raised from a charity dip at Ayr beach/ Well done Ava, one of Ayr Academy's Finest!

Ayr Academy's Finest





Wishing Mia Compton (S5) and Iona Currie (S2) the very best of luck this week. The girls have travelled to Antibes in France to compete with the Scottish team in the European Karate Championships. Word back from France is that after day 1, Mia has been awarded GOLD in her first Kata section! Amazing news!! Iona isn't fighting until day 2. Good luck girls, Ayr Academy is behind you both. Ayr Academy's Finest on tour!



Ayr Academy's Finest



If anyone would like to nominate a pupil as one of Ayr Academy's Finest, please email nicola.mcgarry@south-ayrshire.gov.uk with details and any photos you may have. ©

ELC Launch - CAyr and Nurture Project

Friday saw the official ELC launch in Ayr Academy. This is an exciting addition to the school, which will not only benefit pupils this session but for many years to come. Huge thanks to DYW Ayrshire for funding and the support in establishing the project. Thanks also to Baby to Teen for donating baby items for use by the group.









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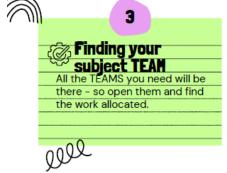






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S1 Weekly Challenge - Week 2

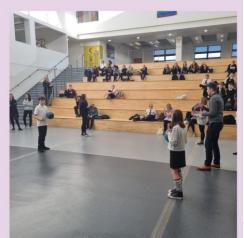


Our second S1 Friday challenge took place during lunchtime last Friday and was as successful as the first one! This time Kyle came 1st, Carrick 2nd and Galloway 3rd! Well done to all our competitors and the amazing supporting crowd!

















EMA Grants



Applications for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for school session 2023/24 are open - available to young people aged between 16-19 years old who are in full time school education.

Guidance, criteria, and the application form can be found here: https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/28209/Education-maintenance-allowance

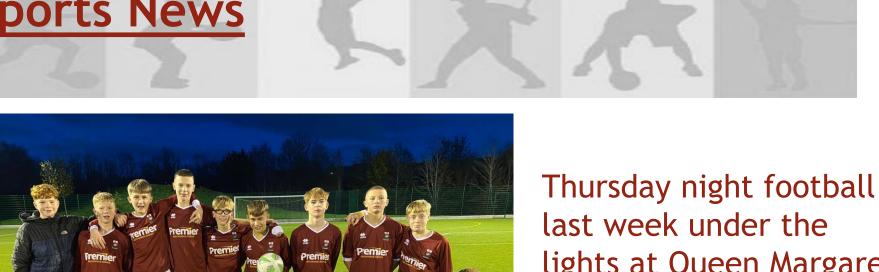


N5 Practical Cookery

For those pupils in S4-6 sitting N5 Practical Cookery, practice of the prelim recipes will take place over the next two weeks. It is

essential that students attend class to practice their dishes.





last week under the lights at Queen Margaret Academy. Goals galore and the boys were delighted to secure the victory. Well done team!!

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Our super PE senior pupils have been delivering volleyball to P7 pupils at Annbank Primary. Pupils of both Ayr Academy and Annbank Primary have had a great time at these sessions!









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Well done to our Sports & Recreation senior pupils who assisted Active Ayr in delivering the first Cluster Heat for Sports Hall Athletics at the Citadel, Ayr

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A brilliant evening of netball was held last week with Doon Academy.
Our \$1/2s narrowly lost, however our \$5/6s were successful.
Well played to Lori Whiteford on winning POM - her shooting was on fire!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

COME DOWN TO P.E FOR SOME AFTER SCHOOL FUN!











Wednesday - Netball

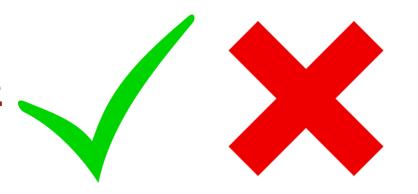


Thursday - Volleyball + Football





Weekly Quiz Answers

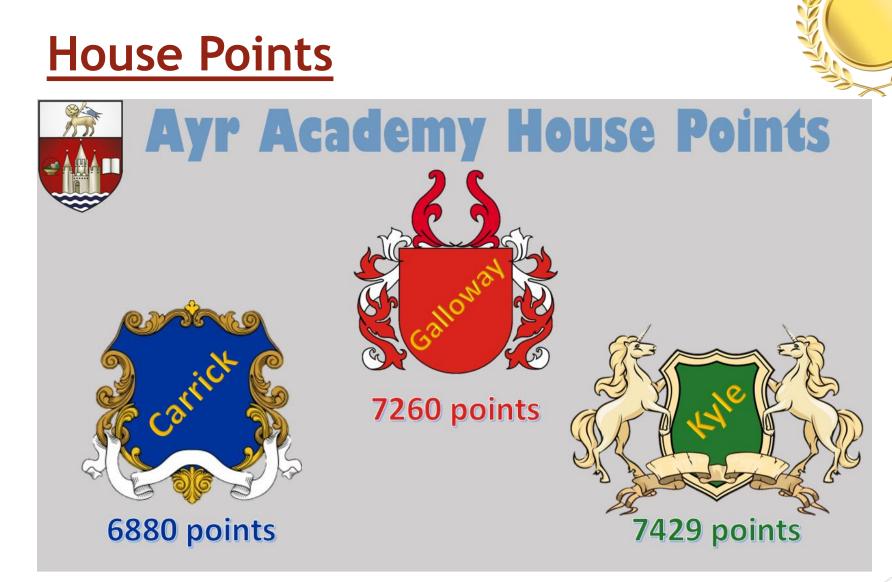


Answer: a candle

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