

INVERCLYDE ACADEMY



PUPIL LEADERSHIP GUIDE 2025-2026

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SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

At Inverclyde Academy, pupil leaders play a vital role in supporting our school community and making a positive impact on the lives of others. We encourage our young leaders to be confident, responsible, inclusive, and forward-thinking.

Leadership is valued and encouraged in all areas of school life. We believe that every young person has the potential to lead, and it is important that we provide opportunities for all students to develop and grow their leadership skills.

Through a range of leadership roles and experiences, we aim to promote key values such as respect, responsibility, equality and success. These opportunities help our pupils to develop skills for life and work, build character, and contribute meaningfully to our school and wider community.

This guide will give you all the information you need to get involved with pupil leadership opportunities within our school.



INTRODUCTION

At Inverclyde Academy we aim to promote and provide the following:

- Leadership opportunities that are embedded throughout learning and teaching, helping all young people grow in confidence and develop their understanding of themselves as leaders within the school and the wider community.
- Students are encouraged to take the lead across all areas of school life – including learning, wellbeing, and extra-curricular activities.
- Young people are recognised as important contributors to the life of the school, with opportunities to be involved in decision-making, school improvement, and future planning.
- Inclusive, collaborative, and shared leadership approaches form the foundation of pupil leadership at Inverclyde Academy
- Leadership roles are clearly defined and developed to support the school community and provide meaningful opportunities for service, voice, and representation across a wide range of year groups.
- Targeted training and support are offered to students who take on specific leadership roles and responsibilities.

“The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.”

— Ralph Nader

Our Values

Leadership in Inverclyde Academy is a service carried out within the context of our school aims and values. Leaders need to demonstrate and be committed to our values:

RESPECT

All our expectations are based on mutual respect in line with Inverclyde Academy's Rights Respecting learning community status.

RESPONSIBILITY

The community of Inverclyde Academy recognise that we are responsible for our own behaviour and the impact our behaviour has on others.

EQUALITY

Equality encompasses a much broader, holistic approach to physical and mental health by forming and sustaining good personal, social and working relationships.

SUCCESS

We recognise that success covers more than academic results. We support our young people in all their endeavours on their individual pathways. It is about success for all, for many of our pupils this is provided through targeted intervention and support.

"Leadership is not about being in charge, it's about taking care of those in your charge." – Simon Sinek

Pupil Leadership Structure

The pupil leadership structure mirrors the structure of school management:

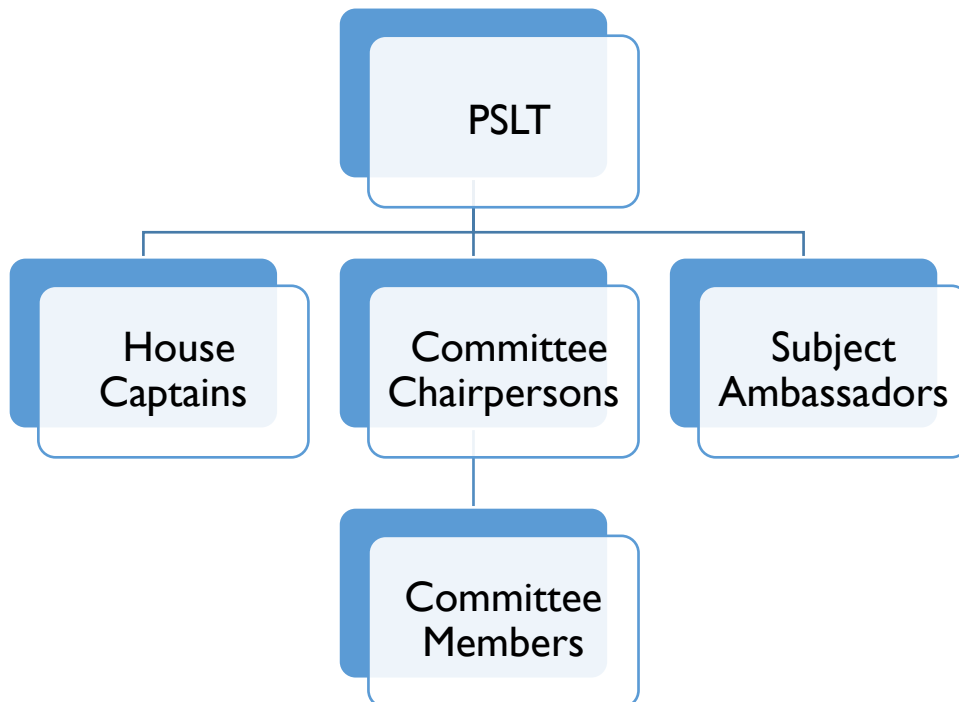
Pupil Senior Leadership Team (PSLT) = Senior Leadership Team

House Captains = Principal Teachers - Guidance

Subject Ambassadors = Principal Teachers - Subject

Committee Chairpersons = PEF Principal Teachers

Committee Members = Class Teachers



“You are never too young to lead and never too small to make a difference.”

