



*Campbeltown
Grammar School*
Fortnightly
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Fifth year CGS student, Arran Brown, recently attended The Scottish Piper's Association Juvenile Solo Piping Competition in Glasgow's College of Piping. He delivered four exceptional performances, and his individual placings were: 1st in the Piobairachd, 1st in the March, 1st in the Strathspey/Reel and 3rd in the Jig. With three wins, Arran secured the Overall Champion title - bringing home a great haul of silverware as seen in the photograph. We extend our warmest congratulations to Arran on all his achievements!

The Christmas season is upon us again. Our pupils have been busy planning the following events for everyone to enjoy:

Thursday 4th December Christmas Ceilidh.

Thursday 11th December Learning Centre Christmas Coffee Morning.

Monday 15th December Christmas Concert.

Wednesday 17th December Christmas lunch and Extravaganza!

Thursday 18th December Staff vs Pupil Volley ball game.

Every year we invite staff and pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to the Christmas lunch. This year, pupils have suggested that we look to recycle any of our preloved jumpers. If you would like to support this initiative, please send your Christmas jumpers in to Mr Doxsey.

Thank you Iona, Emily and Carys for decorating the tree this year.





Kintyre Food Bank

Some of our S3 and S4 pupils will be taking donations for Kintyre Food Bank on the lead up to Christmas.



There is a poster in the atrium which gives you all the details on what to do if you would like to donate.

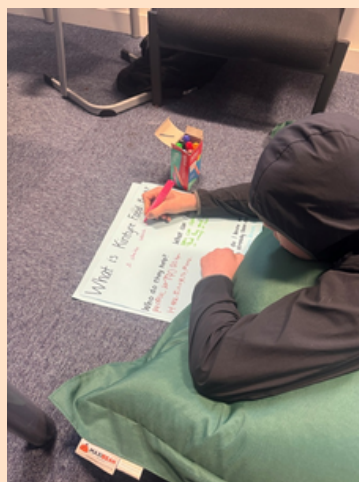
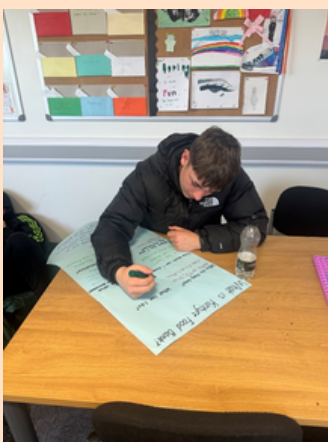
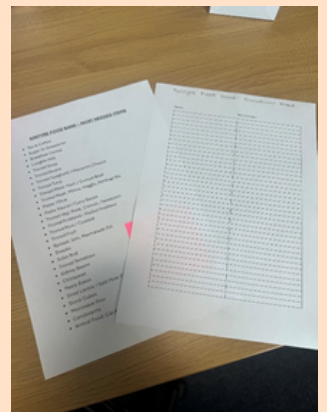
Pupils can drop off donations with Miss Wotherspoon in the Wellbeing Room, and staff can leave them either in the Wellbeing Room or in the staff room.

If you donate, you could win a £10 Amazon Voucher. The more donations you make, the more chance there is of you winning! The winners name will be picked at random through a wheel generator.

We will stop accepting donations on Monday 8th December.



Thanks,
Scott, Kyle, Ross, Robbie & Jayden





Saddell House

November
2025



Thanks to the Landmark Trust we were able to enjoy a couple of days at Saddell House. Pupils enjoyed outdoor activities, cooking & eating together and relaxing in the evening playing games after a fire on the beach. Thanks also to Ifferdale Farm, Tesco & Co-op for their support in making this experience possible.



