



# CAMPUS NEWS

DECEMBER  
EDITION



## CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES

### STAFFING UPDATES

#### Primary

Mr Gregor Campbell has recently started working with us. Mr Campbell is supporting both P1-4 and P4-7 classes.

#### Secondary

Miss Samantha McAtear has been appointed to a part-time, permanent post in the drama department.

Thank you to our student teachers, Miss Olivia Winchester (English) and Miss Erinn Sweeny (history) for their contributions to the school this term.

Miss Sweeny will return for the second part of her placement on Monday 12 January

Thank you  
to all the pupils and staff who  
have submitted articles.

### NEXT TERM

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 February  
*February break*

Wednesday 18 February  
*Inservice*

#### Nursery

Thursday 26 February and Friday 27 March  
*Stay, Play and Learn*

#### Primary

wb. Monday 9 March and wb. Monday 16 March  
*Parental engagement*

Friday 27 March  
*Sharing the Learning 2pm*

#### High School

Monday 12 January  
*S4-6 prelims begin*  
*HMIe Re-inspection*

Tuesday 20 January  
*S2 parental engagement*

Monday 26 January  
*S3 assessments begin*

Tuesday 10 February  
*S3 parental engagement*

Tuesday 10 March  
*S4-6 parental engagement*

Thursday 2 April  
*SCHOOL CLOSES END OF DAY*



# NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

## News from Nursery

We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting term here in the nursery, filled with visits, outings and lots of learning through play!

We were pleased to welcome Ballachulish nursery into our setting for a visit, all of the children took part in a book bug session where we enjoyed singing songs and listening to stories. In February we will be going to visit Ballachulish nursery in their setting which we are all looking forward to.

A highlight of the term was our trip to the Glencoe Lochan. The children loved walking around the Lochan, spotting ducks and using checklists to see what they could find.

We have also been very busy practicing for our Christmas show. The children have been building on their confidence and self-esteem whilst practicing their song and showing great teamwork. We are very proud of all our children's hard work and enthusiasm.



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# PRIMARY NEWS

The primary school students placed some beautiful, red poppies at the entrance to the primary school on Remembrance Day.

## Primary School Remembrance Day 2025







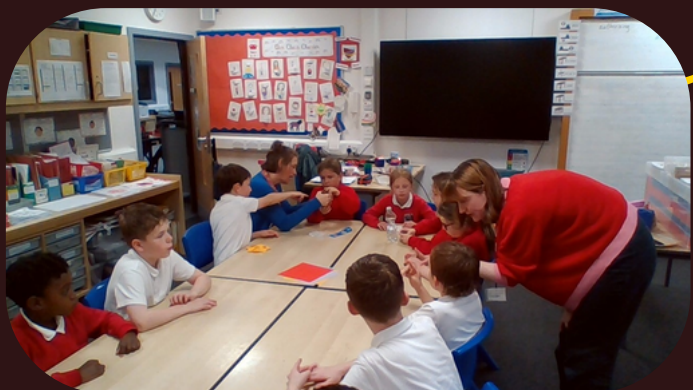
# NEWS FROM PRIMARY

P4-7  
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## Glencoe Project Visit

Last month, P4-7 had a really interesting visit from Gareth, Lizzie and Nicole of the Glencoe Project.

With great knowledge and expertise, they talked about archaeology and then weaved it into storytelling. They also brought some artefacts from the Glencoe excavations, along with Viking replicas, for handling.





# NEWS FROM PRIMARY

## P4 - 7 NEWS

### P4-7 STEM 'Robots and Mathematics' Module

The P4-7 students enjoyed participating in a 'Robots and Mathematics' session, run by the Science Skills Academy. The module had an emphasis on mathematical discussions and exploration of strategies to calculate the perimeter of two-dimensional shapes.

Firstly, they worked in pairs to calculate the circumference of a wheel and then calculated and tested how far a robot will travel when programmed to rotate its wheels a certain number of times. They were then asked to present their strategies to the other pupils.







