



Campbeltown
Grammar School
Fortnightly
Update

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Scottish Schools Badminton

Last weekend Campbeltown Grammar School was represented by S2 pupils, Murray and Millar Mackay at The Scottish Schools' Secondary Badminton Championships in Kilmarnock.

Both boys competed in singles and doubles. Murray reached the quarter finals of the singles before being beaten by the overall runner up. Millar was knocked out by the 3rd seed but progressed to the quarter finals in the consolation tournament where he was beaten by the eventual winner.

In the doubles competition the boys won all their round robin group games coming out on top of their league, this meant they progressed to the semi-final stage where they had a very close match, with the boys eventually coming out on top 17-21,21-18,23-21. The final was against the number 1 seeds from Craigmount High(Edinburgh)which also went to 3 sets with the Campbeltown pair eventually losing 21-16 in the third set. The boys were delighted to be presented with their silver medals which was well deserved for all their efforts over the course of a long and tiring day of fierce competition. A total of 119 pupils took part in competition between the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories from schools from all over Scotland.



This week Oskar completed his 100th hour of volunteering at the local library. Oskar helps with putting returned books back on the shelves in the correct sections. As well as volunteering here, Oskar also volunteers dog walking and at Shopperaide. All these hours will go towards him gaining Saltire Awards. Well Done Oskar!



National 5 and Higher Performing Exams

A huge congratulations to everyone who completed their Music Performing exams at the start of the month.

As part of the exam, pupils are required to perform a programme of music to a visiting examiner on their chosen instruments.

All pupils rose to the occasion this year and performed brilliantly, with some truly outstanding performances on display. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, and commitment shown by every single one of you.

Well done to all involved!

Brass Success

Several of our brass pupils have been incredibly busy over the past few weekends, representing Scotland, and what a fantastic job they've done!

We are delighted to share that Jemma Craig (S1) Lewis Smith (S2) Charlie Colville (S5) James Barr (S5) and Cara McFadzean (S6) were awarded Scottish Young Musicians Ensemble of the Year, a brilliant achievement and thoroughly deserved.

The following week, several brass pupils, travelled to compete with Campbeltown Brass in the Scottish Brass Band Championships, where they achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the Second Section, qualifying for the national finals later in the year. This is even more impressive considering they were one of the youngest bands in the competition on average.

A huge well done to all involved, your hard work, commitment, and musicianship are something to be very proud of. Finally, a big thank you to our brass tutor, Owen Pickering, for all his hard work and dedication in preparing the pupils for these events.



Staffing Update

Our recruitment is underway for an English Teacher and a Social Subjects Teacher. We are also currently advertising for a Technical Teacher and a Science Teacher on My Job Scotland.

The Gallery

We are excited to announce that work on our new creative space, The Gallery, is in progress. This dedicated area will showcase some artworks from the Argyll Collection.

Alongside these professional pieces, The Gallery will also feature artwork created by our pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School, highlighting the creativity within our school community.

We look forward to opening this inspiring space and sharing the artistic experience it will bring to learners, staff, and the wider community.

The Polycrub

Work is now underway at the site of our new Polycrub, and we are delighted to see the project taking shape (picture below left). This fantastic addition to our school will open up learning opportunities for our young people and strengthen our connections across the CGS community.

We look forward to sharing more updates as the build progresses and to the hands-on experiences our learners will gain once the Polycrub is complete (picture below right).





SPAR Girls Football

Congratulations to our S1 & S2 girls football team who last week travelled to Glasgow to take part in the Future Stars Football SPAR Cup - Regional Round @ Toryglen Football Centre. The team played 6 games against schools from Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Glasgow in what were closely contested, hard fought matches. I am delighted to share that the girls qualified and will now go on and play in the National Finals representing CGS at the beginning of June in Glasgow.

Pictured in the photo below – Hope Brown, Olivia McLean, Taylor Black, Nina Woods, Emma Johnston, Niamh McSporran, Beau Tumelty.

Well done!



The CGS senior Girls vocal group placed an amazing 2nd at the Vocal Ensemble competition at Glasgow Music Festival, making the long journey very worth it!



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Kintyre Schools Pipe Band



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band were in good form on their 17-hour day trip to the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships at Kilmarnock on Sunday 8 March. The Band, representing Campbeltown Grammar School, was just one of 172 schools which went head-to-head with school pipe bands from all over Scotland vying for success across 8 separate categories.

The Kintyre Band, led by Pipe Major Fiona Mitchell, supported by Pipe Sergeant Arran Brown (S5) and Leading Drummer Rona McLean (S5), played twice and put in a couple of great performances in the Novice B and Freestyle categories.

The band were into the prize list in the Novice Pipe Band category and were placed 5th out of 26 bands entered in the grade. In particular, the Band's drum corps excelled and secured a First place in Drumming, which is a really promising position to be in, this early in the band season.

In the freestyle event, the CGS girls Vocal group, Hannah McLellan on Keyboard, Evan Cook (S5) on Bass Guitar, Hannah Millar (S6) on acoustic guitar and Highland dancer, Abigail McAlister (S2) were added to the pipes and drums and the band performed a set of tunes titled "Mull of Kintyre I Wish You Were Whisky". Although the band were not placed in the prize list, they put on a sterling performance and enjoyed every aspect of this. Speaking to a large audience after the performance, Piper Hannah Millar explained that the band members get a massive kick out of being part of a team which aims for excellence in piping and drumming. Hannah said "It's the enjoyment and the music that matters and representing Campbeltown and Kintyre."