Spotlight on Modern Languages

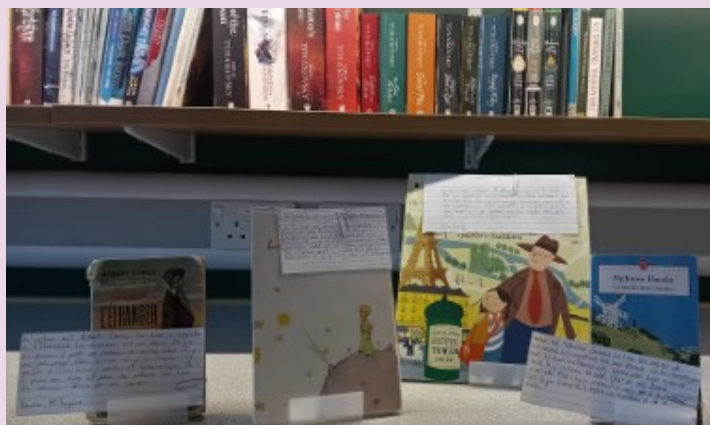
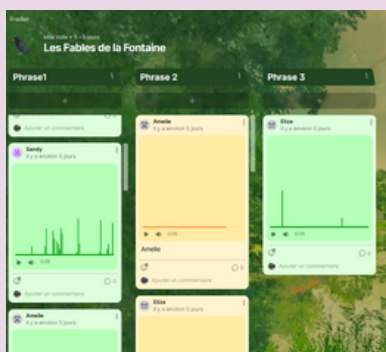
Last week, six of our S2 pupils took part in a national languages and code-breaking competition organised by GCHQ, competing against 2,738 teams from over 420 schools and home-educated groups. They tackled challenges in decoding, logic, and pattern-spotting, showing great teamwork and determination throughout. Stay connected to see the results as soon as they are released. We are very proud of their efforts!

Our S3 classes have also been deeply engaged in their current literature and film unit, where they are exploring language through stories, imagery, and culture. This fortnight, pupils proved that you can judge a book by its cover—at least when you're doing it in French! The task encouraged them to use all the vocabulary they know to describe images, make predictions, and express opinions. Their finished pieces look fantastic in our new reading room.

S3 have also been making great use of technology to develop their pronunciation through the famous French fable *Le Corbeau et le Renard*. Using Qwiqr, pupils worked on their listening skills by reconstructing the fable and revisiting the pronunciation at their own pace. They then used Padlet to share their own spoken versions of the text, building confidence and fluency in a fun and interactive way.

Next step: their first book in French.

We are delighted by the energy and curiosity our pupils continue to bring to languages. Bravo à tous !



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Outdoor Ed
have been
taking our
school moto on
this week and
Aiming High!



CGS Home Economics Department would like to say a huge thank you to Thermomix UK & Ireland for visiting us on Monday, especially to Hazel Currie, Monika Brazkiewicz and Dorotka Pragert.

Our staff and Parent Council were treated to an incredibly interesting and informative demonstration from @thermomixukandireland. The team made quick and easy work of creating cheesy scones, sweet potato curry with cauliflower rice and mixed berry sorbet, — all while showing just how energy-efficient and time-saving the Thermomix can be.

It was fantastic to see the Thermomix in action — chopping, blending, weighing, steaming and cooking with ease. We're so grateful not only for the demonstration, but also for the very generous donation of a TM6 to the department.

The Thermomix is widely used in the hospitality industry, so this will be an invaluable piece of equipment for our pupils. It will support their skills development and help with differentiation in the classroom too.

Thank you again for your time, generosity and expertise — we truly appreciate it

Thank
you!



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our amazing local suppliers who have generously donated produce to our Home Economics department this term! Their support has helped bring our lessons to life and given pupils the chance to learn with fresh, local ingredients.

🐏 Andrew Gemmill from Ifferdale Lamb in Saddell kindly donated a large selection of lamb cuts. Pupils have already cooked dishes such as lamb curry, lamb smash burgers, and lamb gyros — all with fantastic results!

🐟 Archie MacMillan at Kintyre Smokehouse donated beautiful fresh fish, giving our S2 pupils the chance to learn about the importance of including fish in their diet. The pupils absolutely loved it — even those who said they “didn’t like fish” ended up enjoying homemade fish fingers and smoked fish baguettes!

🦞 Paul McAllister, local creel fisherman and owner of McAllister Shellfish, donated fresh live prawns and shrimp for our Practical Cookery class. Pupils learned first-hand about seafood, how to prepare it, and the role it plays in a healthy diet.

These opportunities have been brilliant for our young people, helping them understand where their food comes from while building essential life skills for the future.

Please support these local businesses as they have supported our school and contributed so much to the learning experience of young people in our community. ❤️





Our S3 Biology pupils have been working in partnership with SAMs and Kintyre Sea Sports to begin an exciting new scientific investigation into the presence of the invasive Japanese skeleton shrimp in Campbeltown Loch – a species that has never before been formally studied in this area.

