



Campbeltown
Grammar School
Fortnightly

Update

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Our S3 pupils, along with pupils from Tarbert, Islay and Lochgilhead High school, enjoyed a trip to Loch Eil Outdoor Centre where they took part in outdoor swimming, camping, hike and team building exercises. More photos can be found on our Facebook page.





Ava took part in the Rotary Cooking Competition final and put in a great effort.

We are all very proud of Ava for making it to the finals and we hope she enjoyed the experience!

Well Done Ava!



S1 Outdoor Ed

S1 Outdoor Education this year found us all over South Kintyre responding to the varied weather conditions trying to find the optimal location for the development of our young people. We rock climbed down out the Mull of Kintyre, gorge scrambled here on the slopes of Ben Ghulean, hiked in the rain at Craigaig, Saddle and Carradale and finally explored the coastline around Achinloan Head. Thank you first of all for the superb efforts from the young people engaging with challenge and the unknown, and also to all the parents supplying them with packed lunches and the appropriate clothing.



Aquaculture Careers Event

S1–S3 enjoyed an Aquaculture Careers Awareness Day today. The event was a great success and provided pupils with valuable insight into the range of industries within aquaculture. The Salmon Wagon was a particular favourite among all pupils!

A huge thank you to all our partners who came in to support the day. We have shared more information from Salmon Scotland on our Facebook page.



S1 POETRY COMPETITION

And the winner goes to ...

On Thursday 29th January 2026, in Campbeltown Grammar School there was a competition for S1 about Scottish poetry. There was a lot of amazing poems said but there was one that stood out the most. This raised confidence and creativity for the participants.

In the weeks leading up to the show, the pupils all read poems to their class and teachers. Then the teachers of each class chose around three finalists from every class. The finalists had to choose a poem and memorise it then read it in Scots.

The event was introduced by the S1 year head Miss Tamburrini and held in the upstairs hall. It started with Jemma Craig and Ailsa Faust who were reciting "The Cat An' The Moose" which they created, then Findlay Wright with "My Hearts In The Highlands", followed by Shabia Abo saying "Tae A Thistle", next Audrey Davies reciting "Nessie", after was Beau McKay with "Tinsel Fairy", Zac McEachran wrote his own called the "The Veggie Olympics", finally Sophie Millar reciting "Tae A Haggis".

The judges were Mrs Kydd-Corr and Miss Spree, the photographer was the classroom assistant Miss Spree. The spectators were Mrs Kenny, Mrs Souden and the S1 classes 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

Now for the winners of the event: Jemma Craig and Ailsa Faust came 3rd place, there was a joint 2nd place with Findlay Wright and Beau McKay and finally 1st place and the winner of the Scottish poetry event goes to Sophie Millar reciting "Tae A Haggis".

Jemma Craig, one of the finalists, gave an amazing quote saying "It was quite good because me and my partner Ailsa performed really well!" Miss Spree also gave us a quote describing the event saying, "It was a lovely show and it was really nice to see everyone step out of their comfort zone!"

The participants each received a box of Maltesers as their well-deserved prize, and the winner Sophie Millar won a giant box of Maltesers and described them as "very good." Well done to everyone who took part in the show and especially to our winner Sophie.

Written by Olivia McLean



Car Park Update

The new signage and speed bumps have now been installed in the car park. Maximum speed limit is now 5mph.

Thank you for your patients while the work was being carried out.



Dates for your Diary



S2 Reports and BGE Tracking	24 th February 2026	Will be issued to pupils
S2 STEM Trip	25 th February 2026	All day
S3 Parents Evening	26 th February 2026	5pm - 7pm
Senior Phase Options day	4 th February 2026	All day
S2 Options Day	11 th March 2026	All day





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 <small>(every 2 weeks starting 2nd March)</small>
		Nat 5 and Higher Modern Studies Mr Taylor <small>(every 2 weeks starting 23rd Feb)</small>
		Modern Studies Advanced Higher Mr Johnston <small>(3.50pm—4.50pm starting after Feb holiday)</small>
Tuesday	Maths Higher	Graphics NAT5/H or Practical Woodworking Mr Fletcher
Wednesday	English NAT 5	Maths Advanced Higher Mrs McFarlane
		Nat 5 History Mr Johnstone <small>3.50pm—4.50pm (starting after Feb holiday)</small>
		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	



Lunchtime drop in

Nat 5 and Higher Modern Studies and Higher Politics pupils can work on their assignment essay or skills revision in Mr Taylor's Classroom during lunchtimes, no set schedule, feel free to drop in.



