

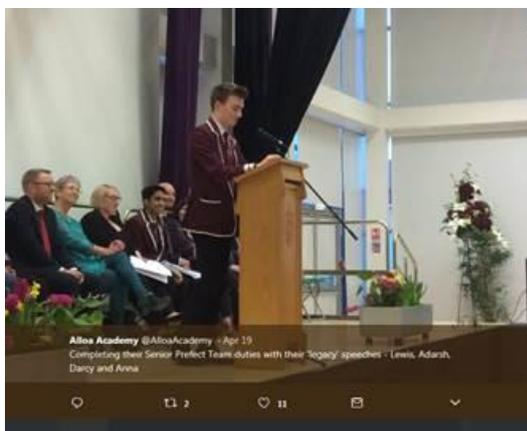
Headteacher Update Week 27

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and feel refreshed after the Easter break.

I really appreciate the amount of effort faculties/departments went to in supporting the seniors prepare for their exams over the Easter break. Approx. 250 students were supported during the Easter study sessions (some pupils coming in each day).

I know both the pupils and parents are very grateful this additional support enabling our young people to continue to work towards the exams in a highly supported environment.

It is very important that our high level of support and encouragement continues up to the last minute. It is not too late for pupils to make a real difference on their attainment in Alloa Academy.



Exam Leave

As stated previously, exam leave will start on Friday 27th April for all S4-S6 students. Please remind pupils that during the exam leave, all S4-S6 students must sign into school at the front entrance and be wearing school uniform.

It is essential that we are aware, and keep a record of who is in the building throughout the day.

I have already written to parents about the plans and I will write a second letter/email this week to outline the finer details.

After study leave, we plan to celebrate with our S6 students at a Graduation Event - I will update you on the plans. I hope staff will be able to attend this.

Celebrating Success

Senior Phase Awards Ceremony

Thursday 19th April was our Senior Phase Awards Ceremony. It was a pleasure to celebrate the success of our seniors.

Jackie Ebsworth was our Guest of Honour and her speech was outstanding and very inspiring to both pupils and staff. Personally, it was great to be able to share the stage with Mrs Ebsworth and thank her for her support.

The awards evening was a real success and I appreciate all of the hard work from staff and pupils who planned and supported this event.

As it was my first Alloa Academy Awards Evening, It was great to see the range of awards being celebrated. I am very proud of the academic achievements (Proxime Accessit- Darcy Rodger) (Dux Medallist - Dylan Hewer) and equally proud of the outstanding achievements of the other categories, including, Endeavour Awards, Personal Commitment Awards, Colours Awards and many more.

(Videos on our Twitter Feed – Including our Dux Midlist - Dylan Hewer)

Career Ready

On Wednesday 18th April our successful Career Ready pupils attended the Graduation Event at Perth Concert Hall. We are the first Clackmannanshire School to take part in Career Ready

and the pupils have benefitted greatly from the programme which offers employer based work placement and mentoring from industry.

Lauren, Abbie, Alexandria and Liam all graduated, and are a real credit to our school and community. Liam was delighted at being named the Overall Winner for the Forth Valley Career Ready Student of the Year. He done fantastically well at speaking in front of a very large audience about his experiences.

Thanks to Nicole Gibson for supporting all of our Career Ready students.

(Videos on our Twitter Feed)



Transitions

Transitions will be a focus this term and it was great to see our Lochies P7's preparing to join Alloa Academy. Don't they look smart in our school colours!



St Mungo's RC Primary School

It was great to see that the hard work and planning made for a smooth transition for St Mungo's RC Primary School to be based here in Alloa Academy.

I appreciate all of the extra work and time taken from everyone in making this a positive experience.

St Mungo's pupils seem happy and settled into their new environment and I am pleased to see Alloa Academy pupils are busy getting on with their studies.





Regards

Mr Bruce