



Campbeltown Grammar School

News

January 2008

A Happy New Year

Best wishes for a Happy New Year from everyone at the Grammar School. We're getting off to a busy start with the S5/6 prelim exams running from Monday 21 January until Thursday 31 January. We hope the pupils involved will remember that steady revision now will bring its due reward.

Storm Damage

The gales on the night of 8/9 January caused some damage to the school, but we were able to open and operate more or less normally despite it. One window 'blew out' from the larger of the two gyms and part of the exterior wall cladding was ripped from the Technical Drawing Room. Pictures of the damage are shown below. All in all, we got off lightly and repairs are in hand. We also suffered some damage due to vandalism on the evening of Friday 11 January, when a group of youths were caught on CCTV at 9.19 pm destroying the litter bin at the South Door and throwing pieces of it up at the windows of the Learning Support base. Two windows were broken. The CCTV images have been passed to the Police.



Storm damage to the Gym and to the Technical block.

PTA News

For any parent that is interested in coming along to the PTA AGM, this will be held on Wednesday, 23 January, at 7.30 pm in the staff room. We look forward to welcoming some new faces, as the PTA would like more parents to come along and get involved in organising fund raising events to help different groups in the school. At the moment we are raising money and also have a grant to help erect a polytunnel that will be used by Learning Support, Home Economics, Science and after-school clubs. So please come along and support your school. The PTA provides excellent support for a range of school activities. The more helpers we have the more we can do to help these activities - and the less time and effort required from those who come forward to help. Please think seriously about coming along and giving a hand. You'll be most welcome!

Keeping in Touch

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School Holidays 2008/09

In the January newsletter we traditionally give the school holiday dates for the forthcoming session, so that families may plan ahead. The holiday dates for next year are therefore given below. Please note that the government is continuing to stress that family holidays should not be taken during term time. Parents may wish to contact Mr Crossan for further advice and information concerning this.

| | First term 2008 | Second term 2009 | Third term 2009 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Inset days (staff) | Mon. 18 August Tues. 19 August | - - | - - |
| Pupils start | Wed. 20 August | Mon. 5 January | Mon. 20 April |
| Mid Term | | | |
| Close: | Thurs. 9 October | Fri. 13 February | - |
| Reopen: | Tues. 21 October | Mon. 23 February | - |
| Inset days (staff) | Fri. 21 November - | Thurs. 19 February Fri. 20 February | - - |
| Local/Stat. Holidays | Mon. 24 November - | - - | Mon. 4 May - |
| Close | Fri. 19 December | Fri. 3 April | Tues. 30 June |

NB - pupils do not attend on staff inset days.

School Dance Tickets

Since the introduction of Young Scot cards, it has been the rule that pupils should buy their school dance tickets using their own YS card. Some pupils have 'got round' this rule in the past, by using someone else's card, or trying to get someone else to buy a ticket for them. When this rule was more strictly enforced for the Christmas dance, some pupils still tried to 'get round' it. As a result some changes will be made starting with the February dance. From the February (Valentine's) dance, the dances will be 'ticketless' just like Easyjet or Ryanair. It will work like this:-

1. Pupils will buy their admission using their OWN Young Scot card.
2. The list of pupils who have bought admission will be kept at the door of the dance.
3. Pupils will produce their YS card at the door.
4. The card will be checked against the list and, if this confirms that the pupil has already bought their admission, they will be admitted.
5. Temporary cards and YS cards on which the photo has been obliterated will not be accepted.

Any pupil who wishes to attend school dances must have a valid Young Scot Card and the card must have a clear, undamaged photo. Orders for new Young Scot cards can be placed now at the school office. If pupils want to have a valid card for the February dance they will need to order it before Friday 25 January. Cards ordered by that date will be provided free of charge.

Points Ahead Results for December

Prize-winning pupils in school for December 2007



TOP PUPIL IN SCHOOL:

Jennifer Kelly **2.4** **7 merits**

S1

| | | |
|----------------|-----|----------|
| Sarah Chute | 1.2 | 6 merits |
| Joel Fee | 1.1 | 5 merits |
| Adam Kenny | 1.3 | 5 merits |
| Amanda McAulay | 1.1 | 5 merits |
| Eva Armour | 1.4 | 4 merits |
| Peter Ferguson | 1.3 | 4 merits |
| John Foye | 1.2 | 4 merits |
| Caroline Logan | 1.2 | 4 merits |
| Lori McLatchie | 1.4 | 4 merits |
| Caitlin Millar | 1.2 | 4 merits |
| Abigail Muir | 1.1 | 4 merits |
| Lauren Wilson | 1.4 | 4 merits |

S2

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|------------------|-----|----------|
| Jennifer Kelly | 2.4 | 7 merits |
| Amy Johnstone | 2.4 | 5 merits |
| Lindsey Armour | 2.4 | 5 merits |
| Nicole Anderson | 2.3 | 4 merits |
| Andrew McClement | 2.2 | 4 merits |

S3/4

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|----------|
| Christopher Blair | 3.4 | 3 merits |
| Jamie Colville | 3.4 | 3 merits |
| Ronan Currie | 3.2 | 3 merits |
| Stacey Harrogate | 3.4 | 3 merits |
| Thomas Holden | 3.1 | 3 merits |
| Jennifer Littleson | 3.2 | 3 merits |
| Craig McGougan | 3.3 | 3 merits |
| Greg Newlands | 3.1 | 3 merits |
| Kevin Wilson | 3.1 | 3 merits |
| Liam Renton | 4.4 | 3 merits |

S5

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|-----------------|-----|----------|
| Gavin Anderson | 5.3 | 3 merits |
| David Johnstone | 5.4 | 3 merits |
| Alana McDonald | 5.4 | 3 merits |

S6

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|---------------|-----|----------|
| Eilidh Cook | 6.3 | 4 merits |
| Lisa McDonald | 6.3 | 3 merits |

Class & House Points

*50 points deducted for de-merits not entered.

