

CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Message from Head Teacher

In June last year, I said the academic year 2017/18 would be remembered as one of the most eventful in Campbeltown Grammar's history. As we continue to make school improvements, we have continued to see many changes throughout session 2018/19.

In terms of staffing, our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has gone through several changes. Cathy Cameron, DHT, took up a secondment within the authority's education central team in February. Kirsty Campbell, DHT in Dunoon Grammar School, joined us for three days a week until Kim Fletcher joined us full time as acting DHT in March. Betsy Campbell's foot injury meant that she has been absent since April and Elaine McGeachy has been acting DHT during this time. Elaine's contract has been extended to the end of October and we hope to have Betsy back with us in August to provide some continuity and stability following so many changes within SLT.

Cathy Cameron has decided to remain with the authority's central team and will be leaving Campbeltown Grammar School. Cathy came here in March 1990 and has made a huge contribution throughout this time. Her work in Guidance, Learning Support and health & well-being as well as across the school has been valued by all her colleagues.

Cathy will remain highly respected by everyone in CGS and I am sure that she will be missed by the many friends she has made over the years.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many activities that have taken place in CGS and I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

UNIFORM

Our dress code in CGS is the result of consultation with pupils, parents, staff and partners. Our uniform consists of white shirt, school tie, plain black jumper (optional) black trousers or skirt, black shoes. Please note that jeans, skinny jeans, jeggings, leggings, trainers, jumpers with logos and hoodies are NOT appropriate for school. We also strongly encourage the wearing of blazers because they represent great value for money and help raise the positive profile of Campbeltown Grammar School. The Parent Council has purchased school badges that can be attached to blazers. This allows you the flexibility to purchase a black blazer from any source. The badges are priced £5 and are available from the school office.

Campbeltown Grammar School Official Opening

On Tuesday 4 June we celebrated the official opening of Campbeltown Grammar School! Invited guests were treated to a day of celebration of our young people and our wonderful new facility. The School's Novice Pipe Band opened and closed the official ceremony - here they are outside their very own piping pavilion. Well done everyone involved.



S4 St Andrew's University Summer School

Four of our Senior Phase students recently attended St Andrew's University S4 Summer School, described by the University as:

“... a residential programme which is intended to give pupils an insight into university life while inspiring them to remain dedicated at school and aim for high achievement in their S5 year and beyond. The programme will include a number of academic taster sessions as well as workshops designed to equip pupils with the necessary skills to progress successfully into Higher Education.”



Melissa Chambers, Chloe Croft, Jasmine Kolibska and Brodie MacLaren were successful in applying for a place on the 4-day programme where they participated in team-building exercises, attended lectures, completed assignments as well as delivering presentations at the end of their stay. Plus, they managed to fit in some social activities also!

Despite (and maybe because of) the hard work, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience life as a prospective undergraduate and are already talking about submitting applications for the programme in S5.

Special thanks to Mrs Tracy Chambers for driving the girls to and from the University and being on hand for the duration of the stay.

Health and Food Technology Department

We are delighted to reveal the cakes produced for the 2019 Practical Cake Craft Final Assignment. These have all been verified this morning by SQA and everyone should be very proud of the results they achieved – well done all! Just shows what practice, hard work and perseverance leads to.

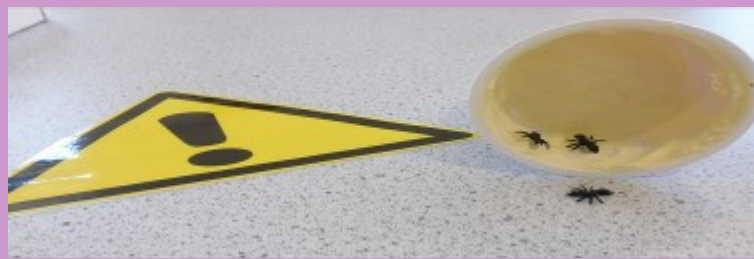
We are looking forward to seeing the class back in the Department on Monday morning, periods 1 and 2 for a final study session prior to the written exam on Tuesday. The final push!

Cakes can be collected and taken away at any point next week.



Health and Food Technology Department

P7 Transition Week



**Let's all do more to
save the planet.**

From August, the Health and Food Technology department will no longer be providing single use plastic containers for pupils to take away their dishes.

Holiday homework for pupils is to find a container suitable for carrying a portion of soup and a larger box which would be suitable size for carrying 6 cupcakes.

Hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all in August.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2019

Monday 13 to Sunday 19 May

The theme for 2019 was Body Image - how we think and feel about our bodies.

