



Ayr Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week 04/03/24 - 08/03/24

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Upcoming Events

- 7th March World Book Day
- 28th March School closes at 2.30pm
- 15th April Pupils return to school
- 2nd May Inservice
- 6th May Holiday
- 13th May S1 parents' evening (virtual)
- 24th-27th May Holiday
- 11th/12th June P7 bump up days
- 12th June School show
- 19th/20th June Prizegiving
- 28th June School closes at 1pm

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AYR ACADEMY - CALENDAR OVERVIEW 2023/2024

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AUGUST	
17th	In Service Day
18th	In Service Day
21st	Pupils Return
SEPTEMBER	
22nd to 25th	Local Holiday
26th	Pupils Return
OCTOBER	
16th to 20th	October Holiday
23rd	In Service Day
24th	Pupils Return
DECEMBER/ JANUARY	
2th to 5th	Christmas Holidays
8th	Pupils Return
FEBRUARY	
12th	Local Holiday
13th	Inservice Day
14th	Pupils Return
MARCH/ 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

FULL REPORTS	
24th November	S1-S3
16th February	S3
8th March	S4-S6
10th May	S2-S3

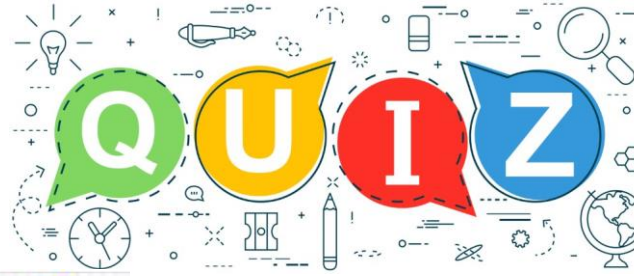
TRACKING REPORTS	
15th September	S4-S6
19th January	S4-S6
13th May	S2-S3

PARENTS EVENINGS	
3rd October	S1s
30th October	S4-S6
5th December	S3
16th January	S2
5th February	S4-S6
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



SOLVE

RBZ

$$1\ 2\ 3\ 4 = 21$$

$$2\ 4\ 6\ 1 = 42$$

$$4\ 5\ 2\ 3 = 45$$

$$6\ 3\ 4\ 5 = ?$$

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Mrs McGarry's Cheesecake-filled Easter eggs

Ingredients

- 1 hollow chocolate Easter egg
- 75g digestive biscuits
- 25g butter, melted
- 75g mascarpone
- 100g soft cheese
- 2 tbsp icing sugar, sieved
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder, sieved
- 100g double cream

To serve

- Easter treats, such as mini chocolate eggs or crumbled chocolates
- caramel sauce or cooled melted chocolate

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Method

- STEP 1** Carefully separate the Easter egg in half along the seam. (Use a knife dipped into a bowl of hot water to cut through the seam rather than slicing, as it may break the chocolate.)
- STEP 2** Tip the digestive biscuits into a bowl or food bag and bash to crumbs with the end of a rolling pin. Stir in the melted butter until the mixture resembles damp sand. Spoon this into the Easter egg halves and pack down gently using the back of the spoon. Chill until needed.
- STEP 3** Mix the mascarpone, soft cheese, icing sugar and cocoa together in a medium bowl with a wooden spoon until smooth. In a separate bowl, beat the double cream to soft peaks using an electric whisk. Gently fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture, then carefully spoon the cheesecake filling over the chilled biscuit bases in the Easter eggs. Gently level the surfaces with a palette knife or spatula, then chill for at least 2 hrs or overnight until firm and set. You may be left with extra cheesecake filling, depending on the size of your Easter eggs - this can be spooned into glasses over extra digestive crumbs for another treat.
- STEP 4** Scatter the set cheesecake-filled eggs with mini chocolate eggs or other Easter treats, then drizzle with caramel or melted chocolate to serve.



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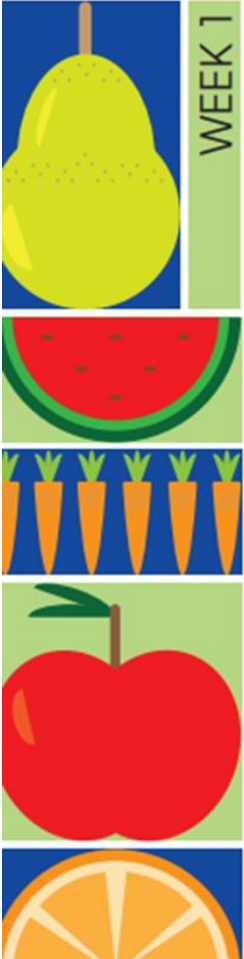


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SOUTH AYRSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOL MENU 2023/2024



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

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

- Vegetarian

- Vegan



This week's menu



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

7 weeks

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Study Tip of the Week

Many students think that they can gain an advantage by studying into the time they should use to sleep. Research suggests otherwise. Lack of sleep affects concentration, memory and the ability to learn. Students need between 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night to function best. A good night's sleep will ensure that students are refreshed for their next school day, and that they can tackle whatever tasks are given to them.

