



## Whole School

**Inservice / half term dates** – A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on the following dates: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb (in-service day) and also Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (holidays). Re-opening on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Chess Club Tournament** – Our single elimination knockout tournament begins on Tuesday lunchtime. Anyone who has attended chess club should come this week and participate in the first round.

**Doddie Aid 2025** – well done to everyone in Madras College who took part in this years Doddie Aid challenge. 18 people joined our school league and covered a total of 2615 miles between them, raising over £400 in the fight against MND in the process. Well done to everyone who achieved their own personal mileage totals, and special mention to our top 3 of Miss Ogilvy (352 miles), the Bruces (450 miles) and Mrs Muir who topped the table with 518 miles.

**Active Schools Extra Curricular sessions** – All our Extra Curricular sessions have returned for the term, including lunchtime clubs. These sessions are **open to all pupils** and are **free of charge** - pop along and give something a go. See Madison in F016 for further info or check our weekly Clubs and Activities News or OneLAN screens. You can use the new late bus service (see below) if attending sessions after school.

**School Nursing Health Hub** – The NHS Fife School Nursing Team will be in school every Tuesday, offering a self referral drop in service in G016 (the meeting room next to Mr Currie's office), from 2pm-4pm. Just complete a referral form and post it in the box in reception.

## Late Bus Service M17

Stagecoach are running a new commercial extra curricular bus service, serving Guardbridge – Leuchars – Tayport – Newport – Wormit areas, will be running on a trial basis from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Pupils should use their NEC / Young Scot Card (with free bus travel enabled) or pay to use the service. Departure times from school (Bus Stance 1) are as follows: **Fridays** - 14.10; **Mon / Wed** - 16.00; **Tues / Thurs** - 17.00

## Parents / Carers

**Parents Portal** – Provides easy access to a range of online services including our Annual Data Check, timetables, attendance and school reports. Please make sure you've signed up.

**iPayimpact, Fusion App and Online ordering** – iPayimpact is a secure way to pay for school meals. The Fusion Mobile app links to the iPayimpact account, allowing food pre-orders and balance checking.

**Raising Funds** – Raise funds, for school, "easy-fundraising" when shopping online: [further info here](#)

## S1 / S2 / S3

**S1 Science Club** – S1 Science Club will return on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, after the midterm break. Come along to S039 at lunchtime for some fun experiments

## S4 / S5 / S6

**S5 Opportunity: Sutton Trust Summer Schools** – Spend a week at one of our 12 partner universities attending lectures, living in a dorm, networking with professors and administrators, and immersing yourself in university life. The Summer Schools are completely free so you can get to know your chosen university. You also get the chance to gain insight into different university subjects, be given support with your application to university, including personal statement guidance and general application support, and experience student life by living in halls of residence for the week! Applications are open until midday on **Thursday 6 March 2025**. Find out more here - [Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#)

**SQA Your National Qualifications** – The SQA have published the Your National Qualifications guide for 2024 online. You can view or download this here - [SQA Your National Qualifications](#) Information, from the SQA, is also available on completing your coursework - [Your coursework – SQA](#)

**SQA Exam Diet 2025** – Exams begin on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April** (earlier than originally published) and finish on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May. Candidates are asked to check the dates of their exams and, if there are any which occur at the same time, to contact their Guidance Teacher. The link below has scheduling and study planning apps, candidates can utilise, as well as the full exam timetable - [Exam timetable and learner apps - SQA](#)

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)** – Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a weekly payment of £30 for eligible learners (depending on household income). Applications should be made through the Fife Council website – search for Education Maintenance Allowance or EMA. In order to receive payments, learners must meet attendance requirements detailed in the EMA letter.

## Study Support

**SQA Exam timetable and Learner Apps** – [Exam timetable and learner apps – SQA](#)

**Full Study Support schedule** – <https://www.madras.fife.sch.uk/Study-Support/>

**Maths Supported Study** – [Supported Study Poster 2024-25.pdf \(madras.fife.sch.uk\)](#)

## Dates for your diary

**Fife Council school holidays, term and closure dates** – [School Holidays, Term, and Closure Dates](#)