



## **INFORMATION SHEET – MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

### **Study Leave**

Your school will decide study leave during exam times. Official study leave will not affect EMA payments, but you must ensure you are not absent out with these dates – for example if study leave is confirmed as starting on a Wednesday and ending on a Thursday, you must have full attendance for the Monday, Tuesday preceding and the Friday following. Absence out with official study leave dates will result in non-payment for the relevant week. Should you not attend your exams during the period, payment will be withheld.

If you are in S6 you will have completed your course after your exam period therefore your EMA payments will stop.

### **Careers Information**

#### **SSE visit for pupils aged 14+**

SSE is inviting pupils to visit its Perth Training Centre in early March. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity. You will be undertake a range of sessions led by SSE's technical training team and existing apprentices designed to provide an insight into SSE, the industry it works in, what an apprenticeship is and the opportunities available to you post-school. There will also be a chance for you to meet some of the company's current apprentices to hear first-hand about their journey, what being an apprentice at SSE is like and how apprentices play a part in delivering SSE's Net Zero ambitions.

SSE is currently offering apprenticeships in **Engineering, Substation Fitting, Overhead Lines and Underground Cable Jointing, along with several non-technical options.** The industry has an extreme shortage of engineers and the hope is that this visit will inspire you – both male and female – to pursue a future career in the booming energy Industry.

If you wish to visit, you must give your name to Mr. Letford (room 19A) or your Guidance Teacher by February 14th (Valentine's Day!).

#### **APTUS Programme (formerly the OGTAP Apprenticeship)**

Recruitment for the APTUS Energy apprenticeship programme is open now and will remain open until April 1<sup>st</sup>. This outstanding programme has been running for 25 years and covers careers in Electrical Maintenance, Mechanical Maintenance, Process Operations and Instrumental and Control Operations in the rapidly evolving energy industry.

There are many benefits to embarking on this programme and Mr. Letford has all the details. Knock on his door (room 19A) whenever you're passing.

#### **Apprenticeship Fair**

Give your name to Mr. Letford or your Guidance Teacher if an apprenticeship is the post-school destination for you. There are a variety of apprenticeship models available these days and they cover all academic abilities and career options. A large number of employers will be on hand next month to tell you everything you need to know – plus avail you of their current apprenticeship vacancies.

**Mr. Letford, DYW**

## WOW GIRLS FESTIVAL PERTH

Aged 11-14 and a budding gender equity champion? Do you think we should all have the same opportunities in life? Hop on the WOW - Women of the World Bus!

Our next stop is in  
Horsecross Plaza, Perth  
Wednesday 14 February, 2.30-3.30pm



Come along and drop into our free session on board the interactive WOW Bus, in partnership with Gender Equality Perth. Activities on the Bus are designed to build confidence, resilience, and good mental health.

The WOW Bus will be touring the UK until March, reaching young people in the heart of their own communities. Jump on board and join the movement!

Find out more and book at [genderequalityperth.com](http://genderequalityperth.com)  
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