Congratulations to all pupils involved and for representing CGS in such a positive way!



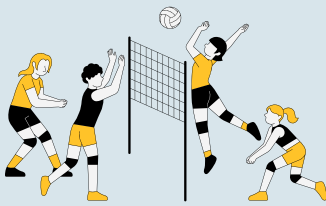
MAKI Volleyball



Our CGS seniors travelled the high seas to Islay this week to take part in the MAKI Volleyball Competition, taking on stiff competition from Islay & Lochgilphead High Schools. The hard work & commitment of attending extra-curricular volleyball clubs paid off as the pupils came home worthy winners of the MAKI Volleyball Competition for 2026. Well done to both CGS teams!

Pictured are:

Alan Myles, Oscar Parker, Gregor Craig, Lucas McMillan, Emma Millar, Cameron Ralston, Niamh Quinn, John Ogilvie, Kian Billing, Isiah Doxsey & Hannah Millar.



CGS Sports Leaders

Early last week our senior sports leaders attended a Scottish Disability Sport Inclusion Training Course in house at CGS. This course provides valuable knowledge and hands on experience with the delivery of sports sessions. Well Done to all of the pupils who gained their qualification.



Argyll & Bute Area Trials for the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships

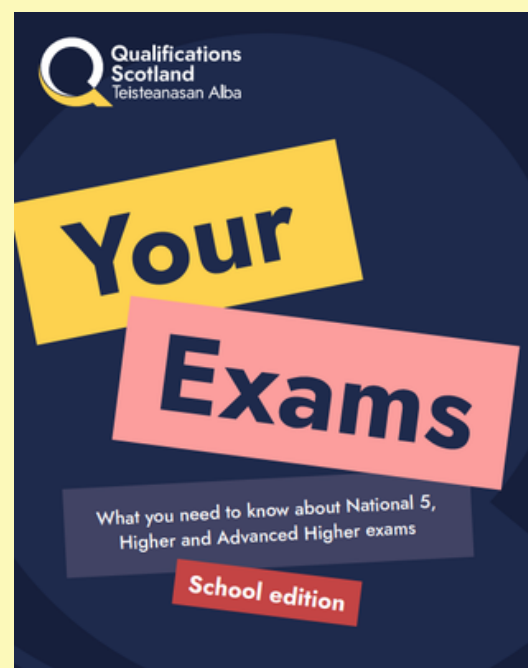
The Argyll & Bute Area Trials for the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships were held this week at the Aqualibrium Leisure Centre, with over 120 swimmers competing from Primary and Secondary Schools across the authority, 19 of which were representing Campbeltown Grammar School. Swimmers representing CGS won a total of 33 Golds, 20 Silver and 8 Bronze medals across all events with the following swimmers achieving consideration times for the Scottish Schools finals in June. Maida Walker (S1), Niamh McSporrán (S2), Kyle McQuaker (S2), Oliver King (S2), Angus Woods (S4), Lucy McFadzean (S4), Hannah Millar (S6) & Niamh Quinn (S6).

Pictured in the photo below – Niamh Quinn, Maida Walker, Kyle McQuaker, Jack Barr, Lucy McFadzean, Cara McKinven, Angus Woods, Niamh McSporrán, Grace McMillan, Molly Lamont, Isiah Doxsey, Jessica McGeachy, Caoimhe Quinn, Hannah Millar, Oliver King.



Qualification Scotland (previously SQA) have published this years Your Exams booklet on their website, we have also shared this on our school website, <https://www.campbeltown.argyll-bute.sch.uk/sqa/>

If pupils require a paper copy, please see the school office.



2026

GRADUATION & LEAVERS CEREMONY

Save the Date

Friday 24th April 2025

Approximate time 11am (to be confirmed)

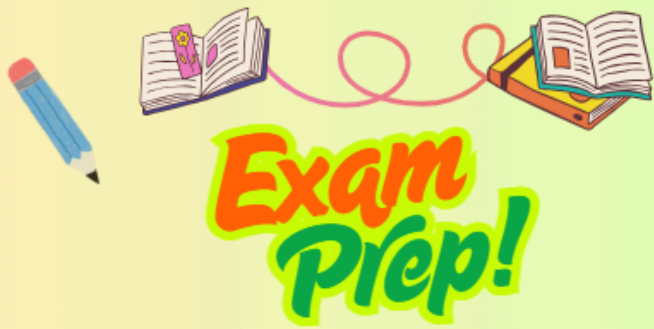


Dates for your Diary



SP Tracking Reports	26 th March 2026	
Spring Holiday	3rd April 2026 - 19 th April 2026	Pupils return on Monday 20 th April
Graduation and Leavers Ceremony	24 th April 2026	Time to be confirmed





Exam Prep!

Senoir Phase Study Sessions

A relaxing place to study and get ready for exams

Snacks Available

In the Dhorlin
Monday - Thursday
1535 - 1730

Drop in and stay as long as you can



SUPPORTED STUDY		
Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	English Advanced Higher	French NAT5/Higher Miss Valle
	Maths Nat 5	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
	Maths Nat 5	Nat 5 History Mr Johnstone <small>3.50pm—4.50pm (starting after Feb holiday)</small>
		Music all levels Mr Cosgrove
		Physics Nat 5 3.45pm—4.45pm Spanish Higher Mrs Souden
Thursday	English NAT 5	French NAT5/Higher Miss Valle
	Chemistry Nat 5 & Higher	Biology NAT5/Higher Miss Orr
		Chemistry Advanced Higher Miss Donnelly
Friday	UCAS Support Personal Statements - English	