Connecting with others – a helping hand for CGS! When it comes to our wellbeing, other people matter. Good relationships, with family, friends and our wider communities, are important for our mental wellbeing. Building stronger social connections can help us feel happier and give us a greater sense of purpose.



To support this event, CGS offered a range of activities every lunchtime to promote physical and mental wellbeing, mindfulness and self-esteem. They included: information & support sessions on mental health & emotional wellbeing, mindful colouring, music therapy, team building games, mindfulness activities, fun painting plus a range of physical activities; football, softball, power hoop & old fashioned playground games.

On Thursday 16 May at lunchtime, around 80 students, P7 – S3, took part in a fun arty activity to help raise awareness of the importance of Mental Health support in CGS. Thank you to all students & staff who volunteered their time and their handprint for our CGS Mental Health Awareness hand tree. We have a great school team! Thanks also to Nona and Mandy who volunteered their time to help with this activity.



Fantastic contribution of £500 from Nimble Fingers Craft Group towards our minibus fund. Great effort ladies and much appreciated. A special thank you also from Mr Fyfe for the tea and cakes—especially the delicious dumpling.



A huge thank you to Argyll Signs and Liam for the time and effort that went into producing this beautiful plaque. Many thanks also to the family of Moira Gemmill for the generous bequeathment that made it possible for our pupils and Annie Ferguson to create these wonderful works of art.



Another great opportunity for our young people to value and recognise the skills they are developing for learning, life and work. #WeRCGS



David Galbraith from New Life Gym in Glasgow delivered a martial arts workshop over the weekend which not only focused on MMA but developing life skills such as respect, discipline and focus. Everyone worked hard and enjoyed taking part. We hope to run more workshops later in the year for more pupils but require funding to do so.



Erasmus

With the support of the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



It has been a great privilege and honour to be involved in our International project over the past year. Erasmus + aims to contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for growth, jobs, social equity and inclusion, as well as the aims of ET2020, the EU's strategic framework for education and training.

We have, so far, completed stage 3 of the project with Mr. Fyfe, Ms McAnerney and Mrs McGeachy attending the 'kick off' meeting in Granada, Spain in November, 2018.

This was followed by a visit to Kavala, Greece in February when Mr Currie and Ms Geyer accompanied Ruairi Barbour, Caryn Kerr, Leah Russell and Ashley McAulay.

In May, Ms McAnerney and Mrs Scally accompanied Lisa McKellar, Heather Millar, Aurora Treco-Young and Alison Wylie to Potenza, Italy.

Shanna Brown, Alyx Lang, Isla Campbell and Jennifer McMurphy have been selected for Stage 4, which will take place in Slevin, Bulgaria in October, 2019.

Stage 5 will be a trip to Askaray, Turkey in February, 2020 followed by all the groups coming to Campbeltown in May 2020. Please enjoy a selection of pictures from the trips so far – a full presentation will be created at the end of this fabulous project.

Biscuit Tasting

After all the biscuits had been tasted the winners for consideration for Italy were shortbread biscuits with a range of flavours added. Two teams had a similar biscuit which was a Scottish shortbread with tablet through it. A team of 4 pupils, Heather Millar, Alison Wylie, Lisa McKellar and Aurora Treco worked on the final presentation which was presented by them in Italy. Well done to Natasha Graham who was also part of the winning team.



Well done all our biscuit makers!







Ardentinny Transition Weekend

On 3rd May 53 primary 7 pupils and 5 members of CGS staff travelled to Ardentinny outdoor Centre near Dunoon to participate in an outdoor residential weekend. This weekend was part of the preparation for transition to CGS in August and ahead of their Transition Week at the Grammar.

The pupils enthusiastically took part in many activities such as, canoeing, night walks, abseiling, rock climbing, archery, rock hopping and gorge walking. As well as these, they also met new friends and shared meals and rooms with some of their peers who would be in their classes at the Grammar in August.

The weather stayed fine and pupils and staff all enjoyed the experience and challenges.



STEM project - Allenergy Transition Sessions

As part of Transition Week, and building on from work previously done in Primary Schools, Katie and Michael from Allenergy took STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshops with the Primary 7 pupils. The pupils studied forms of renewable energy in interactive and informative workshops using knowledge from earlier workshops in Primary.



Transition week at CGS

From May 13th – 17th the Primary 7 pupils from Drumlemble, Gigha, Castlehill and Dalintober visited the Grammar school for their Transition Week to familiarise themselves with the building, departments, teachers and canteen.