# NEWS FROM PRIMARY

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## P4-7 STEM 'Robots and Mathematics' Module







# NEWS FROM PRIMARY

## P 4 - 7 NEWS

### P4-7 Youth Music Initiative

The P4-7 students have been enjoying some Gaelic singing sessions with Becca Skeoch and having a go on the Celtic harp :)



# NEWS FROM SECONDARY



## Advanced Higher Lowry Trip

The Advanced Higher drama pupils had a great time travelling all the way to Manchester to see 'Lost Atoms' by Frantic Assembly, in support of their dissertations and monologue performances this year.

The trip wouldn't have been possible without Mrs Meldrum supporting us and agreeing to drive all that way! Thank you to Miss McAteer for making it happen.



*Viewing some art after the  
show at The Lowry*



# DANCING SHOES

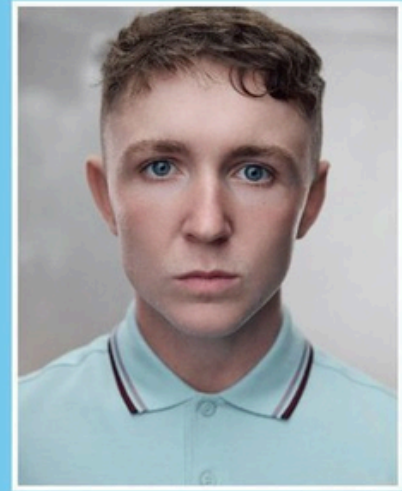
# Theatre Trip



Stephen Docherty



Lee Harris



Craig McLean

The senior drama pupils had a great night watching 'Dancing Shoes' at the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh on 5 December.

They got to meet and chat to the director and actors afterwards.

Here's a photo of them with the stars of the show. The Higher pupils will write about 'Dancing Shoes' in their Higher exam.

# Theatre Trip



# RCS Film Tutor Visit



We had visiting tutors from the Conservatoire teach filmmaking theory and skills to our senior phase drama pupils on 16 December. Pupils enjoyed recreating a scene from Ladybird.





I would like to say a huge well done to everybody involved in Kinlochleven High School's production of Sister Act Junior.

# SISTER ACT JR.

This show was the result of many months of hard work, commitment and creativity from our pupils. From learning lines and choreography to rehearsing songs and perfecting technical cues, every student involved showed incredible dedication, teamwork and resilience. Whether they were on stage entertaining the audience, or working hard backstage to make sure everything ran smoothly, this show created so many opportunities for our young people to shine.

We are immensely proud of the efforts, confidence, skill and enthusiasm that were demonstrated by all of them.

The performing arts play a vital role in school life. They give students the opportunity to express themselves, to collaborate, to build confidence, and to discover talents they didn't know they had! Productions like this are not just about putting on a show - they help shape communication skills, creativity and a lifelong appreciation of the arts. It further creates opportunities in other areas of the curriculum. Our S3 Practical Cookery pupils baked cupcakes to serve at interval with teas and coffees with art club making props and S4 Practical Woodwork building the set (which was then painted by S3 Art!) In addition to this, our S3 Administration pupils produced tickets, posters and the fantastic programme.

Of course, without the dedication, commitment and hard work of our teachers, productions like this would not have been possible. Thank you to all the staff who were involved, but a particular thank you to Ms McAtear and Ms Sutton for bringing this production to life. Thank you for supporting our young people and the wider school community. We hoped you were able to attend and enjoy this fantastic production!

Mrs L Morrison, Head Teacher



# Sister Act Finale



# Sister Act ~ good to be a nun



# Sister Act ~ Dance





# Sister Act ~ Gangsters





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**STEM**

## S1-2 STEM 'Robots and Mathematics' Module

This month our S1/2 students spent time off timetable learning about and experiencing different roles & careers within the **Space** sector and what they do to launch rockets and satellites.

They got involved in a Remote Sensing Scavenger Hunt, Satellite Survival and Rocket Design.

Ellie & Isla, winners of the S2 rocket project said this about their experience....

