



Campbeltown Grammar School

Fortnightly Update

17th January 2025

I would like to welcome all of our pupils and staff back following the Christmas break. The senior pupils have already completed their Prelim exams and will be receiving their results soon. The upcoming parents' evenings for S4 and S5/6 will give you the opportunity to discuss these results and any interventions that will be put in place to support your child. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our team of invigilators for their hard work.

We have included a reminder of our school uniform. Thank you for continuing to support us in encouraging all of our young people to wear school uniform.

This term, we have a focus on supporting improving attendance. We have attached the Argyll and Bute Council Maximising Attendance guide for your information. If you would like any further information, help or advice on how to support your child to come to school, please contact us.

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Staff Update

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Kydd-Corr as Faculty Head of English and Modern Languages.

We currently have two temporary posts advertised on myjobscotland. We are seeking a Teacher of Art and a Teacher of Social Subjects with RMPS.

Please share the link below with anyone who may be interested in applying for these posts.

[https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/search?](https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/search?parent_org=2605&cat=2438&page=1&type=external&sort=pd)

[parent_org=2605&cat=2438&page=1&type=external&sort=pd](https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/search?parent_org=2605&cat=2438&page=1&type=external&sort=pd)

We will be re-advertising for a permanent Teacher of Mathematics over the coming weeks. We will share the link to the advert.

Mr Doxsey and Mrs Campbell are currently both not in school. We hope that they will be back with us soon. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, please contact the school office should you need any support regarding senior phase pupils.





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

Regular attendance enables your child to:

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

What can I do to help my child attend school?

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



HMRC are making changes to Child Benefit High Income Child Charges, we have sent out the guidance along with this update.

Changes to the High Income Child Benefit Charge



HM Revenue & Customs

The Wellbeing Support for Parents, Carers & Families document has also been sent out along with this update.

LOOKING FOR THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Exchange Families

Workshops
Wellbeing Discussions
1-to-1 Support



Support available for Parents & Carers of children aged 4-18 living in Argyll & Bute

In partnership with Argyll & Bute Council, we are delighted to be able to offer help for parents and carers in order for you to best support your child.

This might be in the form of workshops or other resources to allow you to better understand common issues and learn how you can help.



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Workshops

Does your child struggle with emotional outbursts?
Looking for ways to help with hyperactivity?
Want to build up their belief in themselves?

Workshops available including:

- Practical Strategies for Helping your Anxious Child
- Managing Emotional Overload
- Promoting Confidence & Self-esteem in Children



AGE 4-7

Is your child struggling at school?
Does your child seem worried all the time?
Is your child acting out aggressively?
Is your child struggling to deal with their emotions?

Workshops available including:

- Practical Strategies for Helping your Anxious Child
- Building Confidence & Self-esteem in Children
- Practical Strategies for Emotional Dysregulation
- Practical Strategies for Helping Children who Harm



AGE 8-11

Is your teenager having panic attacks?
Has your teenager self-harmed?
Is your teenager struggling with friendships?
Is your teenager experiencing exam stress?

Workshops available including:

- Techniques for Preventing Anxiety and Panic
- Dealing with Anxious Over Thinking
- Practical Strategies for Building Confidence & Social Skills for Teenagers
- Stress Management Techniques for Supporting Teens
- What Parents can do when their Young Person is Self-harming



AGE 12+

and more...



Interested in support?
Visit or Scan the QR code to leave your details and one of our team will be in touch to talk about support options.

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Do's and Don'ts



S3 pupils are heading to Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre at the end of January, we look forward to hearing about their trip.

Shopping List

Essentials

- ☐ White School Shirt
- ☐ Black School Trousers
- ☐ Black School Skirt
- ☐ All Black Shoes/Trainers
- ☐ Plain Black Jumper - no logos

School Supplies

- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Scientific Calculator
- ☐ Sharpener
- ☐ Rubber
- ☐ Pencil Case
- ☐ Refillable water bottle

P.E Kit

- ☐ Black Shorts/Leggings/Tracksuit Bottoms
- ☐ Plain t-shirt
- ☐ Jumper
- ☐ Change of trainers
- ☐ Waterproof Jacket

Uniform Procedures

We have the following procedure in place to allow us to notify you about any uniform concerns.

Please get in touch with your child's Guidance Teacher to discuss any concerns or any requests. We hold a selection of new uniform items within school, these are available to support any young person.

If your child is not wearing appropriate school uniform a member of staff will direct them to the school office.

This will be noted within our uniform log and your child will be issued with a uniform slip. This can be shown to any member of staff who discusses their uniform with them.

You will receive a text message to let you know that we have a concern about uniform.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything we can do to help and support you and your child.

If our concerns regarding uniform continue your child's Guidance Teacher will get in touch. This is a supportive phone call/email to ensure we are doing everything we can to support you and your child.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grant

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Applications for the new term starting August 2024 for session 2024/25, can be submitted from the first week in July 2024, when this current term has finished. If you require any assistance with this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Parent Council

MEETING



The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Monday 20th January at 7pm in CGS.

New members welcome, please contact the Parent Council Contact on

pccampbeltowngrammarschool@argyllandbute.npfs.org.uk

Minutes will be made available on the school website.