The pupils followed a timetable and had input from outside agencies on Activity Day such as Tennis, Golf, Outdoor Education, Football, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Oral Health and Health MOT. This tied in with the project of 'Healthy Me'.

One day was a rotation of Science, Maths and PE to further cement the Healthy Me aspect of the programme.

Kay and Caroline from Skills Development Scotland also provided input into career pathways and identifying personal skills leading to future choices.

There was also an accumulation of two primary / secondary projects – a Maths research moderation topic and the project of 'Food For Thought.' The research work and final products were displayed at a parent evening on the 16th May. Parents could also talk to staff and look at work completed during the week at this event.

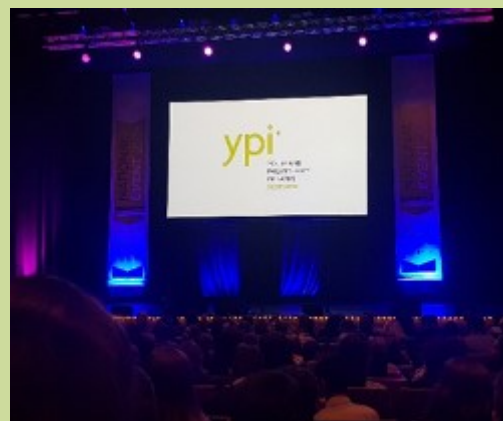
On the Friday afternoon there was a Graduation Ceremony to celebrate all the P7's completing a successful Transition Programme in which they were presented with certificates and a Grammar School tie to wear in August when they join CGS. We look forward to welcoming everyone for the new school session!



YPI 2019

S3 took part in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative from the end of January with the final being held in April. All groups worked with local charities that tackle social issues affecting the local community. The winners received a £3000 grant for their charity, The Kintyre Carers Group.

This group travelled to Perth to be part of the YPI National Conference Experience. They watched and listened to groups of pupils from all across Scotland who also took part in YPI. They will now become key in ensuring YPI continues to be a huge success in Campbeltown Grammar School and help lead our new S3 through the process.



RRS – June Update

Rights respecting schools is about recognising the rights of the child and putting them at the heart of the school. We want to make sure that everyone – staff, pupils, parents and partner agencies – are being equally respected by one another.

This term, the rights respecting school group have done a presentation at the school opening day, and also an interactive presentation to the staff during half-term. As well, we did some activities for the S1 (now S2s) and handed out some questionnaires. Posters have been done by the art department to promote RRS, and have been displayed around the school.

In august, we are aiming to work more closely with primary schools and collaborate with Gambia and the student council to try and ensure rights are included in our every-day school life at Campbeltown grammar

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band



A huge well done to Kintyre Schools Pipe Band who was had a very successful day in Helensburgh on Sunday 23rd June. Novice juvenile band were placed 2nd overall in their own grade and were placed 1st in drumming. They then went onto playing up a grade higher playing a March, Strathspey and Reel and were placed 6th, after a very good performance for their first time ever playing that set! 3A band were placed 2nd over all in their own grade and 3rd in grade 2. Very successful day for both bands!

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING

Our annual awards ceremony and prize-giving took place on Tuesday 27th June to celebrate the successes and achievements of our young people throughout session 2018/19.

These achievements may have come through several different pathways, such as sport, volunteering, work experience, outdoor education, performance in the classroom and many more. Performances were made by Senior Phase musicians and the Kintyre School's Pipe Band as well as a presentation by some of the pupils who have taken part in Erasmus.

Guest Speaker Mr Keith Cook delivered an inspirational story about his disadvantaged background but how his hard work and by surrounding himself with positive people he could achieve anything! Keith has won many accolades including **British Fencing Champion, 6 x Commonwealth Medalist; European Team Bronze Medalist; World Cup Team Medalist; Young Persons Coach of the Year 2013/14/15/16**, the road to his success was not always an easy one and his story makes all he has achieved even more inspiring.



