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# National 5 English - Collaborative Revision in Action

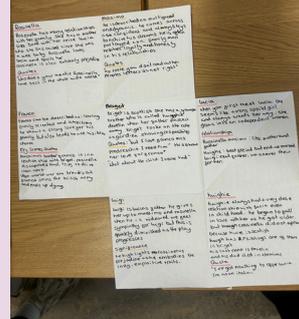
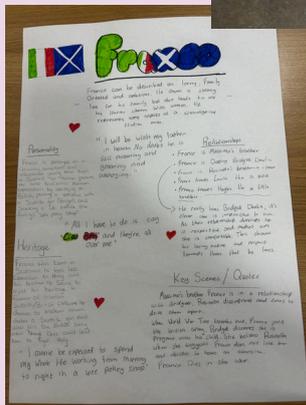
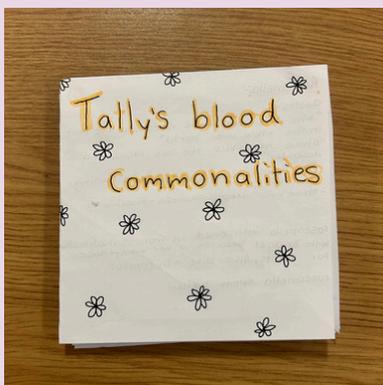
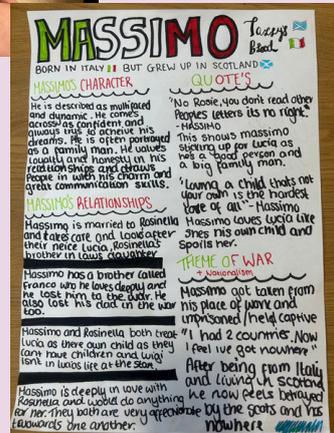
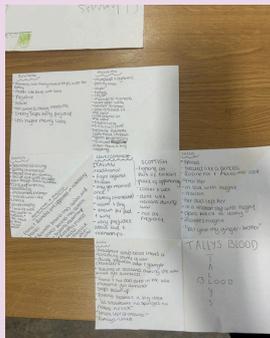
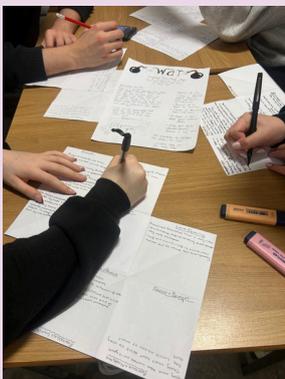
This week, our National 5 English pupils rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into a collaborative revision task designed to boost both their knowledge and their confidence ahead of the fast-approaching exams.

For the Scottish Text element, pupils have been studying Tally's Blood by Ann Marie Di Mambro. Working in pairs, they each chose a key character or theme to focus on and became "experts" in their area. From tracking important moments to selecting and analysing key quotations, pupils worked hard to build detailed, high-quality revision materials. Together, they created an impressive bank of resources covering the play from every angle.

This week, the classroom turned into a hub of activity during a "learning walk", as pupils circulated to explore one another's work and gather ideas. Using the shared materials, each pupil then created their own "Pocket Revision Guide" — a compact but carefully organised study tool designed to keep all essential notes in one place.

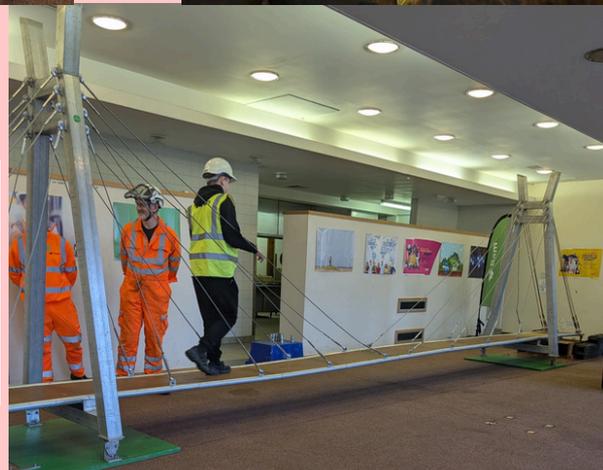
S4 approached the task with enthusiasm and maturity, supporting one another and sharing ideas confidently. It has been fantastic to see them taking real ownership of their revision.

