

Headteacher Update Week 18

The Prelims are upon us and it is great to see the students motivated and determined to achieve well. For many young people this is their first taste of the formal exam experience in the hall. We wish them well and are all here to support.

I look forward to speaking with individual faculties after the prelims to discuss the pupil performance and listen to teachers plans to prepare the young people for the final exams in May 2018.

Course Choice + Info Evenings

The last two Thursday evenings since returning from the holidays, the Pupil Support team and SMT have engaged with the community to discuss the changes to our curriculum – Major changes for S3 and for the Senior Phase. The turnout for these evening was pleasing and parents are very supportive of our plans.

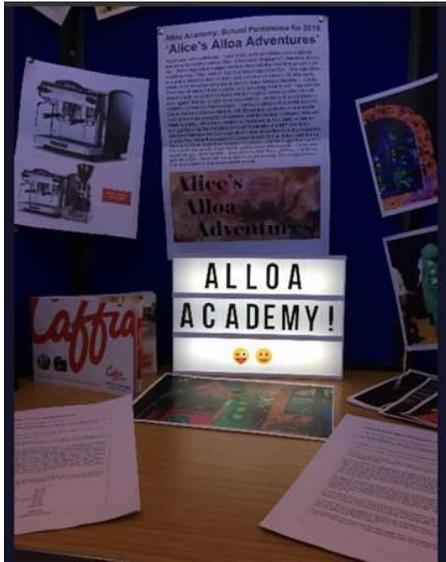
Pupil Support Staff and SMT have worked together to streamline the course choice process and ensure we have more engagement with parents.

I want to thank the staff involved in supporting the Curricular Working Group and the staff who have supported the 'choice' process.

Alloa Community Council –Alloa Matters

Alloa Academy have been successful in two bids from the Alloa Matters funding. The first bid was from staff and pupils for £500 to support Audio Equipment for future drama/music/pantos/shows. The second bid was from senior pupils who are planning the opening of an Alloa Academy Coffee Shop, this was also successful in getting £500.

These bids were heavily supported by our Parent Council. The parents have been outstanding in supporting the funding of a minibus (2017) and continue to go above and beyond to best support our young people and school. Thank you Pupils, Staff and Parents who supported the planning of the bids and for those who made it along to the Town hall on Saturday.



Coffee Shop

Our Pupil Senior Leadership Team have been busy meeting companies to discuss leasing a commercial Barista Espresso/Coffee machine.

I dropped into the pupil lead discussions with local businesses and I was blown away with their commitment, confidence and mature approach. I overheard great discussions about costing, staff training and environmental issues.

The pupils are planning developing a proposal of opening the Coffee Shop within the coming months. I look forward to listening to their plans.

Alloa Academy Eco

The picture below shows our S2s engage in the active learning task of up-cycling. This gave the young people a hands-on and inter-disciplinary activity which highlighted the importance of environmental issues.



Alloa Academy Dance

Congratulations to the Alloa Academy Dance Group who excelled at the Clackmannanshire dance event. They finished in 1st Place for in the Large Group Category and 2nd Place in the Small Group Category. This achievement required a great amount of dedication from all involved. Well done.



Regards

Mr Bruce