Dux Prize 2019 For Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship **Jade Graham**



Merit Awards

Bengullion

- S1:** Liam Bennie, Jodie Dalziel, Aimee MacPhail, William McLean, Ben Osborne, William Renton, Iona Renton, Amy Ross
- S2:** Eryne Barr, Joseph Davies, Kelsey Graham, Millie Lafferty, Nancy MacKenzie, Kieran McPherson, Owen Reid
- S3:** Ruairi Barbour, Emily Bennie, Benjamin Davies, Andrew Francis, Amy Lowrie, Casey MacKenzie, Astrid MacLellan, Emma Matthew, Lisa McKellar, Aimee McSporran, Kyle Paterson, Jane Scott, Nicole Shields, Erin Soudan
- S4:** James Black, Scott Jarvie, Andrew Renton, Hollie Sinclair
- S5:** Samuel Davies, Amber Hart, Ellie Lowrie, Michael Stevens
- S6:** Khara MacPhail, Ryan McGeachy, Cameron Reid

Kilbrannan

- S1:** Jamie-Leigh Allen, Chloe Anderson, Bryony Conner, Jennifer Craig, Douglas Kenny, Amy Mauchline, Solana McMurchy, Ewan O'May, Rachael Robertson, Elyce Walker
- S2:** Holli Allen, Maddie Allison, Josh Arkell, Craig Barbour, Andrew Brodie, Logan Colville, Malwina Kimak, Elsie McArthur, Annabel Semple
- S3:** Natasha Graham, Alyx Lang, Beth MacPherson, Jennifer McMurchy, Heather Millar, Leah Russell, Sonny Scott, David Wong
- S4:** Krystal Allen, Lizzie Bell, Melissa Chambers, Amber Hamilton, Rhona Lee, Jaimee MacIndeor, Andreea Malai, Andrew McMillan, Caius Walker
- S5:** Ross Conner, Jade Graham, Erin McLellan, Alex Wotherspoon
- S6:** Yvonne Graham, Iona McKinlay

Knockscalbert

- S1:** Harland Baxter, Dion Maguire, Hannah McCaig, Drew McLellan, Skye McLellan, Calum Scott, Sean Vick,
- S2:** Andrew Colville, Anna Gemmill, Kelly Graham, Lara McGeachy, Catriona Newman, Lorne Paterson, Andrew Semple, Charmaine Vick
- S3:** Beth Bannatyne, Euan Dott, Caryn Kerr, Niamh McEachran
- S4:** Brodie MacLaren, Emma McKinven, Chloe McPhee, Mary Thomson
- S5:** Alison Armour, Conor McLatchie, Kian Parker
- S6:** Dhyllon Cox, Ben Huysamer

Wider Achievement

ASDAN

For effort and progress: Alyx Lang, Aimee McSporran, Caitlyn MacKinlay, Campbell McCrae, Jenny Souden and Skye MacLean

Active Schools Volunteering

Managing Castlehill after school football team: Archie McKellar and Andrew Renton

Outdoor Education

For effort and progress: Lewis Campbell, Tayhlor Campbell, Drew Cunningham, Euan Dott, Amy Lowrie, Niamh McEachran, Conner McMurchy, Beth McPherson, Calum O'Hanlon, Leah Russell and Jane Scott

S3 Transition Support

Beth Bannatyne, Ruairi Barbour, Tayhlor Campbell, Euan Dott, Natasha Graham, Scott Graham, Caryn Kerr, Beth MacPherson, Ashley McAulay, Lisa McKellar, Calum O'Hanlon, Scott Oman, Kyle Paterson, Leah Russell, Jenny Souden and Alison Wylie