Greta Thunberg

Pupil Senior Leadership Team

The PSLT team is made up of pupils from S4, S5 and S6 who have demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout their time in Inverclyde Academy.

Key Responsibilities:

- To work directly with school management on school improvement
- To represent pupil voice and interests to school leadership
- To lead and manage our House Captains, Subject Ambassadors and Pupil Parliament Committees

PSLT 2025-2026



To become a member of PSLT when you progress to the senior phase, you must have contributed significantly to the improvement of Inverclyde Academy through involvement within any of the many leadership opportunities contained within this booklet.

House Captains

The role of House Captain is open to any S1–S6 pupil who consistently demonstrates our school values. House Captains represent their houses, support peers, assist at whole school events, and help improve the house system through event planning and token management.

Key Responsibilities:

- **S1** – House token distribution and collection
- **S2** – Compassionate Inverclyde Kindness Fund Project
- **S3** – Compassionate Inverclyde Back Home Boxes Project
- **S4** – School Event Catering
- **S5/6** – Manage house boxes and display boards, coordinate house activities and oversee junior house captain projects



House Captains can be easily identified by their leadership uniform and badges



APPLY

To become a House Captain you must complete an application at the start of the year or speak to Mr. Campbell.

Subject Ambassadors

The role of subject ambassador is open to anyone from S1-S6. There are two BGE and two Senior Phase Ambassadors for each subject.

Key Responsibilities:

- Leading by example, motivating participation in your subject area
- Planning and overseeing subject events/activities and clubs
- Gather pupil voice on learning and teaching in your subject
- Act as a bridge between pupils and subject staff
- Encouraging student involvement within your subject at events/clubs



Subject Ambassadors can be easily identified by their leadership uniform and badges



APPLY

To become a Subject Ambassador you must go through the application process set out by the subject Principal Teacher.

Pupil Parliament

Our pupil parliament has many opportunities for Inverclyde Academy pupils to take on leadership roles within committees to lead school improvement.

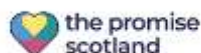
Anti-Bullying



Pupils involved in this group are keen to support the anti-bullying message in Inverclyde Academy and will be involved in a range of activities to raise awareness and understanding around bullying. Pupils will contribute to/and share information through presentations during PSE and assemblies to ensure that pupils know how to report incidents of bullying and what to expect when reporting bullying incidents. They will also promote a common language and understanding around bullying - staff and pupils will use this language.

Contact Mrs Hurrell (ICT/Pupil Support)

The Promise



This group aims to support care-experienced young people (CEYP) by building positive, non-crisis relationships with key agencies such as educational psychology, social work, and The Promise. It also seeks to create a safe, inclusive lunchtime space where CEYP can connect with peers in similar situations.

Contact Mr Monaghan (ICT)

Period Pride



Pupils involved in this committee are responsible for supporting and promoting Period Dignity across the school and local community. Key responsibilities include: Stocking and maintaining feminine hygiene product storage areas across the school, presenting to visitors about the cause at school events i.e. Parents Evening, attending learning events, visiting Primary schools to deliver lessons, developing PSE lessons, presenting to staff at assemblies, working with community partners on projects across Inverclyde

Contact Miss Blair (Design and Tech)

Thrift Shop



The IA school thrift shop supports sustainability and affordability by offering gently used or new uniforms, clothing, shoes, and bags. It helps families manage costs while promoting reuse and reducing waste, fostering an eco-conscious school culture. **Key Responsibilities include:** Sorting through stock, tidying, visual merchandising, opening and closing the shop on Thursdays at lunchtime.

Contact Miss Ross (Humanities)

SCRAN Group



The aim of our group is to increase pupils' access to fruit and veg throughout the school day. Those involved in the SCRAN group will commit to one of the following sub-groups:

1. **Magic Breakfast Fruit Group**
This group helps choose the fruit offered at breakfast and takes responsibility for tidying up after the breakfast session at 9am.
2. **Fruit & Veg Parcel Group**
Members meet once a week at lunchtime to make up fruit and vegetable parcels for pupils. They also help plan the contents for the following week's parcels.
3. **Smoothie Group**
Led by senior pupils, this group prepares and serves smoothies every Friday morning at interval. They plan the recipes during Period 2 and clean the equipment during Period 3.

Contact Miss Havlin (PE)

Sports Council



The Sports Council plays a vital role in promoting physical activity and wellbeing across the school. Members help organise inter-house competitions, support school sports events, and act as ambassadors for encouraging participation in PE and extracurricular clubs. They work with staff to give pupils a voice in shaping the school's sports programme.

Contact Mr. Campbell (PE)

Sustainability



Our committee and gardening group have been working to make the school greener and more sustainable. We've created planters and a front garden, growing fruit and vegetables that were donated to local food boxes. This helps our community while encouraging healthy, eco-friendly living.

