



Emergency Closure

The school has fire drills three times a year to practice getting everyone out of the buildings as quickly as possible. On the first Thursday of the new term the evacuation was for real, when the school's main cold water tank burst, sending water cascading down through the building. It took less than four minutes to get everyone outside.

When it was clear that we were not going to be able to get back into the building to resume classes, pupils were taken by way of the north and south stairs to retrieve bags and personal belongings from classrooms. West Coast Motors were able to put on buses to the rural areas at 10.30, so the school was dismissed at that time. Parents were contacted by text message to let them know this was happening.



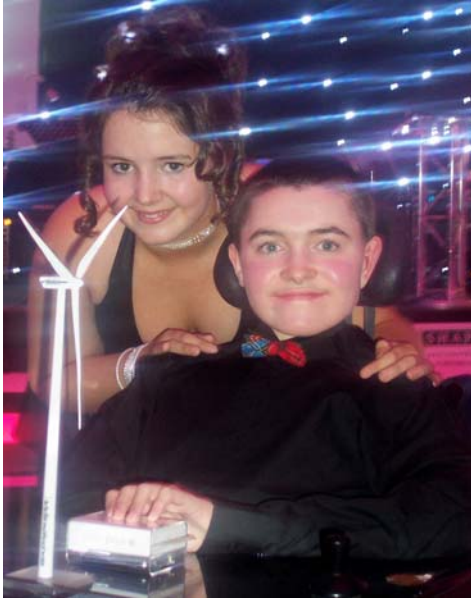
The local fire service was quickly on the scene to pump out the tank and prevent further damage. A team of tradesmen from various local firms were in attendance by lunchtime and began working immediately to restore water and electrical supplies. As it took until Friday afternoon for the electrics to be dried out and turned on again, parents were again informed by text and by announcements on Argyll FM that the school would remain closed on the Friday. Further texts and announcements confirmed the re-opening on Monday 25 August. Arrangements are now in hand to replace the tank during the October holidays.

We're very grateful to the following, who helped at the time of the incident or worked to get us back to normal.

- Mr John McCrank, Property Officer.
- Mr Willie Livingstone and staff of Livingstone and McEachran.
- Mr Archie Smith, Electrician, and his staff.
- Mr Neil McCormick, Engineer.
- Volunteer crews from Campbeltown Fire Service.
- Mr Danny Halliday and staff of West Coast Motors.
- Miss Littleson for allowing us to use the office at Castlehill Primary School.
- Argyll FM for letting us make announcements on the radio.

Are you receiving our texts? Make sure we have your mobile phone number!

Robyn and Christopher win for the School



Two of our pupils came away from a star-studded event on 23 August with a wind turbine for the school! Robyn Blackburn and Christopher Sloss designed the 'Love your World' Eco bag for the Cappemini Black and White Ball, held in Edinburgh's Sheraton Grand Hotel. Led by their teacher, Mrs Anne Cousin, they took part in 'xlerate with xl' which was devised by The Prince's Trust Scotland for pupils in S3 and S4. Robyn and Christopher were invited to the ball as VIP guests after being chosen as finalists and were presented with an I-pod as well as a Windsave WS1250 wind turbine for the school. The other finalists were from Whitburn Academy and Bannockburn High School. Mrs Cousin said, "The competition has given Robyn and Christopher the opportunity to express themselves creatively, whilst having fun and gaining increased confidence and self esteem which are prime objectives of The Prince's Trust".

HPV Vaccinations

In common with schools throughout Scotland, CGS is taking part in the HPV vaccination programme which is designed to protect girls from developing cervical cancer later in life. This year, girls in S2, S5 and S6 will be vaccinated. Next year, the vaccine will be offered to girls currently in S3 and S4. There will be an information session for the parents of the girls being vaccinated this year on Monday 8 September from 7pm to 8pm in the Assembly Hall. This is also open to those not being vaccinated until next session.

Argyll & Bute Secondary Youth Games

On Tuesday 26 August a large number of pupils from S2 and S3 travelled to Oban to compete in the Secondary Youth Games. The Grammar School had representation in 12 different sports including, athletics, badminton, basketball, dance, girls and boys football, hockey, orienteering, rugby, shinty, softball and swimming. After the opening ceremony at Oban High School outdoor pitch, the various teams went to sports venues across Oban to compete in their activities. Campbeltown Grammar School were overall winners in the badminton competition with Lindsay Armour, Louise Mitchell, Duncan Hooper and James Cairns making up the team here. The school also finished 2nd in the athletics, and 3rd in the swimming, orienteering and shinty competitions. Well done to all pupils who actively participated in this huge event and to the senior students who organised their teams on the day.

