

FORRES ACADEMY EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 04.09.17

The extra-curricular programme for activities and pupil support has been uploaded onto the school website and will be amended as and when the programme changes throughout the academic year.

Many of the clubs started week beginning 21st August 2017 with good numbers, encouraging to see the S1 students keen to get involved with the school clubs. Other activities will in due course – dependent on staff/coach availability.

Students will be asked very shortly to attend a meeting to register their interest in competing for the school in Swimming, Orienteering, Athletics and Cross Country. A notice will go into the daily bulletin informing the students of the meeting with time and place. Should they not be able to attend they will need to see me prior to the meeting to register their name, area of interest and for athletic events times and distances for their discipline. Various Moray and National events will soon be promoted and it is good to have the list at hand to be able to move forward quickly allowing for the necessary admin work to be completed and entry made prior to the deadline. Students should keep Mrs Rossiter up to date with any changes in PB's for events as well as confirm nearer to the event that they are committed to attend. Entry fees are increasing along with affiliation to the Governing Body - these need to be paid in advance – there are no refunds given.

Already promoted through the daily bulletin has been:

- New Moray Schools Triathlon – 10th September at Gordonstoun.
- Scottish Schools Climbing Competition 2017 (SSCC) @SpireRoxx 09Sep-29Oct. Anyone interested in competing is encouraged to contact SpireRoxx directly for further details, advance booking is essential.
Info & bookings: email. info@spiroroxx.co.uk tel. 01343 542666

On Monday, 11th September we will be welcoming Judy Murray and Kris Soutar back to school to deliver another 'Tennis on the Road' Session. This time we are focussing on training our School of Tennis Young Ambassadors enhancing their skills and increasing their repertoire prior to them taking the lead in running a Tennis Group at school and also out-with in the Community and assisting at the club. One of our students, Matthew Douglas, already achieved his Tennis Leaders Award and UKCC Level 1 has now started his UKCCL2 Tennis Coach Award. The 8 YA's have already accumulated a number of voluntary hours which will hopefully allow them to achieve recognition later this year at a Tennis Scotland Award – they are aiming for 50 hours each – this is achievable. It is hoped to have some of the session video recorded and this will be put on live feed and shared with the media.

Friday, 15th September sees another 2 Forres Academy Students being inducted as Sport Scotland Young Ambassadors for the school. Emma Donald and David Scott will be attending the YA Conference in Aberdeen accompanied by Mrs Rossiter who will be their mentor. Emma has already been engaged with the Forres Academy Badminton Club, assisting the junior session over the past 2 years – a great asset to the team. Emma attends the Badminton Moray Performance Squad as well as the Highland Squad. She has recently gone through her Badminton Basics Course – the first step on the coaching ladder. David Scott, a very keen athlete for both track and field events as well as cross country. He has been a great asset when away at events, helping with the warm ups and giving support and guidance to the younger ones in attendance. Both students have represented the school at Regional, District and National Events and are an inspiration to others. We will also be able to see Johnny Bichan past student from Forres Academy who has continued to be involved with the YA Programme and will be delivering some of the presentation at the Conference adding to his skill set and stepping up to a new challenge. He has been attending sessions over the course of the year to prepare for the delivery of the YA Conferences across Scotland.

Congratulations must be extended to Maizy McAfee, an S3 student who has been successful in being chosen to attend the Scottish WU15 Football Training Squad.

Non Sporting Events

At the end of last term Forres Academy were successful in being one of 3 finalists for the Better Eating, Better Learning Award, although we were not the winner it was a great achievement to get to this stage. Thank you to Mrs Watson for attending the Interview, along with the other partners from Meal Services, Moray College, Pupil Forum, Contestants in June. Mrs Rossiter is awaiting feedback from Education Scotland. We are looking to develop another food experience that will allow us to continue to engage with our partners, provide the students with a challenge and the opportunity to gain some work experience developing their skill set.