It was a good experience and I learnt a lot more about space and was surprised how many jobs you could do to do with space

**Isla, S2**

It was a fun experience and I quite enjoyed making the rockets and I learnt a lot about space

**Ellie, S2**

## Erin Boyle

Character:	<b>Mary Irene</b>
Favourite moment:	Learning the "Take me to heaven" (Nun Choir version) dance.
What I've learned:	It can be chaotic.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Jollification</b>

## Maya Markiewicz

Character:	<b>Nun &amp; Street Person</b>
Favourite moment:	When we dance all together and sing how it's good to be a nun!
What I've learned:	Acting is fun!
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Majestic</b>



# Sister Act Reflections

## Logan Cameron

Character:	<b>Ernie &amp; Arnie</b>
Favourite moment:	The blocking of 'Lady in the Long Black Dress'.
What I've learned:	How to sing properly.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Lovelyjubby</b>

## Jasmine Bashir

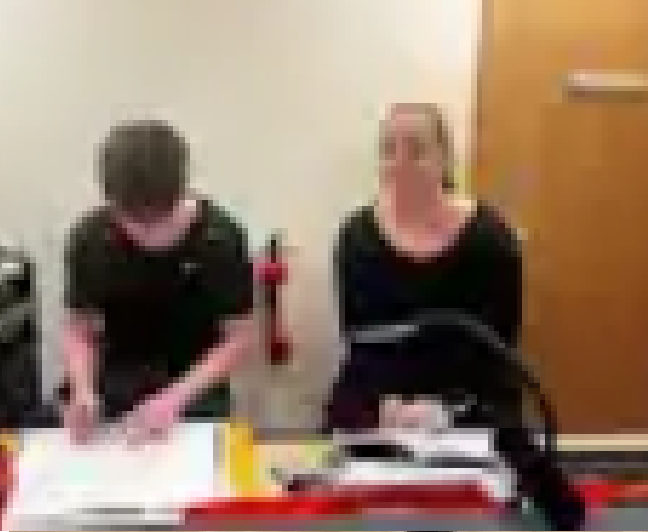
Character:	<b>Nun/Street Person</b>
Favourite moment:	Conner's police station scene
What I've learned:	Think about if I have time to do a musical.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Bright</b>

<b>Sarah Whyte</b>		<b>Lisa MacCorquondale</b>	
<b>Mary Lazarus</b> (The old lady)		<b>Deloris Van Cartier</b>	
Favourite moment:	Singing and raise your voice scene.	Favourite moment:	HIGHLAND BASKET! Harmonising in big groups!
What I've learned:	Chaos (and that it takes a lot of energy to keep up).	What I've learned:	That more people are interested in creating this production than I thought would be!
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Chaos</b>	One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Chaotic</b>
<b>Lexi MacMillan</b>		<b>Ema Macinnes</b>	
<b>Ensemble</b>		<b>Mary Stephens</b>	
Favourite moment:	Highland Basket	Favourite moment:	Singing, dancing and having fun
What I've learned:	That everyone is so fun and amazing.	What I've learned:	To move out of my comfort zone.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Flamboyant &amp; Spectacular</b>	One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Fabulous!</b>
<b>Ellie Henderson</b>		<b>Kirsty Henshall</b>	
<b>Mary Theresa &amp; Elle</b>		<b>Stage Manager</b>	
Favourite moment:	Dancing	Favourite moment:	Watching Ms McAtear try to co-ordinate everyone to get the dances right.
What I've learned:	How to Sing	What I've learned:	Teamwork makes the dream work.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Amusing</b>	One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Superb!</b>

