



## **Dunoon Grammar School Parental update Week beginning 18th Sep 23**

**Welcome to this weeks Newsflash!**

### **Lunch Orders**

We have had a few lunches ordered and paid for that have not been collected by pupils. Please ensure if you order your lunch from the school you must collect it. Messages will continue to be sent home for those who have not collected. If your child does not attend school and you need to cancel this using the same login details.

### **Trophies**

We are missing a few different awards trophies, if anyone has any, could they please be returned to school.



### **Forum at Lunch time**

Could we please advise our young people not to leave belongings in the forum “to hold their seat” whilst they go to shops etc. as others who are in the forum require the tables and chairs—they must take their belongings with them.

### **Toilet use**

We have seen an increase of young people requesting to use the toilet during class time. Young people are entitled to use the toilet when required however, a number of pupils are using toilet requests to meet each other in the school bathrooms. We have therefore, introduced new procedures. When a pupil requests to use the toilet they will use the nearest pupil toilet and not the main pupil bathrooms. The Main bathrooms will be available to use first thing in the morning, break times, lunch times and at the end of the school day.

### **S6 Photographs**

Parents/carers can purchase S6 individual photographs by visiting the Ronnie Cairns website. SPLT photographs are also available. The link is shown below.

A group photographs was taken on Friday. A link will be shared with parents/carers ASAP.

<https://ronniecairns.pixieset.com/dgs2023/>

### **Brand New Gaelic Conversation Evening**

A Gaelic conversation evening will be taking place on Thursday 28th September in Tryst from 7-9pm. Take a look at our Gaelic Departments instagram for more information. Open to all levels and we hope to see you there. Gaelic Instagram: @dgsgaidhlig

# Cearcall Còmhraidh Dùn Òmhainn

## Gaelic Conversation Circle Dunoon

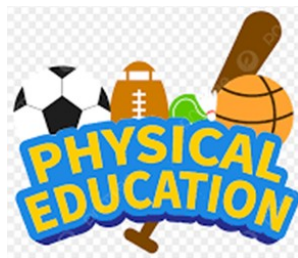
Diardaoin 28mh 7-9f an t-Sultain|  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm

The Tryst, School Brae Dunoon

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Congratulations to our recently selected Sport Ambassadors, Jude Collins & Rachel Reid. They will be working closely with Active Schools Coordinator Jo throughout the year to gain new skills and experiences while making a difference in our school and local community.



On Thursday last week our senior Sports Leader class were at Riverside swimming pool for a Float Fit session. They have been working hard in their fitness block, delivering sessions to raise the heart rate. This was the perfect way to round it off. Huge thank you to Michelle for delivering the session – the pupils had great fun!

Massive congratulations to S2 pupils, Duncan Weir and Reese McDonald who were recently selected to represent Scotland at the 2010 age group. We are so proud of you and look forward to watching you take the field.



Findlay Hurrell took part in the Cowal Gathering 5k at the end of August. He finished the race with an outstanding time of 19 minutes and 29 seconds, winning the Junior Trophy. Huge well done, Findlay!

Massive congratulations to Abbey & Anna. They have been selected for the under 16 West of Scotland team. These girls have worked so hard and done so much to develop as players as well as promote the sport. They both play for Kyles Junior, Dunadd ladies and are shinty Ambassadors for our school. What an achievement – well done!



## MCR Pathways

The Young Talent programme, delivered in partnership with MCR Pathways, is a school-based 1:1 mentoring programme that connects young people who need additional encouragement, with adult mentors.

MCR recruits and trains volunteer mentors who are matched with a young person based on personality, interests and career aspirations. Mentors meet with their young person at their school for just one hour a week and provide a compassionate, listening ear. Mentors help their young person engage with their education and build the self-belief they need to progress onto further education, higher education or employment. For this, MCR are looking for the local community to become mentors. **For more information and to become a mentor in Dunoon Grammar school, please visit <https://mcrpathways.org/>**

**The Pathways Coordinator for our school is Mhairi Reid, you can contact Mhairi on 01369 705010 or email [mhairi.reid@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:mhairi.reid@argyll-bute.gov.uk) if you have any further queries.**



# UCAS@



Mr Stratthdee hosted an UCAS evening for parents/carers on Wednesday night. It was a very informative evening. Thank you to the parents/carers who attended.

Mr Stratthdee is available to answer any questions parents/carers may have. You can e-mail him at

[andrew.strathdee@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.strathdee@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## UCAS DISCOVERY CONFERENCE

A number of our senior pupils attended the UCAS Discovery conference on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to visit a number of University and College stalls. They all really enjoyed the event and managed to ask a lot of questions. Thank you to Mrs Somerville for arranging the trip.



## UCAS KEY DATES

DATE	DEADLINE
6TH OCTOBER 2023	MEDICINE /DENTISTRY /VET MED OX-BRIDGE - PERSONAL STATEMENT DEADLINE
16TH OCTOBER 2023	MEDICINE /DENTISTRY /VET MED OX-BRIDGE - UCAS APPLICATION DEADLINE
30TH NOVEMBER 2023	PERSONAL STATEMENTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED
21ST DECEMBER 2023	REFERENCES SHOULD BE COMPLETED
31ST JANUARY 2024	UCAS APPLICATION DEADLINE



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	INFORMATION /EVENT
28TH SEPTEMBER 2023	S1 PLAYFAIR DAY
28TH SEPTEMBER 2023	GERMAN EXCHNAGE DEPARTS
29TH SEPTEMBER 2023	MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
2ND OCTOBER 2023	S1 PARENTS' EVENING—5PM-7PM
6TH OCTOBER 2023	S2 YPI GRAND FINAL
6TH OCTOBER 2023	SCHOOL CLOSES
23RD OCTOBER 2023	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
25TH OCTOBER 2023	PRIMARY 7 PARENTAL INFORMATION EVENING 1
26TH OCTOBER 2023	S5-S6 HALLOWEEN DISCO
31ST OCTOBER 2023	ADVANCED HIGHER BIOLOGY TRIP DEPARTS

## Tanzania

Our Tanzania group took part in their first Team building exercise last week by hiking up the Cobbler. They all did extremely well and enjoyed their day.





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### **Contact Details for the Senior Leadership Team and Head of House Team**

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Have a great week!