Transition Volunteering

Imogen Houston, Iona McKinlay, Hannah Oman and Yvonne Graham

Sports Prizes

House Shields - Inter-House Tournaments

The Gilbert Ash Trophy Football

Kilbrannan

Volleyball

Knockscalbert

CGS Inter-House Badminton Shield

Bengullion

Campbeltown Motor Company

Knockscalbert

Inter-House Golf Trophy

Touch Rugby

Knockscalbert

Tennis

Junior Boys Singles

Scott Graham

Girls Singles

Erin McLellan

Campbeltown Tennis Club Trophy

Ross Conner

Badminton

Campbeltown Grammar School

Jane Scott

Junior Girls Singles

Campbeltown Grammar School

Josh Arkell

Junior Boys Singles

Campbeltown Grammar School

Jennifer McMurchy

Junior Girls Doubles

Elsie McArthur

Campbeltown Grammar School

Kyle Paterson

Junior Boys Doubles

Euan Dott

M. McDougall Memorial Shield

Susan Shaw

Badminton Singles - Girls

L. McDougall Memorial Shield

Elliott Gemmill

Badminton Singles – Boys

A Houston Trophy

Lauren MacKinnon

Badminton Doubles – Girls

Chloe Croft

Campbeltown & District Badminton

Andrew McMillan

Association Trophy

Liam Stacey

Badminton Doubles – Boys

Campbeltown Grammar School

Jane Scott

Mixed Doubles – Junior

Euan Dott

Golf

Dan McKinlay Cup for Golf

Murdo McLean

Golf Handicap Cup

Mitchell Robertson

Sports Prizes

Athletics Champions

The Hall Cup -Junior Girls Champion

Solana McMurchy

The Hodge Cup -Junior Boys Champion

Lewis Gilchrist

Campbeltown Shipyard Trophy –
Intermediate Girls Champion

Jane Scott

Campbeltown Shipyard Trophy
Intermediate Boys Champion

Conner McMurchy
Kyle Paterson

The McCallum Cup
Senior Girls Champion

Teigan Robertson

The Archibald McVicar Memorial Cup
Senior Boys Champion

Elliot Gemmill

Overall Sports Championship

The A D McNair Shield
Kilbrannan

Excellent Achievement Awards

Mathematics

Ellie Lowrie

Music

Alex Wotherspoon

Music Technology

Alex Wotherspoon

Physical Education

Rory Paterson

Practical Cake Craft

Cara Graham

Technical

Dean Graham

School and Endowed Prizes

**Head Teacher's Prizes for
Service to the School**

**Hannah Oman
Imogen Houston
Kyle MacLean
Millar Irwin**

HL MacKenzie Prize for Citizenship

**Kyle MacLean
Susan Shaw**

Alastair McSporran Memorial Award

Imogen Houston

**Argyll College Inspirational Young
Person of the Year**

Imogen Houston

Douglas Hill Prize for Creative Writing

Sonny Scott

**The John Logan Trophy for Endeavour
in Watersports**

Ellie Lowrie

Judi Angus Memorial Prize for Art

Hope Strang

May Paterson Prize for Administration

Amber Hart

Helen Hall Prize for Business Studies

Amber Hart

School Prize for History

Andrew McMillan

**School Prize for Health and Food
Technology**

Kirsty Mauchline

Prize for Technology – Practical Cake Craft

Alecia Bell

School Prize for Biology

Ellie Lowrie

W S McDonald Prize for French

Ellie Lowrie

A & M Banks Memorial Prize for English

**Ellie Lowrie
Jade Graham**

School Prize for Spanish

Jade Graham

School and Endowed Prizes

**Prize for Technology -
Technical**

Jade Graham

Hutcheon Prize for Mathematics

Jade Graham

Dr Gavin R Milne Memorial Prize for Physics

**Jade Graham
Samuel Davies**

Sir James Gulliver Prize for Chemistry

Samuel Davies

School Prize for Physical Education

Erin McLellan

Norma Deane Memorial Prize for Music

Erin McLellan

**The M G McCallum Memorial Prize
for Music (Senior)**

Erin McLellan

School Prize for Music Technology

Michael Stevens

**The Margaret H Turner MBE Trophy
Male Vocal Prize**

Ruairidh Wallace

**Mothers Trophy – Pipe Band Member
of the year**

Euan Charlwood

**Campbeltown Gaelic Choir Trophy
for singing**

Erin Soudan

**George McIntyre Memorial Trophy
for Composition**

Ross Conner

**The M G McCallum Memorial Prize
for Music (Junior)**

Rona Campbell

**Tony Wilson Memorial Quaich
for Piping**

Calum McKillop





School Holidays 19/20

The

BREAK	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	
		13 & 14 August 2019 Teachers' In-service Days
	Open	15 August 2019 Pupils Return
October	Close	4 October 2019
	Open	21 October 2019
	Close	22 November 2019
		25 November 2019 Teachers In-service Day
	Open	26 November 2019
Christmas	Close	20 December 2019
	Open	6 January 2020
	Close	7 February 2020
		13 & 14 February 2020 Teachers' In-service Days
	Open	17 February 2020
Spring	Close	3 April 2020
	Open	20 April 2020
May	Close	22 May 2020
	Open	26 May 2020
	Close	26 June 2020

Government has agreed two additional Staff Development days
- 26th November 2019 and 22nd May 2020

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New Structure of the Day

09.00—09.50	Period 1
09.50—10.35	Period 2
10.35—10.50	Break
10.50-11.35	Period 3
11.35-12.20	Period 4
12.20-13.10	Period 5
13.10—14.00	Lunch
14.00—14.50	Period 6
14.50—15.35	Period 7

After discussions between Catering and Education Management, and in view of the upcoming changes to nutritional guidelines (<https://www.gov.scot/news/making-school-food-healthier/>), the decision has been taken to remove flavoured milk from August 2019.

Flavoured milk will no longer be provided at morning break or lunchtime.