Next, we want to expand the garden and start projects like turning school plastic waste into useful items with 3D printing. We meet every Tuesday at lunch and would love more pupils to join us in making a difference!

Contact Mr. Tait (Science)

Wider Achievement

In Inverclyde Academy there are many wider achievement opportunities to help all students discover and develop their skills, interests, and talents—both in and out of the classroom—so they can grow in confidence, take on new challenges, and make a positive difference in school and beyond.

Saltire Award



The Saltire Awards are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising and rewarding the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland, aged between 12 and 25.

Young people gain nationally recognised certificates, signed by Scottish Government Ministers, for the different amounts of volunteering they do.

Contact Mr Campbell (PE)

SCQF Ambassadors



SCQF Ambassadors undergo several hours of training to qualify. Their role is to act as a champion for the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework within the Inverclyde Academy community, raising awareness of the Framework's benefits by sharing information, delivering workshops, creating promotional materials, and participating in events, both in school and beyond. Ambassadors help young people to recognise wider achievements, promote flexible learning pathways, and highlight opportunities for progression. **Contact Ms McCready (DHT)**

Young Sports Ambassador



The Young Ambassadors programme is funded by the National Lottery and is a key element of Sportscotland's contribution to developing young people as leaders in sport. We believe that young people make a meaningful and important contribution as leaders in sport, and that young people should have access to a range of opportunities of leadership roles which reflect their interests and abilities.

Contact Mr. Campbell (PE)

Sky Sports Inverclyde



Sky Sports Inverclyde is a dynamic student-led media team that captures and showcases our school's competitive sports fixtures using the VEO camera system. The group produces professional-quality highlight reels for YouTube and social media, along with match reports featured in the school newsletter. This is an ideal opportunity for pupils interested in careers in sports journalism, broadcasting, or digital media, offering hands-on experience in filming, editing, and reporting.

Contact Mr Campbell (PE)

S6 Committees



S6 Leavers Committee is responsible for organising S6 Hoodies and the events on leavers' day like the S6 staff and teacher awards, inflatables and collecting photos.

Contact Mr Harkins (Science)

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

MON



VOISS -
Room 61

String Group -
Room 59

Rugby -
Games Hall

Chess Club -
Library

ICT Club -
Room 18

S1 Science Club -
Room 11

TUES



Choir -
Room 59

Brass Group -
Room 61

Basketball -
Games Hall

S1/2 Comic Book
Club - Room 28

Gardening &
Sustainability Club -
Room 9

WED



Music Tech -
Room 61

S1/2 Guitar Group

Racket Sports -
Games Hall

Games Club -
Library

Newsletter Club -
Room 50

Maths Club -
Room 25

THURS



Junior Percussion
Ensemble

Woodwind
Ensemble

Dance -
Dance Studio

S1 LEGO Club -
Room 22

Pokemon Club -
Room 49

FRI



Senior Percussion
Ensemble

Fitness -
Fitness Suite

Volleyball -
Games Hall

Craft Club -
Library

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON



**Drama Club -
Assembly Hall**

TUES



**Inverclyde Schools
Senior Wind
Orchestra & Senior
Strings**

**Racket Sports -
Games Hall**

WED



**Drama Club -
Assembly Hall**

Rugby - Pitch

**Netball -
Games Hall**

THURS



Concert Band

**S1 Football -
Astro**

**Basketball -
Games Hall**

PERFORMING ARTS DEPT. CLUBS & GROUPS 2025-26



Lunchtime (starting at 12:50)

After school

M

VOISS

All singers in Room 61.



String Group

All violin players in Rm 59.



Drama Club

All pupils welcome at 15:45 in Assembly Hall



T

Choir

All singers welcome in Room 59.



Brass Group

All brass players in Room 61.



Inverclyde Schools' Senior Wind Orchestra & Senior Strings



4:30-6:30pm

W

Music Tech.

All pupils welcome. If interested speak to Miss Griffin. Rm 61



Guitar Group

All S1 & S2 guitar players!



Drama Club

All pupils welcome at 3:00pm in Assembly Hall.



T

Junior Perc. Ensemble

All junior percussionists.



Woodwind Ensemble

All woodwind players.



Concert Band

All woodwind, brass & percussionists @2.55 in Rm. 60



F

Senior Perc. Ensemble

All senior percussionists.



WEEKEND VIBES

SPEAK TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER OR INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Summary

Leadership Activity	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
Anti-Bullying	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Captain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magic Breakfast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Period Pride	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PSLT				✓	✓	✓
Saltire Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCQF Ambassador			✓	✓	✓	✓
Sky Sports Inverclyde	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sports Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sustainability	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Subject Ambassador	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
S6 Committees						✓
The Promise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thrift Shop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Young Sports Ambassador					✓	✓
Young STEM Leaders					✓	✓

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