With exams drawing closer, the focus now is on keeping that momentum going. Pupils are encouraged to continue building their revision toolkit, and to come along to Supported Study (Tuesday lunchtimes for Higher, Thursday lunchtimes for National 5 and Wednesday after school for all levels) where we will explore further study techniques to help everyone feel fully prepared and confident.



S2 attended a STEM careers fest last Wednesday, and they were all a credit to the school. The pupils each engaged with a STEM focused workshop and later had the chance to talk to employers about local careers in STEM. Well done, S2!

More photos on our Facebook page



# Biology

Last week, we embarked on an exciting collaboration with MOWI, Kintyre Sea Sports, and SAMs to launch our project aimed at monitoring the presence of an invasive species known as the Japanese Sea Skeleton Shrimp, which poses a threat to our local marine ecosystems. To kick off the project, we learned how marine scientists collect data and constructed small nets designed for the shrimp to attach to. We made our way to the marina, where we met representatives from MOWI and Kintyre Sea Sports, along with our skipper for the day, Mark. After being fitted with life jackets, we received a safety briefing aboard the MOWI Challenger. The vessel was impressive, featuring two hulls for enhanced speed, an outdoor power washer, and a covered control room complete with a seating area.

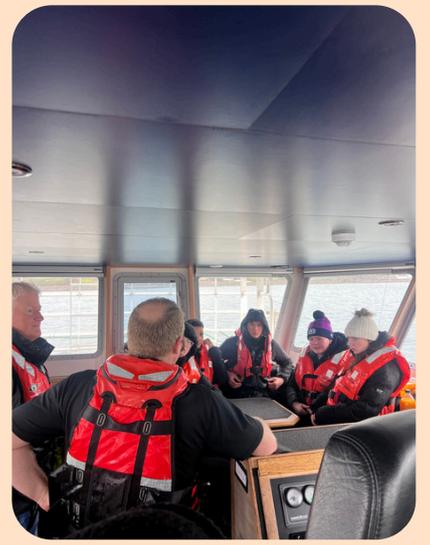
As we departed the marina and ventured onto the loch, our local minister, Reverend Steven Sass, who is also the father of one of our members, waved us off from the pier.

Unfortunately, due to low tide, we were unable to reach our intended locations to deploy the nets. Instead, we took a scenic tour of the loch, passing by Davaar Lighthouse, where the waves became choppy, causing some of us to feel a bit queasy. We decided to turn back and scouted potential locations for our experiment, making it easier for our next outing.

Upon our return to the marina, we divided into two teams of three: Kate, Eliza, and Louise, and Freddy, Rafi, and Maisy. The first group set out to their designated location while Freddy, Rafi, and Maisy remained on board the Challenger, asking questions and enjoying tea cakes. Kate, Eliza, and Louise successfully attached their weighted net using figure-eight knots while measuring the sea temperature and salinity with a portable refractometer. They did an excellent job of maintaining their balance and not falling overboard! The teams then swapped roles, with Freddy, Rafi, and Maisy heading to the second location to set their net and record the weather, tidal information, and sea conditions. Once both teams regrouped, we expressed our gratitude to everyone involved and left the marina, where we were treated to cake before returning to school.

A heartfelt thank you to MOWI, SAMs, and Kintyre Sea Sports for providing us with such a wonderful opportunity to conduct our experiment on Japanese Sea Skeleton Shrimp. We wish all the other groups great success in gathering data during their outings!





