



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

JULY EDITION



CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES

STAFFING UPDATES

Nursery

Good luck to Mrs Holtrust who will be undertaking her probationary year for teaching at Caol Primary. Thank you for being a great EYP and primary PSA!

Primary

Ms Patterson will teach P1-3 next session and Mr Campbell will teach P4-7.

Secondary

Congratulations to Mr Harding who was appointed to a full time, permanent post.

Miss Erinn Sweeney will join us in the history department from August to undertake her probationary year.

We are unfortunately saying goodbye to Mr Coultherd who has successfully completed his probation with us. We wish you all the best for the future!

NEXT TERM

Wednesday 19 August
Campus reopens to pupils

Monday 14 September
In-service Day

Friday 9 October
Campus closes - usual finish times

Monday 26 October
Campus reopens to pupils.

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



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MOBILE PHONE POLICY UPDATES

FROM AUGUST 2026, WE ARE TIGHTENING UP OUR MOBILE PHONE POLICY. THIS FOLLOWS A CONSULTATION AT THE END OF LAST SESSION AND SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT GREATER RESTRICTIONS ON MOBILE PHONES ARE LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED DURING THIS PARLIAMENTARY SESSION. THE MAJORITY OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, WHEN CONSULTED, WANTED PUPILS TO RETAIN ACCESS TO THEIR PHONES AT BREAK AND LUNCH TIME.

We are continuing with the policy that mobile phones are only permitted in classrooms with the explicit permission of teachers, but will extend this to cover corridors and social areas during class time.

In practice, this means that unless a pupil has been given explicit permission to use their phone by the teacher, their phone should be off and in their school bag from 0850 (start of period 1) until 1030 (break), then 1045 until 1315 (start of lunch) and again from 1405 until 1545 (end of the day).

Pupils who have phones out without permission will have their phone confiscated. The phone will be stored in the school office until the end of the day.

When we return in August, we will share FAQs with pupils, staff and parents and further discuss the policy. Pupils will be given reminders on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August to put phones away and get used to complying with the new policy. From Monday 24 August, phones will be removed and stored in the office for collection at the end of the day.



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NOT FOR KIDS
ENERGY DRINK

ENERGY DRINKS

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT LEARNING AND CONCENTRATION, ENERGY DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON CAMPUS.

Pupils bringing energy drinks onto campus will have the item confiscated for collection at the end of the school day.



LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY AND SENIOR PHASE INDUCTION EVENTS



On Tuesday 21 April, we held a leavers' assembly for our S4, S5 and S6 leavers. All leavers received a gift and were invited to attend a dinner during the evening.

We also held a senior phase induction event on Wednesday 27 May. Mrs McNeil led new S4, 5 and 6 through health and wellbeing and target setting workshops to help develop a growth mind set.

This encouraged our learners to set aspirational goals for the future.

LIVE N LEARN

On Monday 8 June, Renee from Live n Learn presented the 'mindset for exams' workshop to our S4 pupils. This was to further support learners to be aspirational as they work towards their first set of exams.

"The session made me feel I can do anything I put my mind to!" S4 pupil

"The session helped me visualise my goals" S4 pupil

House Cup Winners

MAMORE

LEVEN

GARBHEIN

CALLART

Leven House

Congratulations to Leven House for winning the coveted House Cup 2025-26

Under the house leadership of Amie Baxter and Emily Baskerville, they have regained their strength, worked together as a team and have overturned the two year domination of Callart House by a very narrow margin of 17 points. Leven can credit their overall win by succeeding in the Halloween and Christmas inter house quizzes and through their individual successes in the Sports Champions event at sports day.

Although they were beaten quite emphatically by Callart in Sports Day overall, Leven consistently achieved more individual house tokens from class teachers across the year.

Well done to Leven and the House will be celebrating their victory with a fun 10 pin bowling session in Fort William.



KHS House Points

MAMORE

LEVEN

GARBHEIN

CALLART

Winners of 2026 Leven



Leven House winners on their trip to TenPin Bowling at The Nevis Centre & lunch at McDonalds with Mr McKenzie



