

Elgin High School
Northern Scot Notes
12th May 2017

New Build Update – The new school build is currently in week 60 of construction with 22 weeks until the handover on 6th October. The Sports Block will be the first section to be completed with internal partitions now in place and painted. Additional steelwork has also been installed to support sports equipment in the Gym & Games Hall. Joinery work is progressing well in the changing rooms as are the finishes within the Fitness Suite. In the Main Teaching Block; the roof is now complete with sky lights and windows for all classrooms have also been installed. Internal partitions on all floors are nearly finished with teaching areas, staff bases, stores and social areas now visible. The water supply has been connected, with electricity, gas and telephone / internet access due to be connected over the coming weeks. Staff and students continue to visit the site on a regular basis and the decant of our current building is now well under way.



Activities Week - Next week, from Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th, the normal timetable is suspended at Elgin High School as the students take part in out of class learning experiences. Residential Trips to Grannies Heilan' Home and Blackpool will be departing over the weekend. Various outings will be taking place such as day trips to Peterhead Prison and the Highland Folk Museum and adventure excursions will be taking place such as a speedboat sealife trip, climbing at Treezone, and snow fun at the Snowfactor. A wide range of activities will also be taking place locally and in school. Students received full details of arrangements at briefings earlier this week. We hope they have lots of fun and benefit from these activities encouraging team work, self-resilience, confidence building and sense of achievement and we look forward to sharing their experiences with you soon.

In-Service Days - School will be closed to students on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th May while staff are involved with in-service training.

33 Period Week Proposal Meeting - Currently each secondary school in Moray operates on the basis of a 30 period week with a common school day across all 8 schools. Head Teachers have been in discussions with Education Management in the Authority and are now engaging in discussions with staff, students and Parent Councils regarding this proposal. Views will be sought and reported back to the Director of Education and Social Care who will make the final decision on the implementing a 33 period week from session 2018/19. To assist with this process, parents and carers of Elgin High School students are invited to attend the Parent Council meeting on Monday 15th May at 7pm at Elgin High School where you will be able to ask any questions or share your thoughts on this proposal.

Sing for Syria – Our vocal group students, along with other schools in Moray, will be performing at Elgin Town Hall next Wednesday evening (17th) as part of the Sing for Syria event. Tickets are available from Sound and Vision in Elgin.

Banffshire Cycle Challenge – On Sunday 28th May, a number of students from our Zambia Schools Partnership and two members of staff will be participating in this challenge, organised by the Rotary Club of Banff. They will complete the 25 mile route and through sponsorship, will raise money for Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie Cancer Care and our Zambia School Partnership charity. If you would like to sponsor us please contact the school.

Student Voice – Our first Student Voice meeting took place last Monday (8th). Representatives from all registration groups in S1-S3 had the opportunity to discuss how Student Voice could benefit the wider life of the school and they produced many ideas which they feel could contribute towards moving Elgin High School towards excellence! Senior students will be involved too when they return study leave.



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