Get enough sleep throughout the year, but especially in the weeks before and during exams. This not only helps to consolidate what you have learnt during the day, but also helps you recharge and refocus on your work on the next day, which is important in maintaining effective study and high performance in exams





Ayr Academy – Easter School 2024



Subject	Teacher	Level	Day/date	Time
Art & Design	K Cairns	N5 & H	Tuesday 2 nd April	10.00 - 15.00
Art & Design	J Morton	N5, H	Tuesday 2 nd April	10.00 – 15.00
Music	V Gibson	N5/H	Wednesday 3 rd April	10.00 – 14.00
Music Tech	S Roy	N 5/H	Wednesday 3 rd April	10.00 – 14.00
School Show	V Gibson/S Roy/H Wyles/J McCreadie	N/A	Thursday 4 th April	10.00 – 14.00
Physics	D Hirst	N5/H	Friday 5 th April	10.00 – 14.00
Maths	M Wiltshire	N5	Monday 8 th April	10.00 – 14.00
Apps of Maths	T Dowman	N5 Apps	Monday 8 th April	10.00 – 14.00
PE	A Sloss	H	Tuesday 9 th April	10.00 – 14.00
Maths	E McCadie	N5	Wednesday 10 th April	9.00 – 14.00

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Ayr Academy would like to extend thanks to the Arnold Clark group for their generous donation for the continued support of our Breakfast club.



We would also like to extend thanks to Tesco, Ayr for their continued support of our Breakfast club. Tesco have also donated hugely towards this years Christmas events

Generous support from companies like Arnold Clark and Tesco allows us to continue to provide a free breakfast and other events for all our pupils.

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School Counselling Service

Young people have been supported with their personal issues, to reduce stress and anxiety, improve mental health and with their own personal growth and development. If there is anyone struggling for whatever reason, or just need someone to talk too please just put in a referral or come and speak to one of the counsellors. When life is challenging there is no need to be on your own, support and a safe environment is available and we are here to help in any way we can to help you feel better, cope better and improve your quality of life.

Referral forms can be located outside Counselling Room (next to medical room) and Guidance Staff Room, please complete and put in red boxes also located outside both rooms. Only counsellors have keys and access to these boxes. Or email myself Maria.Berry@south-ayrshire.gov.uk to arrange an appointment. You can also pop in at any point for a chat with either Maria or Alan, service operates Monday - Friday.

This is a confidential service and your autonomy is paramount to the counsellors

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Purple Friday!

The 23rd of February saw Ayr Academy turn **PURPLE** to celebrate LGBT Youth Scotland's Purple Friday event. Pupils held a bake sale, organised a raffle to win Miss Turnbull's amazing, multi-coloured cake and also took part in a walk into Ayr Town Centre.

A fantastic **£217** was raised in total!! Huge thanks to all the pupils involved, staff helpers, bakers, walkers and of course Miss Turnbull for baking such an awesome masterpiece!





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JOIN US AT THE

LGBT

CLUB

TUESDAYS  **AT 1.20PM**

@MISS GREER'S ROOM (215)



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Sport Hubs
NORTH AYR



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COMMUNITIES

KIT FOR ALL

Kit for All is about offering recycled and pre-loved sports kit to individuals and families who need it, for free.

We hope to make sport and physical activity more accessible for more people and we want to do our bit to help the environment!

WE ARE NOW
COLLECTING DONATIONS
OUR BOX IS LOCATED AT
AYR ACADEMY RECEPTION



**KIT
FOR
ALL**
#PassItOn

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Cook with CAYR



Ayr Academy's Cook with CAYR, evening cook school, funded with thanks to the National lottery has completed its first cycle. From Chinese style curry sauce to a mayonnaise chocolate cake, it has been a real success! Pupils and parents/ guardians have really enjoyed the experience with lots of laughs, success and the odd disaster along the way.



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Thanks to everyone who plays the National Lottery, which provides grants for community projects like Cook with CAYR.



Cook with CAYR



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28 February 2024 Ayr Academy Library Newsletter

Mrs Palomino's
currently
reading...



"Starring an Anglo-Indian refugee and her family's experience of WWII, the story of Nisha navigating her new world on Barrow Island and searching for the mysterious treasures is interwoven with diary entries recounting her traumatic journey."