NATIONAL 5 BIOLOGY – SUPPORTED STUDY (PRELIM → FINAL EXAM)



Wednesdays 3:45–4:45pm • 6 weeks starting Wed 25 February

WHAT THIS IS: a weekly 1-hour revision session to close the biggest gaps from the prelim and build exam technique using past paper questions.



WHAT TO BRING: pen/pencil, calculator, and your Biology jotter.

HOW EACH SESSION RUNS (SAME EVERY WEEK):

5 min retrieval starter → 20 min teacher input (talk/teach/worked examples) → 30 min past paper practice → 5 min plenary.

SCHEDULE & FOCUS TOPICS

WEEK / DATE	FOCUS TOPIC
Week 1 • Wed 25 Feb	Transport systems – plants
Week 2 • Wed 4 Mar	Transport across cell membranes
Week 3 • Wed 11 Mar	DNA and the production of proteins
Week 4 • Wed 18 Mar	Absorption of materials
Week 5 • Wed 25 Mar	Control and communication
Week 6 • Wed 1 Apr	Producing new cells

EXPECTATIONS (SO THIS ACTUALLY IMPROVES GRADES):

-  Arrive on time and be ready to work for the full hour.
-  Attempt every past paper question (no copying).
-  Mark using the provided marking schemes and correct in a different colour (pens will be provided).
- Bring any questions you got wrong in class/homework so we can fix them.
- If you miss a week, catch up using the notes and questions shared on Google Classroom.



MCR Pathways Programme

My name is Gillian, and I have recently started in the post of MCR Pathways Programme Coordinator. I have been extremely lucky to be placed in your school every Tuesday and Wednesday during school terms and will be based across from the wellbeing room.

MCR Pathways is a charity that works with local councils to provide trained volunteer mentors for some pupils from S3 to S6. We help pupils who may be struggling in the school system, have a lack of confidence, have difficulties in their personal life or simply just need some time out for a friendly chat and bit of support.

At the moment we are recruiting and training volunteers who can spare 1 hour a week to meet within school time and on the school premises with a young person.

It is then my job to match the pupils that I have to a mentor that has similar interests to them and valuable experience they can share with them. The hour together could be spent with a coffee and a chat for example or playing a game, participating in your common interests if it's something like an art, music or a craft or maybe going for a walk on school grounds.

When I am in your school my door is always open to the pupils and mentors to support them at every stage and if the pupils want to, just for a catch up.

MCR Pathways started 17 years ago in Glasgow and there is now a Pathways Coordinator present in 115 high schools across Scotland which is expanding into our areas while they are also expanding into England.

In a recently published research, conducted by ScotCen, the 2020 Evaluation Report tells us that 81.6% of mentored care-experienced pupils progressed to a positive destination after school (for MCR a 'positive destination' refers to only full-time employment, further or higher education). That figure is compared with 56.3% of young people who were not mentored. MCR mentoring transforms lives.

If you would like to find out more about the programme or are interested in being a volunteer for 1 hour a week in the school term, then please contact me through Gillian.mcglone@mcrpathways.org

I look forward to working with your community young people and school.

Gillian McGlone

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Interim Programme Manager - Argyll & Bute,
Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Campbeltown | MCR Pathways
Multi-Award Winning, Nationwide Mentoring Programme

Change a life.
Become a volunteer mentor in Campbeltown.

"Ever since I've got a mentor, I realise I can do much bigger things; like going to college and uni and I've got much bigger plans for myself. My path and goals have definitely changed because of mentoring." Phoebe.

Just one hour a week can ignite the vital spark in a young person.
Help a young person build confidence, ambition, and create a positive future.

Until everyone **has someone.**

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