

## Headteacher Update Week 26

It is nice to see the weather pick up and lighter evenings. I hope we have more sunny days in the upcoming Easter Holidays.

The week started with a well-attended Parents Evening. There were good discussions being had and I was pleased to see the support on offer for parents and carers on how to access 'Show my Homework' and our 'School App'. These are both great ways which allow us to engage with the community and help our learners.

### Parent Council

After the Parents Evening on Monday, the Alloa Academy Parents Council met and discussed the St Mungo's RC Primary School move into Alloa Academy. It was a well-attended meeting with visitors including Education Senior Managers, Local Councillors, Teachers and Parents. This move will generate lots of questions and debate. During the meeting I shared the map of potential moves that I had went over with you all on Monday. To ensure everyone is aware of the questions and answers from the meeting, I have written to parents and made a short video clip that aims to answer the FAQ's. The video has been sent out via YouTube and Twitter.

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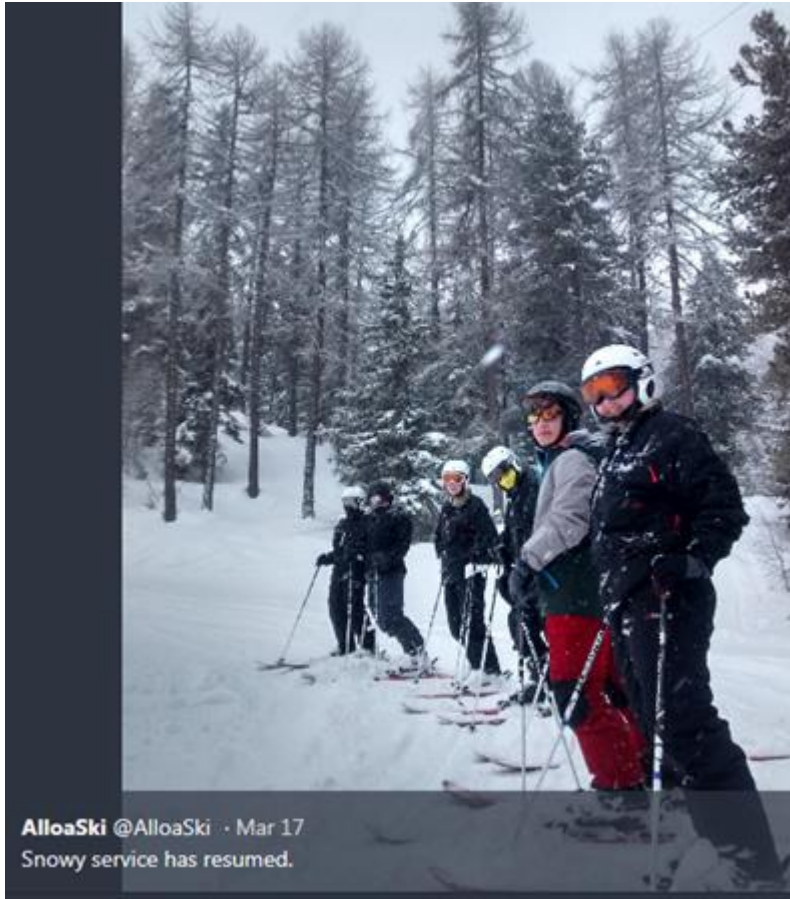
A special thank you to Mr Robertson who has put a power of work setting up the Alloa Academy Television Channel on YouTube. I'm sure this will open up many opportunities for us to promote the good work taking place throughout the school, please have a think about how you can use this resource to showcase your departments work.

At the Parent Council meeting, parents were keen to find out the plans for Study Support sessions during Easter and beyond. They felt this really helped learners last session.

I explained that a programme will be released to pupils, parents and staff this coming week which will outline the Easter study sessions available. I know that parents and carers really appreciate that staff offer this high level of support for their children.

### Ski Trip

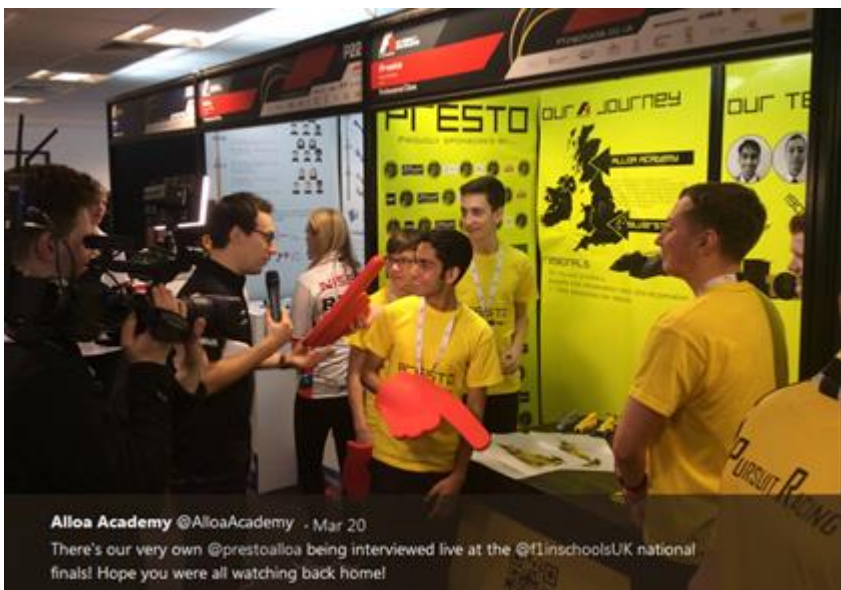
The Ski Trip was a huge success for many of our pupils and it was great to see our BGE pupils enjoying a trip to Italy. There were regular updates on twitter @alloaski.