This week in the library

A big thank you to all the students who contributed to making the wall outside the English Department so AMAZING! The posters, pictures and little hearts mentioning all the lovely things about our library are awesome!



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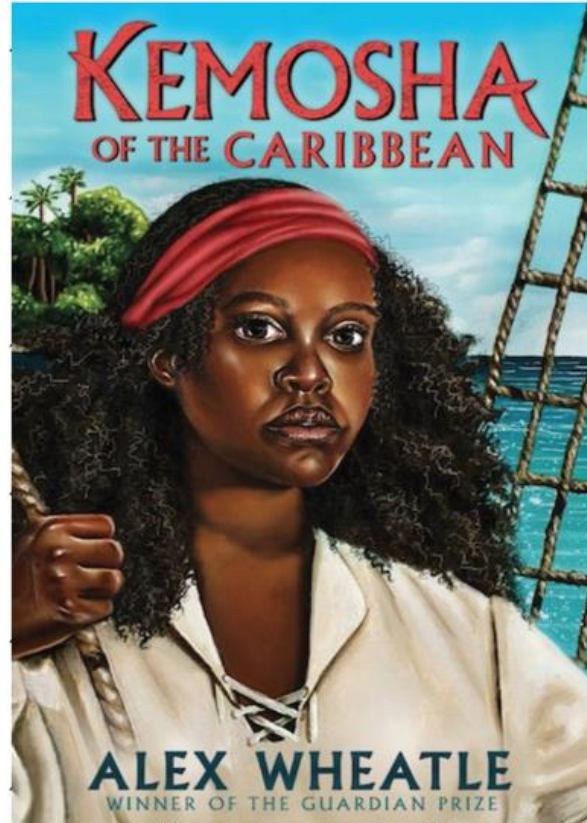
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Ayr Academy Staff book Recommendation



Genre: Historcial Fiction

Themes: LGBTQ, Adventure, romance.

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Nurture

NEWSLETTER

Mental Health Week

As it was Children's Mental Health week this month, with the theme "Your Voice Matters", we were looking at how important our voice is. We spoke about different mental health conditions and the stigma that can be around talking about them.

We played a game of "Question Pong" a PG version of a game some of you may know... we answered some tricky questions like what is the hardest thing being a teenager? Lots of them spoke about the expectations in school and at home as well as the pressures different people place on them. If they could be head teacher for a day uniform would be out and snacking in class would be in!



Check out our new display board outside nurture that will be filled soon with lots of mental health idea, mindfulness techniques and artwork from nurture!

Student Shout Out

- Mr Kennedy: A special shout out for taking extra time to build relationships and being extra funny.
- Miss Nellies: A special shout out for taking extra special care of everyone in her class and taking the time to show she cares.

Nurture in Ayr Academy

We have been developing our nurture program and are now offering drop in morning sessions. This is to create a soft start for those who find the mornings a little trickier. We still have our group sessions running. Nurture isn't just tea, toast and a chat we are trying to build social and emotional wellbeing and developing our young peoples resilience and capacity to be independent.

Pancake Day

For a belated pancake day we decorated some pancakes. Fair to say they all have a definite sweet tooth. Some pupils were kind enough to gift their creations to others and some save the sugar rush for themselves.



VISITING

If anyone would like the opportunity to come visit the nurture room please just let me know and we can arrange it! The first two periods are a drop in so it can be a great time to develop relationships with the children without the "classroom" demand.

I am also more than happy to discuss nurture with anyone who wants to know a wee bit more about it. Feel free to email, message or pop down. I have added my timetable below as a reminder.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
M			SI		S2 Group		BASE
T			BASE	S2/3 Group	S2 Group		
W			Boys Group with Mr Sloan	DM	S2 Group		
T			1-1 IG		S2 English	Meeting / bowls	
F			S2/3 Group		S2 Group	SI	

