



National Recognition for Good Work

Congratulations to Luke Angus, S6, whose recent work in Higher Art has been selected by the SQA to feature in an exhibition of work by the cream of Scotland's young artistic talent for the 2007 National Course Examinations in Art and Design. The work will be on display in the National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh, from 24 October until 4 January. A brochure of the work is also being produced and will be sent to all schools in Scotland. *A sample of Luke's work is shown (right).*



CGS Wins MAKI League (again!)

Campbeltown Grammar School has run out winners in the MAKI Schools Sports League for 2006-2007. This is the second time that CGS have won the competition which is played over 4 different sports in 4 different locations within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area. Pupils participated in a 7-a-side football tournament on Islay, badminton at Lochgilphead, football at Campbeltown and golf at Tarbert. Though the win was by a smaller margin than last year, congratulations are nevertheless due to all of the pupils who represented the school in the tournament. Now, can we do it again in 2008?

Mr McQuaker of PE and some of the pupils who represented CGS in the tournament are shown on the left with the MAKI Trophy.

	Points
Campbeltown Grammar School	32
Lochgilphead High School	29
Tarbert Academy	23
Islay High School	16

We apologise for the late arrival of the September newsletter. This was due to the breakdown of our main photocopier.

Maths Challenge Prizewinners 2006-07

Pupils in the Maths department took part in last sessions UK Maths Challenge and a range of other mathematical contests. The following received certificates at Assemblies recently in recognition of their success.

Bengullion

Junior

Gold Tim McKeown

Silver Archie McCallum

Bronze Stephen McKenzie, John McLean, Jenna Murray

Intermediate

Gold Andrew McClement

Silver Nathan Currie, Laura Campbell

Bronze Michaela Brown, David Cosgrove

Best in School Andrew McClement

Kilbrannan

Junior

Silver James Cairns, Ruth Semple, Craig Lamont
Laura Cameron, Matthew O'Brien

Bronze Daniel Garnett, Alan Lazarus, Gareth Croll,
RachelMcGeachy

Intermediate

Gold Mark McCormick

Silver Greg Bannatyne, Christina MacLean
Gavin Anderson

Bronze Robin Barr, Heather Lazarus
Alison McKerral

Davaar

Junior

Silver Rebecca McPherson

Bronze Peter Wilkinson, Lindsay King

Intermediate

Silver Richard Morrison, Alana McDonald

Bronze Hannah O'Hanlon, Craig McKerral,
Karen Semple, Hannah McGuinness

Knockscalbert

Junior

Gold James Ronald

Silver Lindsey Armour, Robbie Dudley

Bronze Glen McMurchy

Best in School James Ronald

Intermediate

Silver Mairi Littleson

Bronze Yasmin Parr, Aaron Jackson,
Catherine Scott-Dodd, Charles McFadyen

Senior

Silver Douglas Lawrie

Bronze Luke Angus

**IMOK Olympiad Merit Certificate and Scottish Maths Challenge Prizewinner 2006-07
(Middle Division - Silver) Andrew McClement (Bengullion)**

Music News

Choirs

Exciting sounds are emerging from the Music block on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. This is the new, fantastic Intermediate choir in rehearsal. Years one, two and three are involved in producing secure harmonies, with a rich, strong blend. Already they have conquered the complicated rhythms of Abba's "Fernando" and the rich, flowing melody of "Fields of Gold". Several confident soloists are the icing on this musical cake! New singers (male or female!) are always welcome; no audition necessary!

Our senior choir has been sorely depleted as we said "Goodbye and Good Luck" at the end of last session to several very accomplished singers who had worked so enthusiastically over seven years. Katherine, Clare, Fiona, Hannah, Nicole, Kaeley and Katie were excellent role models and even at this early stage in the new term we are missing them and hoping that they are able to continue singing as they pursue their studies elsewhere.

We have two exciting projects this term. "Argyll Rhapsody" is a new, commissioned work offering an opportunity to perform with an orchestra, pipe band and other choirs as part of the Highland Year of Culture 2007. Our first joint rehearsal comes in October in Oban and the final performance is to be in Glasgow. More details in future newsletters. Our present rehearsals are focussing on preparing a short programme for Radio Scotland's "Let's Do The Show Right Here" which will take place in the school on Thursday 13 September.

Music Instruction

At the beginning of the session, Miss FitzGibbon became our part-time (0.6 FTE) instructor of woodwind instruments. Long-leet interviews for an instructor in brass instruments (also 0.6 FTE) have already been held and a formal interview of the candidate recommended for appointment will take place shortly.

SQA Examination Timetable - 2008

The 2008 SQA exams may seem a long way off, but the time will not be long in passing! To assist in planning exam preparation, here is the exam timetable that we will be working towards.

Date	Examination	Standard Grade	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Higher	Advanced Higher
1 May	Chemistry	✓				
	Music	✓				
2 May	Physical Educ.	✓				
6 May	English	✓				
8 May	Mathematics	✓				
9 May	Geography	✓				
12 May	Computing	✓				
13 May	French	✓				
14 May	Business Man.				✓	
	Craft and Des.	✓				
15 May	English		✓	✓	✓	✓
16 May	Business Man.	✓	✓	✓		
	Spanish	✓	✓	✓		
19 May	Info. Systems			✓	✓	
	Home Econs.	✓				
20 May	Maths		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Drama	✓				
21 May	French		✓	✓	✓	✓
22 May	Geography		✓	✓	✓	✓
23 May	Music				✓	✓
	Physics	✓		✓	✓	✓
26 May	History	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27 May	Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28 May	Physical Educ.		✓	✓	✓	
29 May	Product Des.			✓	✓	
30 May	Chemistry		✓	✓	✓	✓
2 June	Computing		✓			
3 June	Art			✓	✓	
	Spanish				✓	
4 June	Administration		✓	✓		
	Drama				✓	
	Psychology		✓	✓		
5 June	Administration				✓	

Please note:

- In February 2008 we will issue the detailed timetable will be issued to all students sitting SQA exams.
- Standard Grade Art and Design will take place on one full day between 21 April and 2 May.
- The History extended essay at Intermediate 2 and Higher levels will take place in March.
- The Performing Examinations in Music and the Speaking Tests in French and Spanish will be conducted by an SQA visiting examiner and usually take place in March.

More Art Department News

28th International Schools' Art Exhibition, Koshigaya, Japan, 2007

Congratulations to the following pupils who have had their artwork selected to be sent to this exhibition: Kelly Grogan, Lindsey Armour, Craig Conner, Laura Norris, Nicola Paterson, all of S2. Max Burn, Laura Cameron, Jenna Murray and Alexander McAulay, S3.

Exhibition in Campbeltown Hospital 2007

The Art Department provides a changing exhibition for the walls of the local hospital. The following pupils have had their work mounted here for presentation:

John Mclean, Paul Scott, Andrew McClement, Kerry McAllister, Sam Glover, Jennifer Kelly, Duncan Robbie, S2. Thomas Irwin, Michael Smith, Grace Nicol, Alyssia Banks, Liam Renton, Kris Brown, S4. Alana Macdonald, Alex Pirie, Ashley King, S5

Parent Council

The new Parent Council has had its first meeting and discussed this year's SQA results and plans for renovating the school buildings as well as considering what form the Council's constitution should take. The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26 September at 6.15 pm.

PTA

The PTA are getting their plans for the new session under way. We would like to encourage more parents to join the PTA, which is a voluntary group of parents and staff which raises money to help the various clubs that are organised in and out of the school, for example, the science club which runs at lunchtime, the art club or canoe club which run after school hours and any other groups within the school that could do with some help. The PTA usually tries to organise one event per term, which could be a quiz night, bingo night, or treasure hunt. New ideas would be welcomed! The first event this year will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 10 November. Put that date in the diary now! More information will be sent out nearer the time. The PTA would like to invite parents to their next meeting which will be held in the school staff room on Wednesday, 24 October at 7.00 pm. This meeting will discuss the coffee morning to be held on Saturday 10 November. If you cannot come along to our meetings or help at an event, then we would be grateful if you could make a donation to our fund raisers. If you cannot make the next meeting, then the following meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday, 15 January, at 7.00 pm which will also discuss the next fund raiser which will be a 70's Dance to take place in the Stronvaar Bowling Club, with the date still to be set. We look forward to your support.

The House System

All pupils belong to one of the school's four Houses. This year, pupil support has been re-organised so that the House is the focus for all matters concerning the pupil. We have House assemblies, occasionally led by the House Chaplains. As well as the Athletics Shield, the four Houses will compete for Citizenship and Scholarship shields as happened in the past. Charity fund-raising will be organised on a House as well as a whole-school basis. We hope all pupils will take pride in their House and do their best for it. House personnel are as follow:-

	Head of House	PT Pupil Support	Chaplain	Captains	Vice-Captains
Bengullion	Mr Crossan	Mrs L Millar	Rev. P Burroughs	Paul Thomson Claire Newlands	Stewart McCallum Megan Hill
Davaar	Mr Casey	Miss Brown	Rev. J Visher	Michael Fee Lorna Armour	Robert Scally Kimberley Donnan
Kilbrannan	Mr Gallagher	Mrs A Millar	Pastor C Holden	George McIndeor Jennifer Galbraith	Kevin Hart Fiona Mitchell
Knockscalbert	Miss Cameron	Mr Farren	Rev. M Lind	Lyle Gillespie Stephanie Mitchell	Kenneth Galbraith Paula Galbraith

Some Reminders

Study Notes Order

Revision resources for a range of subjects can be ordered through the school office at prices well below the normal shop price. Forms have been given out to students and must be returned not later than Friday 21 September. Replacement order forms and further information are available from Mr Casey.

Picking Up and Setting Down

For everyone's safety, parents who bring pupils to school by car must turn LEFT on entering the main gate and set them down in front of the Technical block. Please do not turn right into the main car park unless you need to deposit large musical instruments at the Music block. For those dropping pupils at Ralston Road, please do not enter the bus area at Ralston Road to drop pupils off there.

Return of Forms

A number of forms were sent out for completion and return just at the start of the session. Among these were the annual data check forms for S1 and S2 (the rest of the school will receive their data checks in due course on a rolling programme). Some of the forms are still outstanding. Please check and, if they are still with you, get them back to us as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up-to-date information for every pupil.

Emergency Contacts

Please make sure we have at least one emergency contact for your child. This is very important. It can happen, fortunately not very often, that a pupil takes ill during the day, or perhaps has an accident. In these circumstances we need to be able to contact a parent or other relative urgently.

Mobile Numbers

To let us provide you with urgent and important information by text, please make sure we have a mobile phone number for the first contact person listed for your child. To check on this or to update us with your phone details please phone the school office (01586 552907) or e-mail enquiries@campbeltown.argyll-bute.sch.uk

Going "Doon the Toon"

Pupils are allowed to go into the town at lunchtimes, but this can give rise to a number of problems if they behave without consideration for other members of the community. Walking on the road and refusing to get back on to the pavement when traffic approaches, leaving litter, or standing in groups in front of certain shops all cause problems for other members of the public. Pupils who go to the town at lunchtimes are asked to behave with consideration in the following ways:-

- When going to and from the town, pupils must keep to the pavement, especially where it is narrow, and not walk on the road.
- When in town, they must not gather in groups in front of any of the Main Street shops, so that they don't block the pavement, forcing other people - especially older people - on to the road.
- They must use the litter bins and not just drop their litter in the street.

If individual pupils are seen behaving contrary to these guidelines they will be banned from going into the town at lunchtimes. If everyone plays their part sensibly, the problems that some pupils have been causing for other members of our community can be resolved before any more serious action needs to be taken either by the school or by other agencies.

Young Scot Cards

Pupils need their Young Scot card to use the school cafeteria and, in some cases, as their bus pass. If cards are lost or damaged, a replacement must be ordered at once. To deter careless loss or damage, a charge of £2.50 is made for a replacement. New cards can only be ordered at the school office (KYES will not accept requests for new cards during school term time). If the Young Scot card is also the bus pass a temporary bus pass is available from the school office for use until the new card arrives.

New Pasta Bar Getting 'Thumbs Up'

A new development in the school's cafeteria facilities opened this month. The "Pasta King" pasta bar takes its place beside the salad bar among the healthier eating options available to staff and pupils. Two types of pasta and sauce are available every day, competitively priced at just £1.30 for a hearty portion. The new pasta bar is already proving very popular with both pupils and staff.

Stephanie is seen here waiting for her selection from the pasta bar.



School Meal Menus and Prices

The revised schools meals price list and five-week menu cycle are available to download from the school website:- www.campbeltowngrammar.org.uk

Dates to note this month

Thursday 13 September	BBC Radio Scotland: Let's do the Show Right Here, School Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wednesday 19 September	Polio, tetanus & diphtheria vaccinations, S3 pupils.
Wednesday 26 September	Parent Council Meeting, 6.15 pm.
Thursday 27 September	Police Road Safety presentation to senior pupils.
Friday 28 September	S5/6 Interim Reports issued.
Friday 5 October	Next issue of newsletter.
Thursday 11 October	School closes for the October mid-term holiday, 3.35 pm.

Keeping in touch

Parents are welcome to be in touch with the school at any time on any matters of concern or interest by letter, by e-mail, or by phone.

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