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Snowy service has resumed.

### F1 in Schools

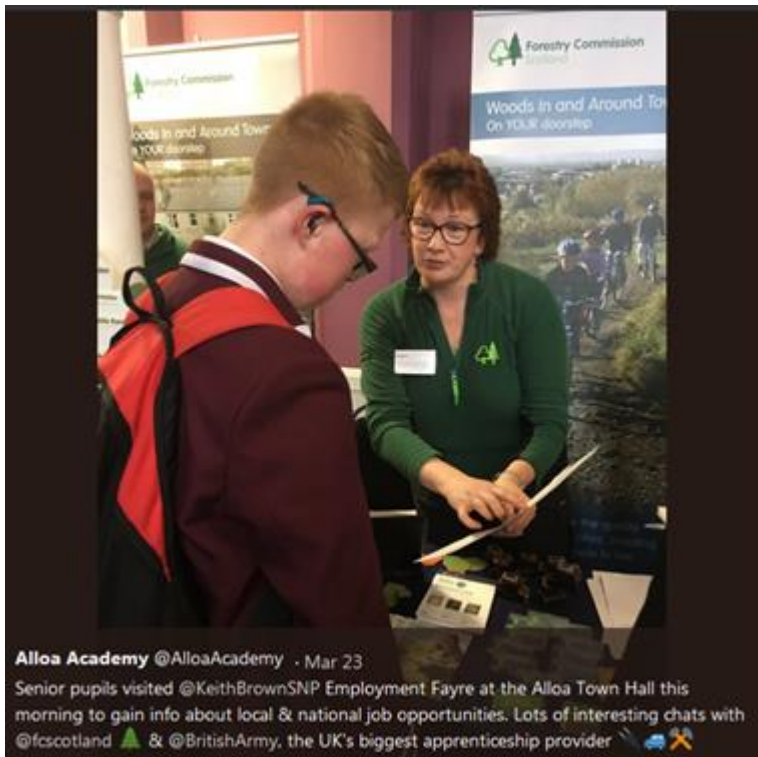
It was fantastic to see our F1 Schools Team 'Presto' rise to the challenge at the national finals held at Silverstone. They clearly loved the experience and I am very impressed that they managed to design, make and gain sponsorship at very short notice. Well done to the staff and pupils who made this possible. This amazing learning experience will leave lasting memories for everyone involved.



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There's our very own @prestooloa being interviewed live at the @f1inschoolsUK national finals! Hope you were all watching back home!

## Employment Fair

Keith Brown, MSP, co-ordinated an Employment Fair held at Alloa Town Hall and our pupils were on hand with the support of Miss Freeland. This DYW event supported our learners and helped them prepare for the world of work.



## Alloa Academy Library

There was a real buzz around the library this week at the Book Fair. It is such a well-resourced and fantastic learning space, it's great to see our learners enjoy reading - thanks to everyone involved for promoting literacy.



## Duke of Edinburgh

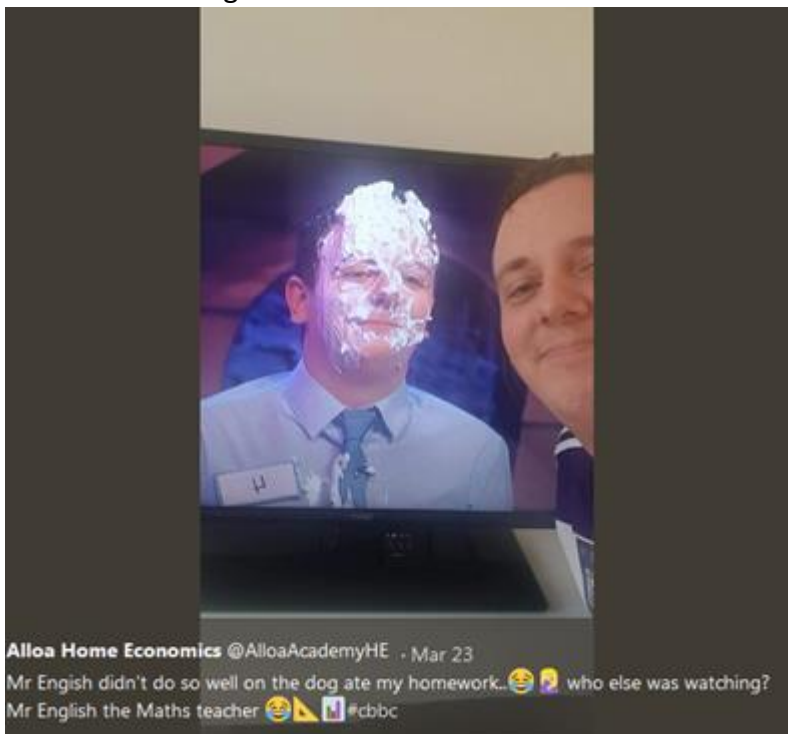
On Sunday Miss McEwan and Mr Galloway supported our Duke of Edinburgh learners with their hike up King's Seat in Dollar. It looked amazing fun and definitely takes our learning to new heights!

Spot the Parent Council funded School mini bus being put to good-use. Helping our learners have better learning experiences.



## Dog ate My Homework

Forget the Oscars and Bafta's....Mr English starred in 'The Dog at My Homework' on CBBC recently. By the looks of things in the photo I'm unsure if it was a winning appearance?! Well done Mr English!



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