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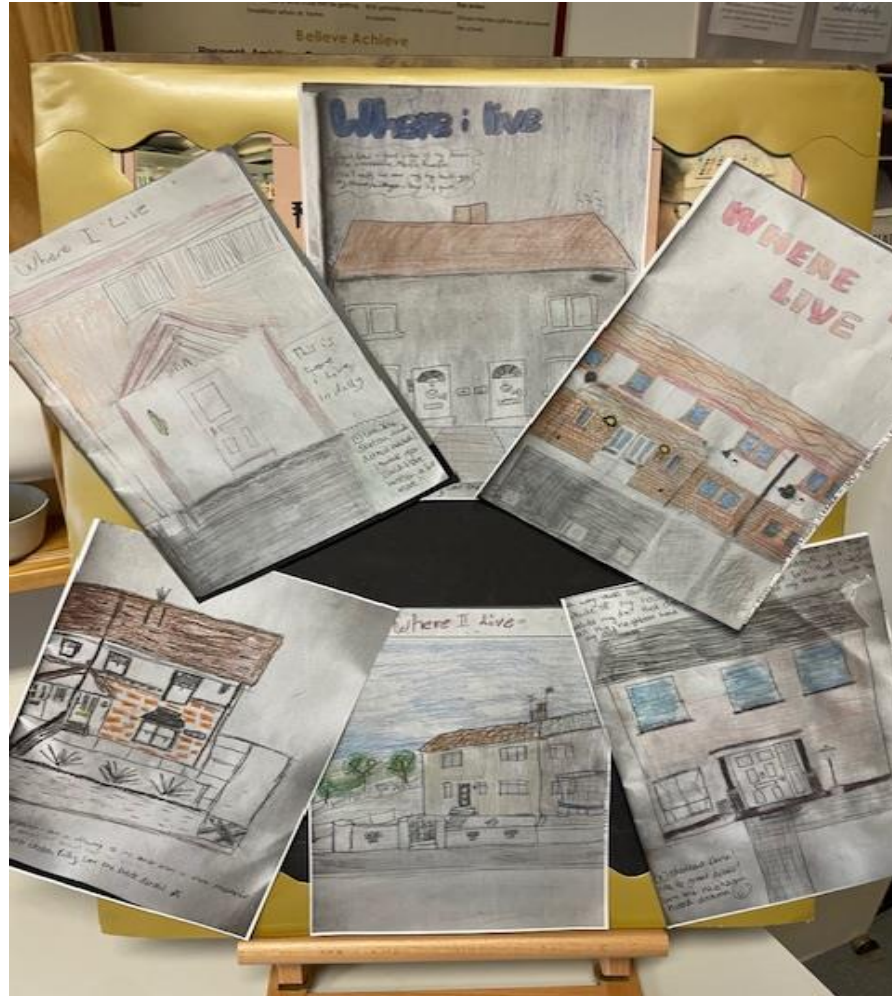
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Mrs Cairns' 'Piece of the Week'



The attached images are excellent examples of S1 homework. Topic was 'Where I live' pupils chose the media they wanted to use and what part of where they live they presented – their house or a famous landmark/building.

The Piece of the Week are by Billy Caddis, Eva Cavens, Darla Mae Ferguson, Alecia Houston and Sean Robson. Well done!

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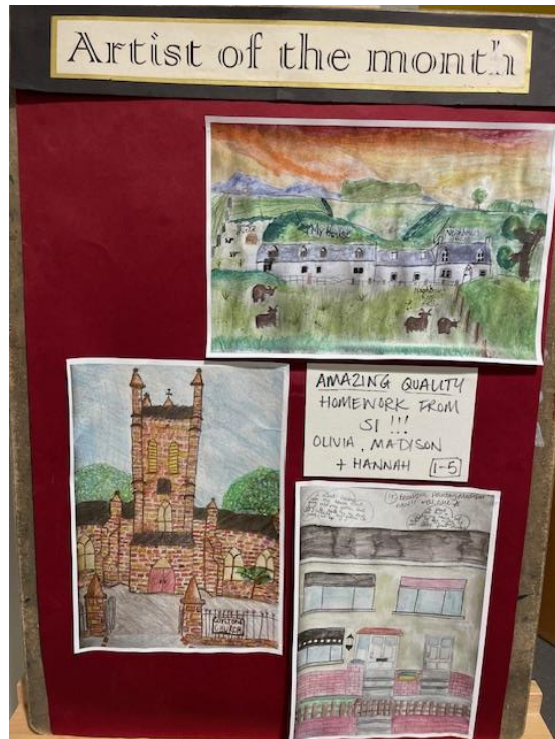
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'Artists of the Month'

The Artists of the month are by Hannah Mair 1C1, Olivia Russell 1C1 and Madison Crane 1C1. Well done!



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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@south-ayrshire.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@south-ayrshire.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 "Transitions from Secondary Education"

No need to pre-book for this event

Further information from

fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Or ASN Website www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn



ASN
Family Support

Offering support, advice and friendship for any parents and carers of young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN) living in South Ayrshire



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Ayr Academy Uniform - Reminder



All pupils attending the Academy should wear school uniform at all times. Parents are encouraged to support us in this and send their children to school, wearing the agreed uniform.

The school will be split into Junior school S1-3 and Senior school S4-6.

In the junior school we would expect.

