

Meldrum Academy Daily Bulletin
SMT on Duty Mrs Fraser (Mr Sim)
Monday 15th January 2018

- **The lunchtime yoga sessions** that used to run on a Tuesday will now be on a Wednesday lunchtime 1.00pm – 1.30pm in the small gym – all welcome.
- **S6 PROM COMMITTEE - SPECIAL OFFER FOR STUDENTS:** Haddo Highland Wear in Tarves are offering a 20% discount for school students who may be looking to rent a kilt outfit for any events that are happening through the school, such as proms, Burns nights, ceilidhs etc.
- **Library books:** Could all pupils please ensure that they look after any books that they have borrowed from the library. We have had many returned recently which are dirty, water damaged, written on, or torn. If you sharpen your pencils into your school bag, please keep your books in a separate bag! Please help us make sure that our books are in a decent condition for the next borrower. Thank you
- **School Uniform:** There is a selection of school sweatshirts and hoodies which have been left after the Christmas Concert. Please collect from Music Department. Mrs Moggach
- **Cashless Catering:** All pupils should have a Young Scot card which can be used either manually or using a personal pin number at the servery tills. Cards must be topped up with credit either in school manually or using online service. If you have lost your card, details of how to order a replacement can be found at the office.

S5 Pupils:

- **The Sutton Trust** is an organisation which promotes access to university for young people from deprived backgrounds or from backgrounds where they would be the first in the family to attend university. The following is information from their website:
- *We work to combat educational inequality and prevent the subsequent waste of talent. We are particularly concerned with breaking the link between educational opportunities and family background, and in realising a system in which young people are given the chance to prosper, regardless of their family background, school or neighbourhood. Low social mobility and lack of educational opportunity is arguably the biggest social challenge of our times: the income gap between the richest and poorest in society continues to widen, while education opportunities remain overwhelmingly dominated by children from the most privileged homes.* One of the opportunities that they support is summer schools for current S5 pupils at either St Andrews or Edinburgh Universities. Applications for the 2018 UK programme are now open and the deadline for applications is the 8th of March 2018. Further information on Sutton Trust programmes (which include a programme for study in the USA) can be found on their website at www.suttontrust.com. Alternatively pupils should speak to their Pastoral Care teacher to discuss (Mrs MacLeod)
- **Drs at Work:** Any pupils hoping to apply to University to study Medicine after S6 should see their Pastoral Care Teacher for an application form for the 'Drs at Work' work experience programme that will run over various dates this summer. This is only for those who have the subjects this year to support a medical application. Mrs Fitzgerald.

