



Information Bulletin for Pupils, Parents & Carers ... as we move to our new home within Alford Community Campus

Message from the Head Teacher

This term has flown by and we are now in the final stages of our move to our new campus. In August, SQA exam results were very positive, the hard work of pupils and staff and support from parents, clearly evident. Pupils have settled in well to the new school day and week, and it is encouraging to see the positive uptake of the new school uniform. This is a testimony to the partnership working between our student and parent councils, and it is heartening to witness and hear the increasing sense of pride and identity amongst our young people.

We close the doors of our existing school to pupils on Thursday 8th October, ending the day with a very special whole school assembly. When pupils return to school from their extended October holiday on Thursday, 29th October, they will return to Alford Academy in the new Alford Community Campus.

It is a privilege for us all to be the first users of this new campus, and it is very important that we look after it for the generations to come. I therefore ask for your support with reinforcing to your family our increased expectations as custodians of this new facility.

This bulletin provides you and your family with information, to support and help everyone through this exciting transition stage. I wish you and your family a relaxing holiday.

Maria Milne

**Alford Community Campus
Community Open Event
Saturday 24th October 2015
10.00am - 4.00pm**



Alford Community Campus will open its doors between 10.00am and 4.00pm to offer you a preview tour of the new facilities before the doors open on the 29th October.

This is a great chance for all learners in our community to get a flavour of the new learning environment for Alford Academy, Alford Primary and Nursery. New community and sports facilities will also be on show including the library, theatre, dance studio, climbing wall and swimming pool.

We hope you can come along and see us, as we set up in our new campus.

We hope that you will be able to come and visit us on the Community Preview Day. Please see details opposite.

How to contact us:

Some things will not change. The Academy's phone number and email address are staying the same.

The Academy's phone number remains **019755 62251**
Our email address is still:

alford.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

However the Academy's postal address is now:

**Alford Academy
Alford Community Campus
Greystone Road
Alford AB33 8TY**

If you want to contact Alford Community Campus about a non-school related matter (e.g. swimming pool opening times or enquiries about community activities), then you should contact campus main reception on 019755 62922, or email alford.campus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Preparing for Day One

Our school day will start at 8.40am, as normal. There will be no changes to the school day, school transport pick up times and pupils' timetables. However timetables have been updated with the new classroom numbers, and will be issued to pupils in the week before the October holidays.

On arriving at the new campus site, pupils should enter via the Academy Pupil Entrance (see below). A team of staff and senior pupils will welcome everyone, and will help to direct pupils towards the dining area (for those wishing to use the breakfast service) and thereafter to their first class of the day.

During the day, there will be a series of year group assemblies, to share important information and key messages with pupils. An orientation tour of the campus will also be provided.

It would assist with the smooth running of these first few days, if you could ensure that your child's NEC/YoungScot card is preloaded before the start of term for the purchase of lunch and interval snacks & drinks.

Arriving at Alford Community Campus

If you are coming onto the campus by vehicle, whether bus or car, you will use the western vehicle entrance. If you are arriving on foot or by bicycle, you should use the eastern entrance nearest the village. We ask that cyclists dismount, and push their bicycles up the winding path beside the steps. As well as separate bus/coach parking, the campus has a large car park, bicycle shelters and a drop off point right outside the main entrance.

Please keep everyone safe, by using access routes to the campus as they are designed to be used.

It can be seen clearly on the plan below that the design of the campus access points is deliberately aimed at keeping vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists well apart, for the safety of all campus users. **Any use of the ski centre car park as an unofficial car park or drop off point for the campus will undermine this design, and will increase the risk to those in and around the campus,** by increasing vehicle traffic unnecessarily on the section of road which will be most frequently used by many in the Alford community, both young and not so young, who will be walking or cycling up to the campus.

Therefore we ask for your support with using the campus access points as they are designed to be used, in particular by bringing cars onto the campus in order to park and/or drop off in the designated areas. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this from the outset.