Top half	Bottom half	Feet
-Ayr Academy jumper/polo	-Black or grey school trousers -Black or grey school skirt -Black jeans- no rips	Plain black trainers Black or brown shoes White trainers
-White or black shirt with tie	-Plain black leggings	
-White or black polo shirt -Black or grey jumpers/ cardigan may be worn over polo or shirt. -Plain black Zipper top unzipped -Blazers are optional	-Black or grey school shorts	

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In the Senior school we would expect.

Top half	Bottom half	feet
-White or black shirt with senior tie	-Black or grey school trousers -Black or grey school skirt -Black or grey school shorts -Black jeans- no rips -Plain black leggings	Plain black trainers Black or brown shoes
-White or black polo shirt Black or grey jumpers/ cardigan may be worn over polo or shirt. -Ayr Academy jumper/polo -Plain black Zipper top unzipped		
-Blazers are optional		

Parental co-operation is important in this and we would ask that the following guidelines are observed.

*Exceptions will always be made to ensure we are meeting the needs of our children. If your child needs anything different please contact PTG.

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South Ayrshire Council supports the Academy in asking parents to send their children suitably dressed to school. After the Cullen Enquiry following the Dunblane Tragedy we wish for reasons of safety to identify intruders easily. Having pupils clearly identifiable in uniform is a first step in this initiative.

These reasonable standards of attire should be maintained during hot weather and examination periods. Secondary education is a preparation for the post school experience of all our young people. Employers and indeed society in general accept certain standards in how people turn up for work. We are not being unreasonable therefore in asking our pupils to conform to the standards described above. Indeed a positive approach to one's personal appearance is a reflection of a positive approach to school work.

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Ayr Academy's Finest



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



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Ayr Academy

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Buy your tickets now to
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- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!
- Drawn every Saturday at 8pm

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and search for: Ayr Academy

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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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>



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

Monday - basketball



Tuesday – Fitness + Badminton



Wednesday – Netball



Thursday – Volleyball + Football



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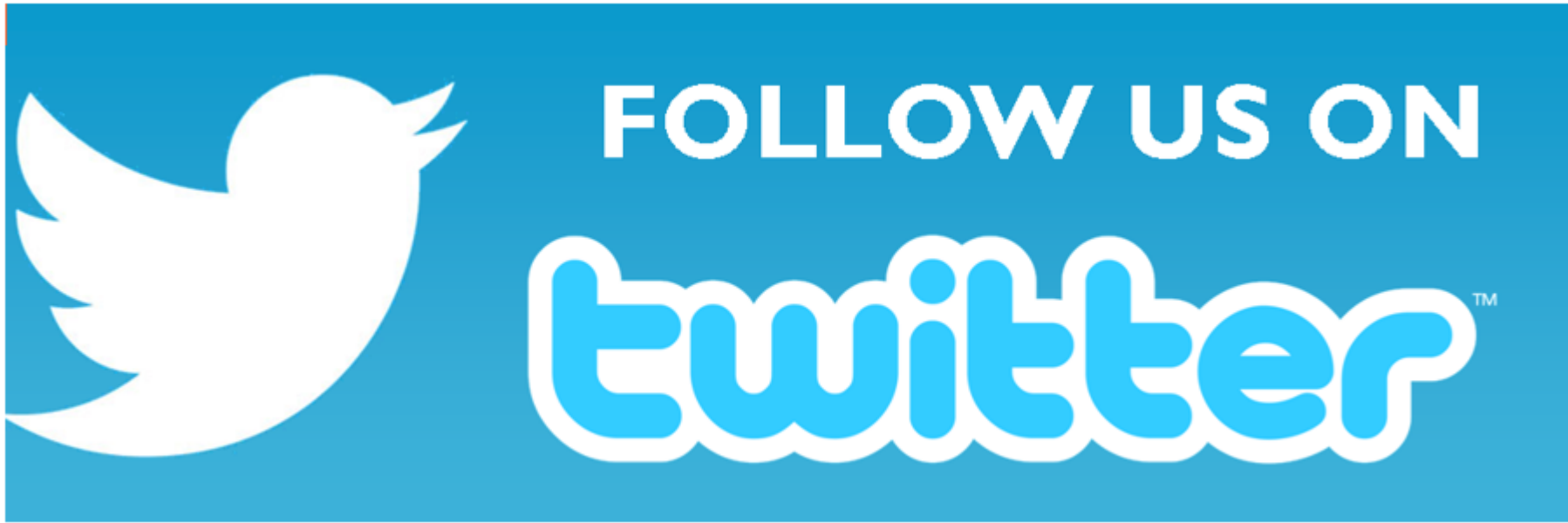
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