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CAMPBELTOWN
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Welcome to our second edition of our Parent Update of 2024/25 session.

SQA Exams

The SQA have published the dates of the N5, Higher and Advanced Higher examinations for the 2025 diet. Check out www.sqa.org.uk

Staff Update

We are delighted to announce that Miss H Spree will be taking up post of Acting Faculty Head of English and Languages and Mr A Johnston is taking up post of Acting Faculty Head of Arts and Social Sciences.

We also have appointed a new ASN assistant in our LS Department who will start in 2 weeks.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 10th September at 7pm at CGS, all welcome.

Parent Volunteers

We are inviting YOU as parents and carers to become volunteers within the school for a number of roles - helping out at clubs or supervising school events, if you are interested please get in touch.

S1 STEM Event

On Wednesday 25th September representatives from ALIENERGY will be in school to run STEM workshops for our S1 cohort. Photos and update to follow in the next newsletter.

Rag Bag Collection

We are collecting textiles for the Rag Bag Collection scheme. Recycle your old textiles with CGS! Young people can bring in any unwanted textiles before 26th September.





Campbeltown Grammar School

Homework Policy



In response to feedback from parents and pupils, we are working to improve our communication with you. Homework plays a vital role in supporting our young people to achieve their ambitions and reach their potential in school. Whilst records of homework are often kept on Google classrooms, we realise that this may not be the easiest way for you to keep tabs on what homework is being set. We are therefore going to re-introduce homework diaries for all of our pupils. This will allow us to support our young people and will make it easier for you to oversee what is being asked of them.

We would like to invite you to check your child's homework diary each week and sign it. We are keen to use the diaries as a way of keeping in touch with you. If for any reason your child is not able to complete their homework, please feel free to write a note to us in the diary. Teachers may also add short notes in diaries if they want to pass on any information relating to your child's homework. We have updated our homework policy and attached it to this parent update.

We would also like to remind you that all pupils are invited to come along to Study Bites after school on **Mondays- Thursdays** 3.40pm-5.00pm. Staff will be on hand to offer support with homework and snacks and drinks are provided for all.

Supported study classes have also begun for senior phase pupils. A full schedule of after school support will be issued over the coming weeks.

Homework diaries will be issued at assemblies next week.

CGS Homework Policy will be sent to parents as an attachment.

Argyll and Bute Council Maximising Attendance – A Guide for Parents/Carers

Regular attendance enables your child to:

- Develop important life skills.
- Form and maintain relationships with peers and adults in school.
- Feel connected to their school community.
- Develop positive health and wellbeing.
- Learn through a wide and varied curriculum.
- Fulfil their potential.
- Prepare for adult life and the world of work.

What can I do to help my child attend school?

- Ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time.
- Maintain good morning and bedtime routines – sleep is very important.
- Talk with your child about the importance and benefits of good attendance.
- Be involved with your child's education – talk to them about how they are getting on at school.
- Arrange non-urgent appointments outside of school hours.
- Avoid family holidays during the school term.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with school – we are here to help.

The impact of poor attendance

Attendance Percentage	Number of school days missed in an academic year
100%	0 days of absence No missed learning
95%	9 days of absence 1 week + 4 days missed learning
90%	19 days of absence 3 weeks + 4 days missed learning
85%	27 days of absence 5 weeks + 3 days missed learning
80%	36 days of absence 7 weeks + 3 days missed learning
75%	45 days of absence 9 weeks + 1 day missed learning

Research shows that pupils who regularly miss school are more likely to become isolated from their friends, underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

What happens if my child does not attend school regularly?

Your child's school will contact you and offer support if your child's attendance **falls below 90%**.

The school will continue to work with you until your child's attendance improves.

The school may identify further support and seek advice from other professionals to ensure your child's needs are met.



What should I do if my child is anxious or worried about attending school?

We want to make sure that you get the advice and help that you need to support your child to go to school.

Contact your child's school who can help.

Other resources are also available here:

[Argyll and Bute Educational Psychology Service - Attendance \(google.com\)](#)

Reporting Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by phone before 9am.

If your child continues to be unable to attend school then parents/carers must contact the school every day (this applies to all absences other than a holiday where contact only needs to be made in advance).

Council policy is that school will make contact if a child is absent and there has been no communication from home.

Thank you for your support.

CGS Annual Awards Ceremony and Prize Giving

We held our Annual Awards Ceremony and Prize Giving on Monday 26th of August.

We were delighted to have Ms C Cameron, former Depute Head of Campbeltown Grammar School as our guest speaker.

Please see separate attachment for our prize winner lists.

Congratulations to you all!



Argyll & Bute Sports Leaders Conference

13 senior pupils represented CGS at the recent Argyll & Bute Sports Leaders Conference, hosted by Active Schools. The pupils had the opportunity to participate in various coaching qualifications which included football, badminton, shinty, rugby & dance. Well Done to all our pupils in gaining your qualifications!



Our after school clubs are up and running again, remember to keep up to date with all clubs on offer, links on the last page.

CGS Kayak Club

A tad windy in week one for our kayakers but they all enjoyed their first session. There are still some spaces available for this club, please see Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools if you are interested



After School Clubs

CGS SUP Club

A great first night out in the loch for our paddle boarders, a big shout out to Kintyre SUP club who give up their time to work in partnership with CGS to make these sessions happen, thank you!





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TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SIGN UP REQUIRED

OPEN TO ALL
S1 - S6

NAMES TO PE DEPT

FREE ENTRY

2024



SPAR GIRLS
FOOTBALL

Open to girls in S1 - S2 & S3 - S4,
If interested please sign up in the PE Dept

Thursday 26th Sept
Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Breast Cancer Now Coffee Morning

Thank you to our Barista and Chef Club pupils for hosting the Breast Cancer Now Coffee Morning last week, lots of delicious treats and the raised £196.74, well done!!



Dear Parent/Carer,

Upcoming Drama Presentations for S2 & S3.

Over the next few weeks the drama production, "You Are Not alone" will be touring schools across Argyll & Bute.

This production supports the Health and Wellbeing curriculum. The programme has been developed by Argyll and Bute Education and NHS Highland as well as Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The play explores themes such as peer pressure, substance misuse and relationships.

The dramas will be supported in the schools through the health and wellbeing curriculum, with partners involved where appropriate. Key teaching staff within schools will help facilitate discussion within class following the production. Learners will also reflect on key themes through a workbook.

We hope that all learners enjoy the production.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Peacock

Health Improvement Senior

Rosie Mackay

Education Manager: Wellbeing, Rights and Relationships

The horticulture class have been working at the SKDT community garden on a Wednesday afternoon.

CGS have a growing bed there that they are currently growing pumpkins, leeks, broccoli and spinach in.

The group have been weeding around the bed and tending to the produce.

We look forward to continue to work in the garden and with the wonderful staff at SKDT who have been so helpful.





S1 Climbing Wall

Wonderful effort from everyone, embodying focus, personal and group responsibility. Thank you to the S6 School captains who performed there leadership duties very well whilst delivering a session to the S1 - literally showing them the ropes!



Stay Informed!

Bulletin R2 Daily Information:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/campbeltowngs/2019/08/30/bulletin-02-09-19/>

Music Lesson Rota:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/campbeltowngs/2019/08/30/music-tuition-week-beginning-02-09-19/>

Lunch Menu: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/campbeltowngs/2019/08/30/lunch-menu-02-09-19/>

General School Information:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/campbeltowngs/2019/08/30/school-clubs-aug-oct-2019/>

School clubs:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/campbeltowngs/2020/11/05/cgs-school-clubs-2020-21/>

**are all available on the
school website!**