## DYW Trip to SEC

As part of our career programme to students, we will be attending The Scottish School & College Leaver Festival and The National Apprenticeship Show proudly sponsored by myjobscotland and proudly supported by DYW & SDS held at SEC Glasgow 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2026. The Festival and Show bring students together with employers, universities, colleges, and other general training providers allowing them to explore all the options.



# DARTS *Club!*

We have purchased all the equipment required to start a lunchtime Darts Club once everything has been installed.

I will provide a further update once all arrangements are in place, including details about staff supervision, availability and how pupils can sign up.

In the meantime, I would like to reassure parents that, as the school now has all the necessary equipment, pupils should not bring their own darts into school for safety reasons.



Keep up to date with all our school clubs on our school website



## 4 - S6 pupils

As we head towards the SQA Exam diet all senior phase pupils are being encouraged to continue to attend supported study. These sessions with Teachers will have a big impact especially over the next 3 weeks! Please see the updated information.

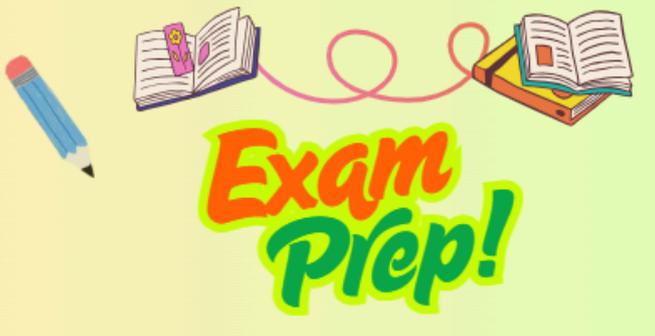
I am currently collating the timetable for Easter Study School and will send this out shortly. Again this is an opportunity for our pupils to have targeted support from Teachers.

We will also be introducing Exam Prep Study Sessions for Senior Pupils only. These will provide a quiet and calm environment to support exam preparation and wellbeing. Staff will be on hand every day after school and a selection of resources will be available - some snacks too! Please encourage your young person to attend.

We would like to extend our support to you as parents and carers. We will shortly be inviting you to come into school to see Exam Prep Study sessions in action. Staff will be on hand to offer advice and tips to you and we will also have sets of study resources available that you can take away to have at home. If there is anything you need please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our young people have worked incredibly hard this year and we are already so proud of them all. As a community we are our young peoples support network and together we can continue to nurture their success.

Mrs Fletcher



# Exam Prep!

## Senior 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	



**GOOD  
Luck!**

Good Luck to our Drama Club who will be performing at the Kintyre Drama Festival tonight!

Scottish Community Drama  
Argyll Kintyre District

# Drama Festival

Victoria Hall  
Campbeltown

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March  
Curtain Up 7pm - PROMPT

Thursday:	Friday:
<b>Dalintober Drama Club</b> The Spiriting of Burd Ellen by Ron Nichol	<b>Campbeltown Grammar School Drama Club</b> 15 Minutes of YouTube Fame by Ian McWethy
<b>Accent Players</b> The New Patio by Barry Lambert	<b>Taynuilt and District Drama Society</b> The Canary Cage by Diana Raffle
<b>Fyne Acting Company</b> Emoji by V.L. Heathcote	Followed by the presentation of Prizes

Tickets: £9 Adult (£16 Season Ticket) and £5 Youth (£8 Season)  
from AP Taylor, Campbeltown

## Staffing Update

Krystal Graham will be joining us at CGS after the Spring Holiday as an ASN assistant, we look forward to welcoming her.