Noah Henderson		Annabelle Brient	
Pablo		Mary Roberts/Nina	
Favourite moment:	Spending time with people.	Favourite moment:	Probably watching everyone learning the dances and laughing during the dance. Possibly because of a mess-up or just ‘cause (including me!)
What I’ve learned:	That people are funny.	What I’ve learned:	Being more confident and open with people. That plays like this take a lot of energy and are exhausting.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	Chaotic	One word to describe the cast & crew:	Fabulous
Leah Willis		Callum MacMorran	
Mary Patrick		Curtis	
Favourite moment:	Singing “it’s good to be a nun” with Sarah.	Favourite moment:	Killing Logan due to how funny the execution of it is.
What I’ve learned:	Harmonising with different voice types.	What I’ve learned:	Don’t tone yourself down, everyone is here because they enjoy it.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	Determined	One word to describe the cast & crew:	Chaotic
Conner Brient		Kaiden Springett	
Sweaty Eddie		Lighting Designer	
Favourite moment:	Watching the gangsters' faces as they realised what they had to wear.	Favourite moment:	When we first got the light up because it was cool seeing them up since I’ve never seen them up before.
What I’ve Learned	It’s difficult to sing when you’ve lost your voice.	What I’ve learned:	How to programme lights.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	Hopeful	One word to describe the cast & crew:	Amazing!



<b>Euan Allen</b>		<b>Samatha McAtear</b>	
<b>Joey/Street Person</b>		<b>DIRECTOR</b>	
Favourite moment:	Helping Conner's scene in the police station when he slipped on the paper, and when he poured his water all over his head for sweat.	Favourite moment:	Everyone watching Conner's police station scene when we blocked it, all laughing and helping make it funnier. You all spontaneously clapping at each other's performances. Seeing the nuns do the gangsters dance in the wings because they couldn't resist joining in!
What I've learned:	That being a gangster is fun.	What I've learned:	That I'm going to choose a show with MUCH less dancing next year!
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Team</b>	One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Theabsolutebest!</b>
<b>Finlay Baxter</b>		<b>Freya Nicolson</b>	
<b>TJ</b>		<b>Angry street person/ Mary Martin-Of-Tours</b>	
Favourite moment:	Learning "Lady In The Long Black Dress" dance.	Favourite moment:	Throwing Conner's police uniform at him in " I Could Be That Guy".
What I've learned:	Confidence in acting in front of people.	What I've learned:	That I'm confident in singing and dancing in front of others.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Incredible</b>	One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Lovely</b>
<b>Sarah Henshall</b>		<b>Emilia Hart</b>	
<b>Assistant Stage Manager</b>		<b>Nun &amp; Street Person</b>	
Favourite moment:	Watching the whole show come together.	Favourite moment:	The singing bits.
One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Fabulous!</b>	One word to describe the cast & crew:	<b>Interesting</b>



# Sister Act Crew





# Leanachan Challenge Cross Country Race



On blustery day in November, four of our fittest athletes competed against Lochaber schools in the annual 'Leanachan Challenge' at Nevis Range, Fort William. The track was very muddy but all of our competitors ran their very best. Kaiden Springett S2, and Eddie Cabotage S1, ran very quick times and competed well. Lucas Allen S2, achieved 3rd place in the S1/2 category and Peter Prokop, S6, achieved 2nd place in the S5/6 category. All competitors worked hard and perfectly demonstrated our value of resilience in what is known to be a very tough sport. Well done.



The background of the entire page is a photograph of several students in a classroom, sitting at desks and looking towards the camera. They are wearing dark school uniforms. The image is slightly blurred, focusing more on the text overlaid on it.

# Prelims

Seniors

The next term will bring some challenges for our Senior Phase pupils, however I am confident that they will all rise up to it!

The first opportunity to demonstrate their abilities will be during the prelim session which will begin on the 12th of January.

Our pupils and teachers have been working really hard to prepare for this occasion.

Prelims are really important as it helps pupils to identify their abilities in each subject and is used to create learning targets for the remainder of the year. They also serve as a rehearsal for the main SQA exams which begin at the end of April.

We have employed SQA invigilators to help replicate those exams to allow our pupils to become comfortable and familiar in that environment. To help achieve success, I would like parents to help encourage good study habits at home to supplement and consolidate good learning in the classroom.

We have subscribed to online revision platforms such as **Heriot Watt Scholar, Achieve and E-Sgoil** to help our pupils. Further information can be accessed in their Guidance google classrooms. In between exams, pupils are expected to follow their timetable and continue learning with their teacher in class.