Pupils spent the afternoon learning from marine specialists and building their own sampling nets. These nets will soon be set up at various locations around the loch to collect data on where the shrimp may be living and how widespread they might be.

Over the coming months, pupils will gather, analyse, and share real scientific data that will contribute to a wider understanding of this species' spread in Scottish waters.

A huge thank-you to SAMs and Kintyre Sea Sports for supporting our young scientists. The pupils had a fantastic time and are excited to continue their investigation back in the classroom!



Parents and carers!

Free webinar for parents and carers for S1 to S3 pupils with advice on option choices, and the support and resources available from Skills Development Scotland.

Wednesday 3rd December, 6:30–7:30pm

Discover and explore myworldofwork.co.uk



Option choices – free webinar for parents and carers of S1 to S3 pupils, Wednesday 3 December, 6.30 to 7:30pm

Skills Development Scotland careers advisers are hosting a free webinar for parents and carers of S1 to S3 pupils on Wed 3 Dec, 6:30 to 7:30pm to discuss option choices and the support and resources available from Skills Development Scotland to support young people and their parents and carers at this time.

Register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/cdd86e48-8bb8-41c8-9ff6-6062c6f3e14e@33ca6d47-5e4f-4774-84f1-696cbb508cbe>

**This photo was taken
during an S3 Chemistry
last week.**

**Pupils were learning
about the energy stored
in carbohydrates.**



The prelim timetable will be sent out to Parent/Carers of Senior Phase pupils separately today. Pupil will also be issued with a paper copy.

Please note that Prelims for Advanced Higher Biology, Chemistry, English and Maths will take place at an appropriate time, late January into February 2026.

Those pupils who have switched to Higher Politics in place of Higher History will also sit their prelim in February 2026.

Individual Additional Arrangement Timetables will be issued separately.

SUPPORTED STUDY

Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	English Advanced Higher	French NAT5/Higher Miss Volle
		Spanish NAT5/Higher Miss Souden
		NAT 5 PE Mr Bainbridge
		Music all levels Mr Cosgrove
		NAT 5 Maths Mr MacDonald
		Higher Politics Mr Taylor (every 2 weeks starting 1st December)
		Modern Studies all levels Mr Taylor (every 2 weeks starting 8th December)
Tuesday	Maths Higher	Graphics NAT5/H or Practical Woodworking Mr Fletcher
Wednesday	English NAT 5	Maths Advanced Higher Mrs McFarlane
		Music all levels Mr Cosgrove
Thursday	English NAT 5	French NAT5/Higher Miss Volle
		Biology NAT5/Higher Miss Orr
		Chemistry Advanced Higher Miss Donnelly
Friday	UCAS Support Personal Statements - English	

Please see updated supported study for Politics and Modern Studies

1 December Higher Politics, after school

8 December National, Higher and AH Modern Studies, after school

Each subject will be every two weeks from the above dates.

We will complete a mix of past paper questions (PEE, essays and skills questions), extra time to work on your assignment and/or dissertation to ensure we are in the best position for May.





On behalf of the Parent Council, we are delighted to announce that we will be holding two fundraisers this December.

We would greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers through donations of prizes for these events. Any donated items can be handed in to The Kintyre Larder, who have very kindly agreed to assist with preparing the festive hampers.

Thank you for your continued support—every penny raised helps improve the experiences of our pupils and the wider school community at Campbeltown Grammar.

We are also seeking helpers for both events being held on Monday 15th December at the Christmas Concert and Sunday 21st December at the Co-op. If you are interested in assisting, please email us at pcccampbeltowngrammarschool@argyllandbute.npfs.org.uk, or contact one of our committee members directly.

We hope to see you at our two festive fundraisers. Wishing you all a very joyful and festive season. thank you.



Dates for your Diary



Christmas Dance	4 th December	Time to be confirmed
English Prelim	9 th December	Nat 5, Higher
Maths Prelim	10 th December	Nat 5, Advanced Higher
Learning Centre Christmas Coffee Morning	11 th December	from 10am
Applications of Maths Prelim	11 th December	Nat 5
Practical Cookery Prelim	15 th December	Nat 5
Christmas Concert	15 th December	Door Open at 6.30pm
Practical Cookery Prelim	16 th December	Nat 5
Christmas Lunch & Extravaganza!	17 th December	PM
Staff v Pupil Volleyball game	18 th December	PM
End of Term	19 th December	School will have an early closure, more details to follow

