DIGITAL LEARNING NEWSLETTER

Mr Carder

School Websites:

We have 2 school websites at present, as we re-mapped our subject choice website to provide information to parents throughout the time spent distance learning. The sites are interlinked and can be accessed at https://www.meldrumacademy.com/ and at https://meldrumacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/. The sites are where we post the most up to date information including risk assessments and newsletters. It is our aim to streamline this information over this academic year into one website where all information will be shared.

Glow

Your child will utilise their Glow account throughout their educational journey at Meldrum Academy. Glow can be accessed through a web browser at: https://glow.rmunify.com/. Your child's login is personal to them and is set up as follows – user: gw(number/name)@glow.sch.uk. If your child forgets their password, you can follow the 'forgotten your password' link or ask **any** member of teaching staff who can reset this. Glow connect - https://glowconnect.org.uk/ is the place to get information, help and support for Glow if you require.

FREE Access to Microsoft products:

You can access Microsoft products **for free** to support learning for your child via Glow. This link explains how - https://glowconnect.org.uk/help-with-glow/microsoft-office-365/office-365-proplus/. The link outlines how to download products (on up to 15 devices) via your child's glow, and how to log in. We utilise Microsoft products across all year groups in school to support and enhance learning and we highly recommend, where possible, downloading these products.
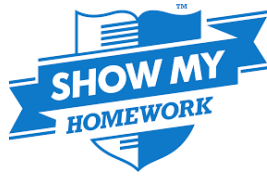
If you do not wish to download these products your child can work using the online version via Glow.

Microsoft Teams:

Microsoft Teams is our main interface/application for posting work/assignments (it can be downloaded free on an app store and/or via glow for a laptop/desktop device). It will be utilised for homework tasks (and some class work tasks) from this point forward and Show My Homework will be used mainly for basic notification of home work set. It is very important your child utilises this tool. Support for Microsoft Teams can be found by clicking this link https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/teams.

We encourage your child to access Teams on a regular basis and take the time to show you as parents what Teams is like and what all is available for pupils to use to enhance their educational experience.

Show My Homework is a service we utilise in school to inform pupils and parents of homework set. A Show My Homework app (entitled Satchel One (previously SMHW)) can also be downloaded from your app store on a mobile device which allows for quick reference for any homework set. The initial log in requires you to search for the school and then gives you the option to enter the 'Pin or parental code' which has been distributed via your child. If you have previously logged in, you can access using your normal log in details.

Please note - **Show My Homework will be utilised only to provide a basic outline of tasks to pupils and parents and homework details will be provided by Microsoft Teams as a more intuitive and accessible platform.** Any messages sent by pupils/parents on SMHW may not be replied to as we encourage the use of the Microsoft Teams channel and glow emails.

Social media:

We currently utilise 3 linked social media platforms which we post regular updates on, to reach a wide audience. The platforms we use, and the handles, are as follows:

Facebook – @meldrumaca
(https://www.facebook.com/Meldrumaca)

Twitter – @meldrumaca
(https://twitter.com/MeldrumAca)

Instagram - @meldrumaca
(https://www.instagram.com/meldrumaca/)

- Please note that we do not reply to messages on these platforms and they are for sharing information only. Please use the official channels for correspondence with the school (tel: 01467267470 or email Meldrum.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Online Learning – Help page/videos:

During lockdown Mr Mearns spent time creating help videos to support learning from home. These videos are extremely helpful in supporting parents and carers with school and homework. The videos can be accessed here:
https://www.meldrumacademy.com/online-learning-help

Celebration of Success:

In place of our annual Awards ceremony we utilised the digital platform 'ThingLink' in the 2019-20 academic year. You can see our Online Celebration of Achievement by clicking here if you wish to do so: https://www.meldrumacademy.com/celebration-of-achievement

Online Safety:

The following websites are extremely helpful for online safety support. We advise taking the time to look through these websites to help your child manage their use of social media and other online platforms as they progress through the Academy.

- https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/online-safety-live-resources-area-scotland
- https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/
- https://www.childnet.com/
- https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

We also host annual events on Online Safety each year and will aim to do so in a digital format for the 2020-21 academic year.

E-Sgoil

E-Sgoil are currently offering study support sessions wb: 7th September for the following courses:

	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM
Monday	Higher RMPS National 5 Mathematics	Higher Business Management National 5 Physics	Higher Physics Higher Computing Science
Tuesday	Higher Music National 5 Eachdraidh	Higher Spanish	
Wednesday	Higher French Higher Gaelic Learners	Higher Mathematics	Higher English
Thursday	Higher Gàidhlig Higher History	Higher Chemistry	National 5 English National 5 Mandarin

Places are limited on a first come first serve basis and pupils can book directly using their glow login details. They will need to know their SQA candidate number also, which can be provided by the school office.

More details can be found using the links below:

http://www.e-sgoil.com/

http://www.e-sgoil.com/studysupport2020/

SCHOLAR

Scholar currently offer 37 online courses for Scottish schools and colleges aligned to the SQA curriculum at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level. Their high-quality courses are built upon the knowledge and experience of teachers working in Scottish schools and colleges to develop course materials.

Pupils in S4-5 can get extra support for the following courses:

Science and Mathematics			
	N5	H	AH
Biology	✔	✔	✔
Chemistry	✔	✔	✔
Computing Science	✔	✔	✔
Human Biology	**	✔	**
Mathematics	✔	✔	✔
Physics	✔	✔	✔

Languages			
	N5	H	AH
English	✔	✔	✔
ESOL	✔	✔	**
French	*	✔	✔
Gaelic	*	✔	
German	*	✔	✔
Mandarin	✔		
Spanish	*	✔	✔

Business			
	N5	H	AH
Accounting		✔	✔
Art and Design		✔	
Business Management		✔	✔
Economics		✔	✔
Psychology		✔	**

Pupils can either log in directly here https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/login or via the glow tile on the glow dashboard.

Information for students can be found here - https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/using.html#students and for parents here - https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/using.html#parents#