# Prelims - Seniors



Scholar ~ Achieve ~ SQA/PastPapers ~ E-Sgoil  
Google Classroom ~ LiveLearn Techniques

Date	Start	End	Duration	25% Extra Time	Subject/Title	Level
Monday 12.1.25	09:00	10:50	01:50	11:17	Geography	H
	09:00	11:20	02:20	11:55	Geography	N
	09:00	10:50	01:50	11:17	Engineering Science	N
	09:00	10:45	01:45	11:11	Politics	H
	11:40	12:50	01:10	13:07	Geography	H P2
	11:40	12:55	01:15	13:13	Politics	H P2
	13:00	15:00	02:00	15:30	Business Mgt	N
	13:00	15:45	02:45	16:26	Business Mgt	H
	13:00	15:45	02:45	16:26	Business Mgt	AH
Tuesday 13.1.25	09:00	11:30	02:30	12:07	Biology	N
	09:00	09:40	00:40	09:50	Biology	H
	10:30	12:50	02:20	13:25	Biology	H P2
	13:00	15:30	02:30	16:07	Physics	N
	11:45	12:25	00:40	12:35	Physics	H
	13:00	15:15	02:15	15:48	Physics	H P2
Wednesday 14.1.25	09:00	10:00	01:00	10:15	English	N
	11:00	12:30	01:30	12:52	English	N
	13:00	14:15	01:15	14:33	Art	H
Thursday 15.1.25	09:00	10:30	01:30	10:52	English	H
	11:15	13:00	01:45	13:26	English	H
	09:00	10:30	01:30	10:52	English	AH
	11:15	12:45	01:30	13:07	English	AH
	14:10	15:10	01:00	15:25	PE	N
Friday 16.1.25	09:00	11:20	02:20	11:55	History	N
	09:00	10:30	01:30	10:52	History	H
	11:15	12:45	01:30	13:07	History	H P2
Monday 19.1.25	09:00	09:45	00:45	09:56	Maths	N
	09:00	10:15	01:15	10:33	Maths	H
	11:00	11:45	00:45	11:56	Maths	N P2
	11:00	12:30	01:30	12:52	Maths	H P2
Tuesday 20.1.25	09:00	10:30	01:30	10:52	Drama	N
	09:00	11:00	02:00	11:30	Drama	H
	09:00	10:30	01:30	10:52	Drama	AH
	09:00	10:45	01:45	11:11	Modern Studies	HP2
	11:40	12:55	01:15	13:13	Modern Studies	H P2
	09:00	12:00	03:00	12:45	Admin	N P2
	09:00	11:00	02:00	11:30	Admin	H P2
	09:00	09:50	00:50	10:02	Apps of Maths	N
Wednesday 21.1.25	10:30	12:10	01:40	12:35	Apps of Maths	N P2
	13:00	15:30	02:30	16:07	PE	H
Thursday 22.1.26	09:00	11:30	02:30	12:07	Chemistry	N
	09:00	09:40	00:40	09:50	Chemistry	H
	10:30	12:50	02:20	13:25	Chemistry	H P2
	13:30	14:15	00:45	14:26	Art	N
	13:30	15:30	02:00	16:00	Art	AH
Friday 23.1.26	09:00	10:30	01:30	10:52	Admin	H
	09:00	11:00	02:00	11:30	Admin	N
	11:00	11:45	00:45	11:56	Music	N
	12:00	13:00	01:00	13:15	Music	H
	11:45	13:00	01:15	13:18	Music	AH
Monday 26.1.26	TBA				Computing	N/H
Friday 30.1.26	10:00	12:00			Psychology	N/H



