



*Campbeltown  
Grammar School*  
**Fortnightly  
Update**

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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*Aim High*

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Focus West is a Scottish Government-funded organisation whose main aim is to widen access to higher education and improve pupils' chances of progressing to university. As there was no widening access partnership in place when I started, I reached out to Focus West and established this external partnership.

The current S5 cohort will be the first year group at CGS to fully benefit from the opportunities they offer.

One of the key benefits is access to the REACH programme, which supports pupils applying for highly competitive courses such as medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, and law. In addition, eligible pupils may be able to take part in the Top Up programme, delivered in partnership with the University of Glasgow. This programme involves completing an online course (alongside some school-based support), and pupils who successfully complete it can receive reduced entry requirements to Scottish universities. Andy from Focus West will be visiting CGS from 18–20 February. During this time, he will meet individually with each S5 pupil to discuss their post-school aspirations, including university and college pathways. He will also check whether pupils meet the eligibility criteria for the Top Up programme. Eligible pupils will be enrolled on the course and supported to complete it online, with the aim of securing reduced entry requirements to Scottish university courses.

The Top Up programme also provides access to additional widening access opportunities, including:

- REACH, which supports applications to competitive courses and prepares pupils for entry requirements and assessments.
- ACES, which supports creative pathways such as art, design, and architecture, including portfolio preparation. ACES can also signpost pupils to audition-based courses at the Royal Conservatoire.

Focus West may also be able to provide funding for transport to support a visit to a university open day.

These opportunities will be explained to pupils, if you would like information please contact the school office.

More information can be found at: [www.focuswest.org.uk](http://www.focuswest.org.uk)



As part of our new Conference Room Gallery which is marrying the Argyll Collection along with our brand new Campbeltown Grammar School Collection.

Pupils were asked to submit any Artwork in any media of their choice to the competition, with the winners winning a prize, and their Artwork becoming part of the Campbeltown Grammar School Collection  
With a new competition happening every year!!!



1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Lauren Scott



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Rory McDougall



Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Harry McEachran



Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Ella Robinson



# Aquaculture Careers Day

## Campbeltown Grammar School

05/02/2026

Sea you there!

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Young Workforce

## Dates for your Diary



S5/6 Parents Evening	3rd February 2026	5pm - 7pm
February Break	9 <sup>th</sup> February - 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Staff Inservice Day -16 <sup>th</sup> February, pupils return on Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
S1-S3 Aquaculture Careers Day	5 <sup>th</sup> February	Information letter has been sent out to parents
Parents Options Evening	19th February	time to be confirmed