## INDUSTRY AWARENESS DAY

**Industry Awareness Days are designed to make learning about the world of work easier for S1-S3 pupils. They focus on one subject to gain invaluable insight into the many roles and responsibilities within that profession.**

**On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February DYW held their first Industry Awareness Day for S1-S3 students focusing on Allied Health Professionals in Campbeltown Grammar Gym Hall.**

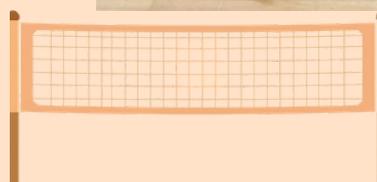
**Pupils were able to speak with Health Professionals who informed them of their roles and responsibilities, what they do on a day-to-day basis, their journey into their profession, this also included some interactive tasks for the pupils.**

**Thank you to Suzi from DYW for organising and to all the Health Professionals who attended, a thoroughly informative day.**



# SPORTS UPDATE

Good Luck to Murray & Miller MacKay who are travelling to Kilmarnock this weekend to take part in the Scottish Schools Badminton Championships. The boys will be competing in both singles & doubles competitions, all the best!



CGS Badminton Competitions are well & truly underway. There has been a fantastic turnout for all of the competitions, good luck to all of the pupils taking part.



Pictured are this year's group of senior sports leaders who have been working hard throughout the year. All of the pupils have gained at least 2 coaching qualifications in this academic year & next week they will be deployed to lead after-school/lunchtime sessions in our local primaries/CGS - Good Luck!



# 2026

## GRADUATION & LEAVERS CEREMONY

### Save the Date

**Friday 24th April 2025**

Approximate time 11am (to be confirmed)



## Dates for your Diary



S2 Options Day	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
Parent Council Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
SP Tracking Reports	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
Spring Holiday	3rd April 2026 - 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Pupils return on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Graduation and Leavers Ceremony	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Time to be confirmed



# QUIZ NIGHT



**Fabulous  
Raffle**

**Teams of 4  
£5 per  
person**

**Saturday 28th March, 7.30pm  
Campbeltown (Stronvaar) Bowling Club**



**In aid of Campbeltown Grammar School  
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# MID ARGYLL MUSIC FESTIVAL

## 20TH & 21ST MARCH 2026



Friday 20th March

Drill Hall, Lochgilphead

9.15AM WOODWIND SOLO BEG.

11.15AM WOODWIND SOLO (PRI)

1.30PM INSTRUMENTAL DUET (PRI)

2.00PM BRASS SOLO BEG.

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Saturday 21st March

Lochgilphead Joint Campus - Main Hall

9.30AM PRIMARY CHOIRS

10.00AM VOCAL ENSEMBLE (PRI)

10.30AM INTERMEDIATE CHOIRS

11.00AM VOCAL ENSEMBLE (SEC)

11.30AM ADULT CHOIRS

Friday 20th March

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9.15AM PRIMARY VOCAL SOLO

9.45AM S1-3 VOCAL SOLO

10.15AM S4-6 VOCAL SOLO

11.00AM ACTION SONGS P1-3

1.15PM S1-3 VOCAL DUET

1.30PM S4-6 VOCAL DUET

1.45PM MUSIC IS FUN

2.45PM CHANTER SOLO BEG.

3.30PM NOVICE PIPES SOLO

3.50PM PIPING 18+

4.15PM SNARE DRUM SOLO

5.00PM PIPES AND DRUMS ENS.

Saturday 21st March

Lochgilphead Joint Campus, Conference Room

9.15AM S1-3 WOODWIND SOLO

11.30AM S4-6 WOODWIND SOLO

1.00PM S1-3 BRASS SOLO

1.30PM S4-6 BRASS SOLO

2.00PM INSTRUMENTAL DUET (SEC)

2.30PM INSTRUMENTAL ENS. (SEC)

Saturday 21st March

Lochgilphead Joint Campus - Main Hall

WINNERS' CONCERT

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH AT 4PM

TICKETS AND PROGRAMMES AT THE DOOR

MERCHANDISE STALL

PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE STAG CAR PARK ON THE FRIDAY

TEAS, COFFEES AND LUNCHES AVAILABLE ON THE SATURDAY AT THE

JOINT CAMPUS