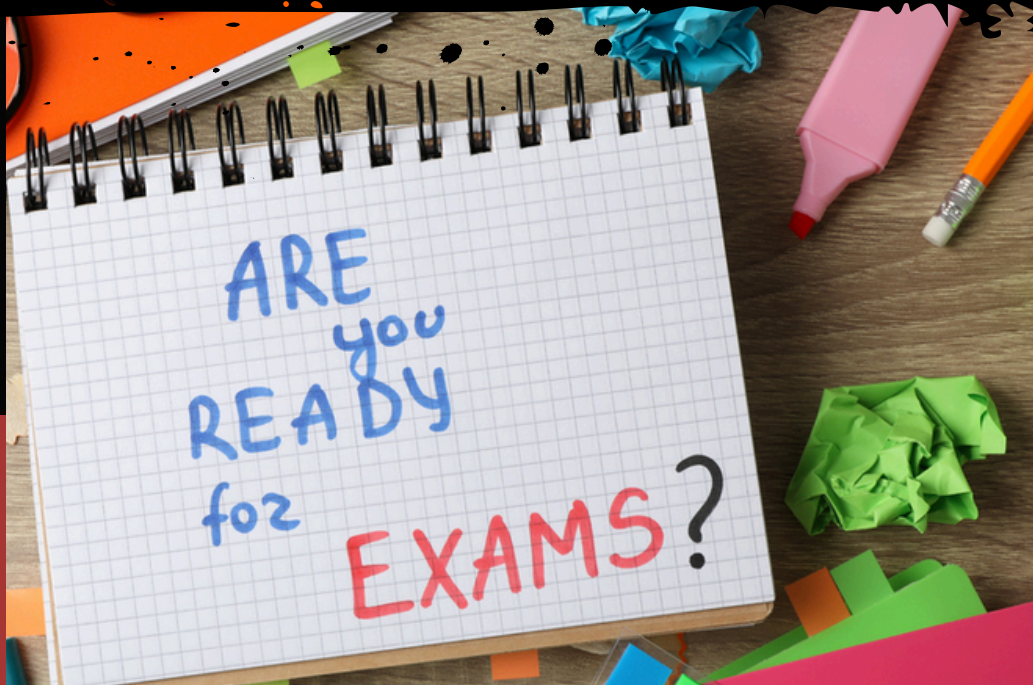
# S3 Mini- Prelims

# S3

**During the week beginning 26 January our S3 pupils will be sitting subject assessments.**

**Assessments will take place in the hall and are aimed to provide our pupils with the opportunity to gain a learning experience to help prepare and build resilience for SQA prelims next year.**

**They will be invigilated by class teachers. Class teachers will communicate to their pupils to explain what course content will be assessed in time for pupils to prepare.**



# S3 Mini-Prelims

Google Classroom, Class Notes

Week beg 27/1	Subject	Duration	Start time
<u>Monday</u>	<b>English</b>	50 mins	08:50
	<b>Maths</b>	45 mins	12:25
	<b>Technology/ Hist colE</b>	45 mins	14:10
<u>Tuesday</u>	<b>Drama</b>	45 mins	08:50
	<b>Music/Art ColF</b>	45 mins	12:25
	<b>Art ColG/ Computing</b>	45 mins	14:05
<u>Wednesday</u>	<b>Hospitality</b>	45 mins	08:50
	<b>History</b>	45 mins	12:25
<u>Thursday</u>	<b>Biology</b>	1 hour	10:45
	<b>Business/Geo</b>	50 mins	12:25
	<b>Chemistry</b>	1 hour	14:05
<u>Friday</u>	<b>Physics/Hist coll</b>	50 mins	08:50
	<b>PE</b>	50 mins	12:25

**This term, we've been busy supporting pupils with their future plans.**

Groupwork sessions across all year groups, focusing on routes and pathways, option choice support, and next steps.

Senior phase pupils ~ 1:1 appointments

S3 pupils ~ 1:1 appointments ~ option choice support

Next term, we'll continue with S3 option choice 1:1s and senior phase appointments across the school.

## Important reminder

Please encourage pupils to check their emails regularly

*Sometimes messages can land in the junk folder, so a quick check there is helpful too.*

## For parents and carers

The My World of Work | My World of Work website has a fantastic section for parents/carers, plus dedicated areas for subject choices, CVs, career profiles, and much more. All pupils use My World of Work in school, so they might even be able to give you a quick lesson on how it can support them, at home!

## Careers appointments

These can be requested at any point from S1 onwards. Please email Sophie (sophie.fyfe@sds.co.uk) or Louise (louise.oliver@sds.co.uk) to arrange.

Have a wonderful Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026! *Sophie Fyfe Trainee Career Adviser*