Number of merits is shown. This is converted into points and added to totals.

| Class | Merits* | De-merits | Total Points | Average | |
|-------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----|
| 1.1 | 44 | 7 | 1090 | 43.6 | 2nd |
| 1.2 | 36 | 1 | 1008 | 38.8 | 3rd |
| 1.3 | 29 | 4 | 1049 | 43.7 | 1st |
| 1.4 | 23 | 13 | 1026 | 38 | 4th |
| 2.1 | 25 | 27 | 909 | 35 | |
| 2.2 | 36 | 11 | 945 | 32.6 | |
| 2.3 | 22 | 19 | 778 | 26.8 | |
| 2.4 | 39 | 14 | 913 | 33.8 | |
| 3.1 | 19 | 17 | 796 | 33.2 | |
| 3.2 | 20 | 50 | 736 | 29.4 | |
| 3.3 | 15 | 23 | 852 | 32.8 | |
| 3.4 | 18 | 50 | 799 | 34.7 | |
| 4.1 | 5 | 50 | 684 | 24.4 | |
| 4.2 | 11 | 12 | 648 | 24.9 | |
| 4.3 | 2 | 2 | 545 | 21 | |
| 4.4 | 15 | 3 | 791 | 28.3 | |
| 5.1 | 13 | 4 | 712 | 33.9 | |
| 5.2 | 7 | 50 | 787 | 35.8 | 5th |
| 5.3 | 14 | 4 | 771 | 29.7 | |
| 5.4 | 13 | 4 | 516 | 24.6 | |

| House | Points | Position |
|---------------|--------|----------|
| Davaar | 4191 | 1st |
| Bengullion | 4124 | 2nd |
| Knockscalbert | 4045 | 3rd |
| Kilbrannan | 3995 | 4th |



What's Happening at CGS?

| Day | What | Where | Who | When |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Monday - Friday | Games Club | Room 1:1 | S1 - S6 | Lunchtime |
| Monday | Model Club | Room 1:1 | S1 - S6 | After-school |
| Monday | Badminton | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | Lunchtime |
| Tuesday | Badminton | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | Lunchtime |
| Tuesday | X Country | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | After-school |
| Tuesday | Canoe Club | Aqualibrium | S1 - S6 | 8.00 - 9.00pm |
| Wednesday | Badminton | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | Lunchtime |
| Wednesday | Sudoku | Conference Room | S1- S6 | Lunchtime |
| Wednesday | Inter-house Badminton | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | After-school |
| Wednesday | Girls Football | PE Dept | S1- S6 | After-school |
| Thursday | Chess | Room 2:2 | S1 - S6 | After-school |
| Thursday | Badminton | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | Lunchtime |
| Thursday | Indoor Athletics Training | PE Dept | S1 - S6 | Lunchtime |

Up and Coming Events, Competitions & Festivals

- Argyll & Bute Council are hosting a Sports Coaching and Club Development Conference in Lochgilphead on the weekend of 9 & 10 February 2008. There are a number of coaching courses on offer throughout the weekend at low cut prices! The coaching conference would be an ideal opportunity for any senior school pupil who is interested in working in the Sport & Leisure Industry on leaving school.
- The MAKI League is into its 3rd season with CGS retaining the shield last year. The third round of the tournament for season 2007/08 is taking place in Lochgilphead High School in the form of a badminton tournament, targeting pupils in S1 - S3. Look out for more information nearer the time!
- The Scottish Schools Cross Country Meet in Irvine is fast approaching, if you are interested in competing in this event, be sure to go along to the after-school cross country club on a Tuesday. Please listen out for further information in the R2.
- Healthy Me is scheduled to re-start on Friday 18th January for a 4 week block covering a wide range of topics including: teenage MOT's, energy balance, skin care and body image. Please feel free to drop into these sessions; more information to follow in the Pupil R2.

Success stories

MAKI League: The second round of the MAKI League took place in CGS prior to Christmas in the form of a volleyball tournament. On this occasion, Tarbert Academy and Lochgilphead High School went away with a share of the points with CGS in 2nd place. The tournament was hailed a great success with the CGS pupils now looking forward to travelling to Lochgilphead for the 3rd round of the League.

U18 Football: CGS recently competed in the U18 Strathclyde Police Shield in Oban. The other schools competing were Oban High School, Hermitage, Tobermory, and Lochgilphead High all of whom played against each other in a Round Robin Competition. Congratulations to Hermitage Academy who eventually ran out winners on a very wet and miserable day. Active Schools would like to thank Strathclyde Police for their support in this event.

Athletics: Good Luck to Gary Turner who is competing in the 800m at the Scottish Schools Indoor Championships, Kelvin Hall, Glasgow at the beginning of February. Sports Hall Athletics: Congratulations and Good Luck go to the following pupils who been selected to represent Argyll at the South Regional Final at Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh: U15 Boys: Gary Turner. U15 Girls: Nicola Paterson, Ruth Semple & Nicole Anderson. U13 Girls: Kerri Robertson, Kathryn Howell and Lesley Hume. U13 Boys: Craig Lamont and Grant Jackson.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more regarding any of the clubs/opportunities, please feel free to contact Lindsay Owen, Active Schools Co-ordinator, 3rd Floor, CGS or at lindsay.owen@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk