



## Extra Day's Holiday for Pupils this Easter

Schools throughout Scotland are preparing to implement the new 'Curriculum for Excellence'. To help them in this, the Scottish Government has allocated an additional in-service day this year and in the next two school years. This year, the additional day will be Monday 20 April, which means that, for pupils, the Easter holiday is extended by one day. **Pupils will now return to school on Tuesday 21 April.** The dates of the extra in-service day in future years will be shown on the school calendar in due course.

## Major building works in prospect

Major building works will be taking place throughout the school, starting early in June, to replace the central heating system, lighting and ceilings across the whole of the main teaching block. Senior staff are currently working with the architects to ensure that the school can continue to operate as normally as possible while the work is in progress, but some disruption will be inevitable. More information about this will be given in the May newsletter.

## Choirs excel in Glasgow

Our school choirs went to Glasgow on Monday 16 March to compete in the Glasgow Music Festival. The Intermediate Choir were first to take the stage of the Royal Concert Hall and opened the competition with "As the tanks roll by". The adjudicator later said that their performance would be long remembered by everyone present. Last to sing was our all-girl group, the Senior Singers, who had to follow a strong performance by Douglas Academy Senior Choir, a very large mixed-voice choir, many



of whose members also appear in the National Youth Choir of Scotland or the RSNO Junior Chorus (Douglas Academy is the Music School of Scotland). However, the girls sang brilliantly and a huge cheer went up when it was announced that they had taken first place in the competition. And to round off an excellent day for CGS, the Intermediate Choir was placed second equal with Douglas Academy Senior Choir. Well done to all our young singers, and special congratulations to Mrs Ashall on taking the Festival's top award for a third time in three visits!

# Easter Supported Study

Once again revision classes have been organised for the Easter holiday period. We hope that pupils will find this helpful in their exam preparation. The timetable for the classes is as follows:-

Date	Subject	Level	Time	Teacher
<b>Monday 6 April</b>	Biology	S Grade	9.00 to 12.30	J McLaughlin
	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>9.00 to 12.30</b>	<b>E Casey</b>
	Mathematics	S Grade Credit	9.00 to 3.30	D Hamilton
<b>Tuesday 7 April</b>	Geography	S Grade	9.00 to 12.30	E Casey
	Chemistry	S Grade	9.00 to 12.30	G Walker
	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>9.00 to 3.30</b>	<b>J McLaughlin</b>
	<b>History</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>9.00 to 3.30</b>	<b>A Harrow</b>
	History	S Grade	9.00 to 3.30	G Baxter
<b>Wednesday 8 April</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>9.00 to 3.30</b>	<b>G Walker</b>
	English	S Grade	9.00 to 12.30	J McGregor
<b>Thursday 9 April</b>	Administration	Int1 and Int 2	9.00 to 12.30	E McGeachy
	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>1.30 to 3.30</b>	<b>E McGeachy</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 April</b>	Bus Man	S Grade	9.00 to 12.30	E McGeachy
	<b>Bus Man</b>	<b>Higher</b>	1.30 to 3.30	<b>E McGeachy</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 April</b>	Spanish	Int2	9.00 to 12.30	C Cameron
	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>9.00 to 3.30</b>	<b>G McAnerney</b>
<b>Thursday 16 April</b>	English	Higher	9.00 to 3.30	J Bryce D Corr
	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>9.00 to 3.30</b>	<b>M Cormack</b>
<b>Friday, 17 April</b>	Mathematics	S Grade	9.00 to 12.30	J Farren
	Mathematics	General	<b>9.00 to 12.30</b>	<b>K Oman</b>
	<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	<b>Int 2/Higher</b>		

## Diet, Behaviour and the Junk Food Generation

There is an abundance of evidence now that loading up on sugary sweets and fizzy drinks at lunchtimes can have an adverse effect on pupils' behaviour and attention span in the afternoon. The Nutritional Standards in Scotland's Schools Regulations, 2008, are designed to tackle this problem and promote healthy eating generally. The school has to adhere to these regulations in the food it provides via the School Meals Service and we also have to ask that pupils do not bring any sugary, fizzy drinks, sweets, etc. into school. **Plain water and healthy snacks only please.**

## Leavers' Hoodies prove popular

This year our S6 leavers have special 'hoodies' to mark the end of their schooldays in the very near future. The hoodies carry the school badge on the front and, on the back, the slogan 'Leavers 2009' and the names of all of S6. The owner's own name can also be printed. The special purchase was organised by Nicola Newall on behalf of her S6 colleagues.