Inter- House Activities

Inter-House hockey and football has started back on Wednesdays after school. Inter-house competition is all about active participation, fun and enjoyment and we want to encourage as many pupils as possible to come along and represent their house. The house captains and vice-captains have been busily organising and encouraging pupils in their house group to attend each Wednesday at 3.35 pm in the PE department. Please encourage your children to get involved and be part of the successful house system here in Campbeltown Grammar.

The Young Leaders Sports Programme

In partnership with the Physical Education, Sport & Health Department and Lindsay Owen, Active School Sport Co-ordinator, senior students are being offered the opportunity to gain a variety of Sports Coaching Awards from a number of governing body including the Scottish Football Association (Early Touches), Scottish Rugby Union (Foundation Course), Scottish Hockey Union (Hockey Leaders), Junior Jog Scotland, UK Athletics (Community Sports Leader Award - Day Award), Community TOPS, Youth Sport Trust and British Red Cross (First Aid). These awards will be offered both within and outwith physical education class time, allowing students to gain certification and then actively put something back by helping out at extra-curricular clubs and in classes.

SQA Exams 2009

It may seem like an awful long time until next year's SQA exams, but the countdown has started! Here is the 2009 exam timetable. Further information will be given nearer the time.

Campbeltown Grammar School SQA Examination Summary Timetable – 2009

Date	Examination	Standard Grade	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Higher	Advanced Higher
5 May	Administration		✓	✓		
6 May	Mathematics	✓				
7 May	Phys Education	✓				
	Music		✓	✓		
8 May	English	✓				
11 May	Chemistry	✓				
	Music	✓				
12 May	History	✓				
13 May	Computing	✓				
14 May	French	✓				
15 May	English		✓	✓	✓	✓
18 May	Business Man.				✓	
	Craft & Design	✓				
	Drama				✓	
19 May	Business Man.	✓	✓	✓		
	Spanish		✓	✓		
20 May	Administration				✓	
21 May	Drama	✓	✓	✓		
	Mathematics		✓	✓	✓	✓
22 May	French		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Product Design			✓	✓	
26 May	Music				✓	✓
	Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27 May	Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28 May	Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 May	Infor. Systems					✓
	Home Econs	✓				
1 June	Phys Education		✓	✓	✓	
2 June	History		✓	✓	✓	✓
3 June	Chemistry		✓	✓	✓	✓
4 June	Computing		✓	✓	✓	
5 June	Art			✓	✓	
	Spanish				✓	
8 June	Psychology		✓	✓	✓	

Please note: The detailed exam timetable will be issued to all students sitting National Qualification examinations in February 2009. The exam dates still to be decided are:

- The History extended essay at Higher and Intermediate 2 levels will take place in March.
- The Performing Examinations in Music and the Speaking Tests in French and Spanish will be conducted by SQA visiting examiners and usually take place in March.

**They're Back! The CGS Radio Project will be broadcasting on Argyll FM
On Tuesdays at 9.00 pm starting Tuesday 9 September**

Higher Education Presentation

Many of our students follow progression routes from school to University or College. Niall Bradley, Edinburgh University's Deputy Director for Student Recruitment and Admissions, will visit the school on Monday 15 September to give a presentation, aimed primarily at S6 students intending to apply to University. However, it will be of interest to College applicants too.

Niall has also kindly agreed to deliver a presentation to parents in the school in the evening and would like to extend the invitation to include parents/guardians of students in S4-S6 who would like to find out more about what is involved. The content of the programme will include, amongst other things, discussion on why to choose Higher Education, how to choose the appropriate courses, how to support children through the application process and while at university and, of course, the very important matter of financial aspects involved. There will also be opportunities for question/answer sessions.

A letter will be sent home with S4-S6 students next week, so please look out for that! However, if you would like more information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either A Millar, Pupil Support, or C Cameron, Depute Rector, at the school.

Hail and Farewell!

We welcomed a number of new members of staff and said goodbye to another at the start of the session. Leaving us was Miss Currie of English. Mr Crossan paid tribute to her dedicated and imaginative approach at a presentation on Friday 29 August. New to the staff are Mr Craighan of English, Mr McVicar and Miss Morley of Music, and our new French Assistante, Mlle Laure, who is from Brittany.

With us for about two weeks is Marta Fornos, an exchange student from Spain who is linked with Hazel McDonald of S6 and following her timetable. Hazel will be visiting Marta's school in Spain during October.

Dates to note this month

Monday 8 September	HPV Information Evening, 7.00 - 8.00 pm.
Wednesday 10 September	Back to School Dance, 7.30 - 10.30 pm.
Monday 15 September	Higher Education Presentation.
Monday 22 September	Party of pupils spending the day at sea on board HMS Campbeltown.
Wednesday 24 September	Parent Council Meeting, 6.15 pm.
Tuesday 30 September	S5/6 Interim Reports issued.
Friday 3 October	Next issue of newsletter.
Thursday 9 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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