

## FORRES ACADEMY

### EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT

#### MAY 2018

- **Cricket** – Moray Schools Cricket League started on 26<sup>th</sup> March with three dates identified on the run up to the selection of the team for the Scottish Schools Event in June. Forres Academy came second after the first League Fixture and now look maintain or improve their position on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Fochabers Cricket Club.
- **Cheerleading** – a one day camp was organised by the Club and took place during the Easter holidays – it was well attended and provided an opportunity for the girls to practice for the School Sports Day.
- **Golf** – The Moray Secondary Schools Golf Championships took place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at Moray Golf Club who once again sponsored the event along with sportMoray. Three students represented Forres Academy, Matty Wilson won gold and Championship Shield in the Scratch Competition playing off a plus 1 and Shay Ewing won Gold in the Handicap Competition playing off a 14.
- **Tennis** – 8 Tennis Ambassadors along with Mrs Rossiter attended a School of Tennis Conference at Glen Eagles on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. A full day of training in fantastic facilities for all. A most worthwhile event giving opportunities for the students to be trained in different aspects of the delivery of tennis, competition planning and development ideas. Mrs Rossiter met with other school Leads, ideas were shared, challenges raised and solutions suggested along with updates from the Tennis Foundation Manager, Christine Sprowell from London.

**Lunchtime Short Tennis Competition and Challenge** – This was a successful event providing an opportunity to stage a new lunchtime competition and give additional experience for competition organisation for our Young Ambassadors.

**Winners of the Competition** – Lewis Dey with partner Matthew Douglas

**Runners Up** – Lewis McIntosh and Daniel Henderson

**Winners of Rally Challenge** – Emma Donald and Matthew Douglas

The Junior Young Ambassadors of Tennis are now running their own lunchtime competition to gain experience, under the supervision of Mrs Rossiter.

**Road to Wimbledon Competition** – This took place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Forres Tennis Club who provided their facilities free of charge. Winners: Girls – Isobel Howard; Boys – Calum Robertson. Their names have now gone forward to the next round which will take place at The University of St Andrews around 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June no further details known at this time.

Representatives from Forres academy will also be competing at the Moray Secondary Schools Tennis Competition on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Gordonstoun.

**The Young Tennis Ambassadors** will be delivering a Primary 4/5 Team Tennis Competition as part of their development on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Awaiting Entry Forms from schools across Moray to determine numbers involved.

The YA will also be assisting with the delivery of the Tennis on Transition Activity day, 16<sup>th</sup> June and creating a fun competition for Sports Day on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

- **Badminton** – A number of our students competed for Moray in the Triangular Badminton Competition which was held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at Forres House Community Centre playing against Aberdeen City and Shire teams. Moray won Gold.
- **Activities Days** - took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June with
- **Athletics** – North of Scotland Track and Field Championships take place on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at Bught Park Inverness – 4 students have entered up for the Championships.
- **Moray Schools Triathlon Events** - Information went out via the bulletin for the Moray Triathlon Events, students need to note interest by Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May to allow Mrs Rossiter to feedback interest to the organisers. Intended to have one event on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 16.30 – 18.30 and another on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 0930 – 1430 at Gordonstoun. Parental support would be required to transport athletes to and from event.

### YOUNG AMBASSADORS

- **Matthew Douglas** has won the Young Volunteer of the Year Award by Tennis Scotland for the commitment made in achieving his coaching awards and voluntary work that he has carried out over this past year with both school and club. His name now goes forward for a further UK Award.
- **The Cricket Ambassadors**, Niamh Young, Anna Pritchard and Calum Hartshorne will be assisting with the Primary Cricket Competition which is coming up shortly.
- **Sport Scotland** YA's Emma Donald and David Scott to be assisting with the Moray Primary Inter Schools Sports Day. They also assisted at the Moray Primary Schools Cross Country event along with Ben Cameron who was one of the hares.

### NATIONAL SUCCESS

- Through the Moravian Orienteering Club two of our students competed at the British Orienteering Championships at Balmoral on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May in both individual and Team Relay events. Several Forres Academy pupils were taking part representing Moravian Orienteers and they all did themselves proud. However, of particular note is that Isobel Howard is British Champion for her W14 age Group and she and Faith Kenyon were part of a 3-person W14 team that won their British Championship Relay Class. These are remarkable performances as they are younger than most in their class and many were competing very much in their local Deeside territory. The students involved all compete for Forres Academy in the School League and Moray Schools Events.

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

- **House Achievement Assemblies** – These took place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Students are given the opportunity to note their involvement, successes and achievements throughout the Academic Year with guidance given on criteria for each section e.g. Sport Recognition, Member of an Organisation, Challenge Group, Performing Arts, Volunteering and Leadership

Involvement with Responsibilities. Their involvement includes school and wider community engagement.

- **S3 BGE Celebrations** take place on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May during periods 5 & 6. Students are presented with their S3 BGE Profile and subject award winners are revealed.

#### **ADDITIONAL NEWS**

- The Modern Language Department; as part of the German Exchange and to welcome the visitors to Forres the Modern Language Department have organised a Ceilidh with band on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at Forres Academy. Invitations have gone out to groups and individuals.

#### **PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION ACTIVITY DAY**

**Update** – 115 Primary 7 students have signed up to attend the day – equating to 80% uptake. Their choice of activities for the 3 sessions has been catered for and all have been given their top three – selected from 9 activities. Letters with timetables and other paperwork is ready to go out to all students via Primary Schools.

**Adult participation** – To date 53 adults have signed up to attend the workshops, further invitation has been given with student information going out in June.

The Programme for the adult workshops will be as follows:

#### **Programme**

An introduction to UPS (Universal Pupil Support) – 9.00am – 9.20am  
Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying – 9.20am – 10.15am  
Drug and Alcohol Awareness Substance Misuse – 10.15am – 11.15am  
School Health Team Representative – 11.15am – 12.00noon TBC  
Parent Council Member Representatives will be present throughout morning.  
Refreshments – will be available from 9.00am - 11.30am

#### **OTHER**

- Half and Full Colour Awards – Ties have been ordered.
- Swimming Pool Hire – now up to £61.50 per hour.
- HWB Survey with a focus on bullying and feeling safe in school has been created for the new S2 and S3 students. EW and AR met to take this forward building on the work already done through an earlier survey completed this year. AR to be collating responses and giving feedback.