



## **Greenfaulds High School is awarded a £10,000 grant by The National Lottery Heritage Fund for a special Gaelic Heritage project – Aithne.**

The Gaelic and Art & Design Departments at Greenfaulds High School in North Lanarkshire are delighted to have received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £10,000 for an exciting heritage project titled Aithne (Identity). Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project focuses on Scottish Gaelic culture and heritage, particularly its lasting impact in the Cumbernauld area. The project will continue to make Gaelic culture and heritage valued and visible within Greenfaulds High School.

The project will involve pupils who attend Greenfaulds High School, as well as young people in the wider school community aged 3-18 who will be invited to participate in a range of competitions associated with the project, including drawing, design, and photography.

As part of the project the artist Alan Potter will work alongside pupils at Greenfaulds High School to create a series of eye-catching large-scale mosaics, to be displayed throughout the school, with an emphasis on identity, exploring Gaelic culture and heritage. Pupils will learn a range of new skills and will participate in activities inspired by Gaelic culture and heritage. Further activities embedded within this project will include participants exploring literature surrounding folktales, as well as study trips to museums and art galleries.

There are many local ties to Scottish Gaelic culture and heritage in the Cumbernauld area and the project aims to recognise, celebrate, and commemorate the influence of Gaelic culture on the history, traditions, and language of Scotland. Greenfaulds High School offers Gaelic provision, alongside mainstream education, and Aithne will inspire an increasing number of young people to learn Gaelic, as well as discover more about their Scottish heritage.

Greenfaulds High School Head Teacher Jamie Vaughn-Sharp:

“As a school we are absolutely delighted to receive such a fantastic level of support thanks to National Lottery players. The project that our school is undertaking to celebrate our community’s Gaelic heritage is something which will engage our pupils, their families and the wider community. As a school community which places



inclusion at the heart of our practice, the ability to recognise and celebrate a key part of our inclusive community is very exciting.”

## About The National Lottery Heritage Fund

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