# C.G.S ski their way through Italy

by Jenna Murray, Class 4.2



Pupils from Campbeltown Grammar had a very early start to their February holidays. Forty pupils and five of their teachers left Campbeltown at 4 am on Monday 16 February when they set off for Edinburgh airport to fly to Pila in Italy's Aosta Valley.

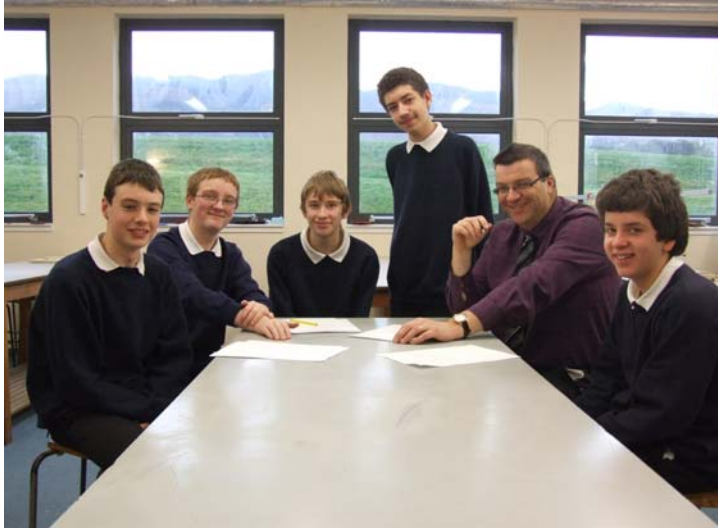
After a very tiring day of travelling and good night's sleep in their hotel, pupils and staff made their way up the slopes for their first day of skiing and snowboarding. Pupils were given lessons by the Italian Ski and Snowboarding School every day, with everyone learning some new moves and even some jumps. The weather was glorious with the sun shining every day and some people even came back with a suntan. As expected there were many falls – teachers included! However, the whole group really improved throughout the week and had a fantastic time.

Evening activities included ten-pin bowling, quiz night, arcades, a disco and going out to a traditional local restaurant for an authentic Italian pizza!

Pupils were awarded certificates from the Ski School showing the level they had achieved by the end of the week. Some special certificates were also awarded by the teachers at a prize-giving ceremony held on the last night in Italy. Some of these included Ewan Millar, who received an award for the *Biggest Wipe Out* for when he fell and broke his collar bone in the last twenty minutes of skiing! Jenna Murray was awarded a certificate for *Wearing the Silliest Hat*; Duncan Hooper for *Eating the Most Snow*; Andrew McClement for *Best Snowboarder*; and the McFadyen twins, Gregor and Lewis, for the *Best Skiers* (they achieved the top Gold level award).

All of the students and teachers had a memorable time in the Alps and would love to return. When it came to an early start to return to Scotland on the Sunday morning, nobody wanted to leave.

# CGS out of the Hot-House



Above - Fly 5 with their mentor, Mr Cosgrove.

Our Hothouse Challenge team, 'Fly 5', made a long trip to Dornoch last week to take part in the Scottish Final of this national competition. They made an excellent presentation to 'sell' their idea of a radical new service and entertainment system for long-haul airliners, but unfortunately finished just outside the top five who went through to the UK final. However, the lads did well to come sixth out of the original 152 teams, and being just in third year at present, they can look forward to building on their experience in future years.

**We apologise for the late publication of the March newsletter.  
The next issue will be out on Friday 1 May.**

## Dates to Note

Friday 3 April	School closes for Easter holidays at 2.30 pm.
Monday 20 April	Extra staff in-service day; pupils do not attend.
Tuesday 21 April	Pupils return to school for Summer Term.
	S3 Exams start.
Tuesday 28 April	S1 Reports issued.
Friday 1 May	S3 Exams end.
	Next issue of Newsletter.

### Advance Notice

Wednesday 13 May                      S6 Graduation Ceremony, 2.30 pm.

**Remember!** Pupils have an extra day's holiday at Easter. They will re-start school on Tuesday 21 April.

## Keeping in touch

*You are welcome to be in touch with the school at any time about any matter of interest or concern by letter, by e-mail, or by phone.*

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