Our New Pupil Leadership Team



School and House Captains

Emily Baskerville

Iain Boyle

Joseph Newson

Jackson Thomson

Sarah Whyte

Callum MacMorran

Ema MacInnes

Logan Cameron

Jenna Byers

Kirsty Henshall

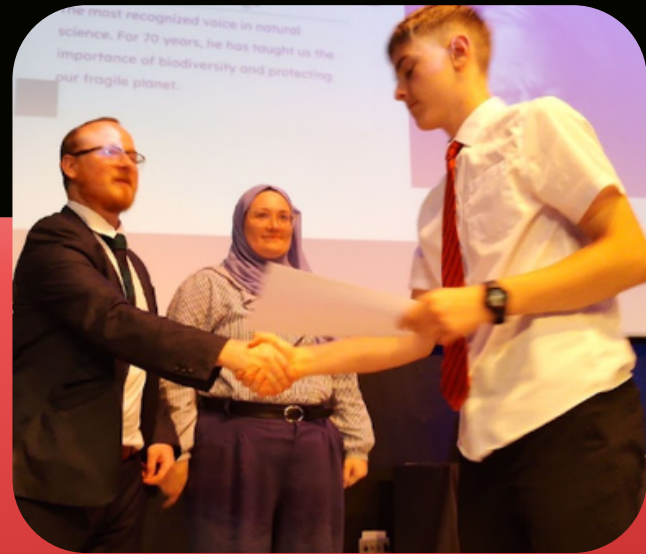
We would like to welcome our new pupil leadership team. After a very rigorous application and interview process we are very pleased to have appointed a strong team of House Captains overseen by our School Captains, Emily Baskerville and Iain Boyle. The leadership team will join our existing Pupil Council to help develop inter house activities, lead assemblies, organise calendar events and develop pupil voice at Kinlochleven. It is a big task to perform these roles over and above academic studies; however, with careful balance, it provides an essential opportunity to learn and develop meta skills in teamwork, leadership and organisation.

Congratulations!
to our new School Captains and House Captains for
2026-2027!

Celebration of Success



ON TUESDAY 30 JUNE, WE HELD OUR CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS EVENT. WELL DONE TO ALL THE AWARD WINNERS - LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE!



Subject	Award for Nationals	Commendation for Nationals	Award for Higher	Commendation for Higher	Award for Adv Higher	Commendation for Adv Higher
Admin +IT	Joseph Newson	Sarah Henshall	Isla Donald	Michael Crowe		
Art	Sarah Henshall	Ellie Henderson	Akssa Sabu	Jasmine Bashir	Joseph Clay	Isla Donald
Business Management	Sophie Dickson	Joseph Newson	Emily Alison		Matty McFattridge	
Drama	Ellie Henderson	Amira Szygura	Leah Willis	Sarah Whyte	Lisa McCorquodale	Ash MacCallum Millar
English	Sarah Henshall	Logan Cameron/Kirsty Henshall	Emily Baskerville	Jenna Byers	Lisa McCorquodale	Joseph Clay
English (Nat 4)	Grace Gallagher	Joseph Newson				
Geography	Emily Alison	Holly Shaw / Megan Dyer	Oliver Pelhye			
History	Logan Cameron	Kirsty Henshall	Emily Baskerville	Jenna Byers		
Music	Killian Prokop	Billie Hazelton	Matty McFattridge	Emily Baskerville	Lisa McCorquodale	Ash MacCallum Millar
Rural Skills	Cayden Fyfe	Joseph Newson				
Application of Maths	Michael Crowe	Amie Baxter				
Biology	Sarah Henshall	Bailey	Oliver Pelhye	Aimie Baxter		
Chemistry	Sarah Henshall	Michael Crowe (NPA but was in the National Class)	Oliver Pelhye	Akssa Sabu		
Engineering Science	Jackson Thomson	Kirsty Henshall				
Maths	Connor Brient	Iain Boyle/ Sarah Whyte				
Physical Education	Joseph Newson	Riley Morrison/ Sarah Henshall	Iain Boyle	Emily Baskerville/ Jenna Byers	Mattie McFattridge	Joseph Clay
Physics	Conner Brient	Killian Prokop	Joseph Clay	Iain Boyle		
Practical Woodworking	Conner Brient	Blair MacMorran				
1x UHI Student of the year	Eben Baldwin	School values:	Respect: Mia Jackson	Aspiration: Lisa MacCorquodale	Resilience: Maya Markiewicz	Equity: Sarah Whyte



Science Centre

18 May 2026

On 18 May, all of S1, S2, and S3 travelled to the Glasgow Science Centre. During the visit, they explored a range of interactive activities related to the human body before heading into the Planetarium. There, students were taken on an exciting journey through the solar system and explored different galaxies.

“I liked trying the giant hamster wheel”

“I wish we had more time to explore the activities”



The group also watched a 3D film in the IMAX cinema about space exploration, including the latest missions and future plans for space travel. Students particularly enjoyed visiting the science shop before sitting down for lunch.

The journey home flew by, with plenty of singing on the bus throughout the trip.



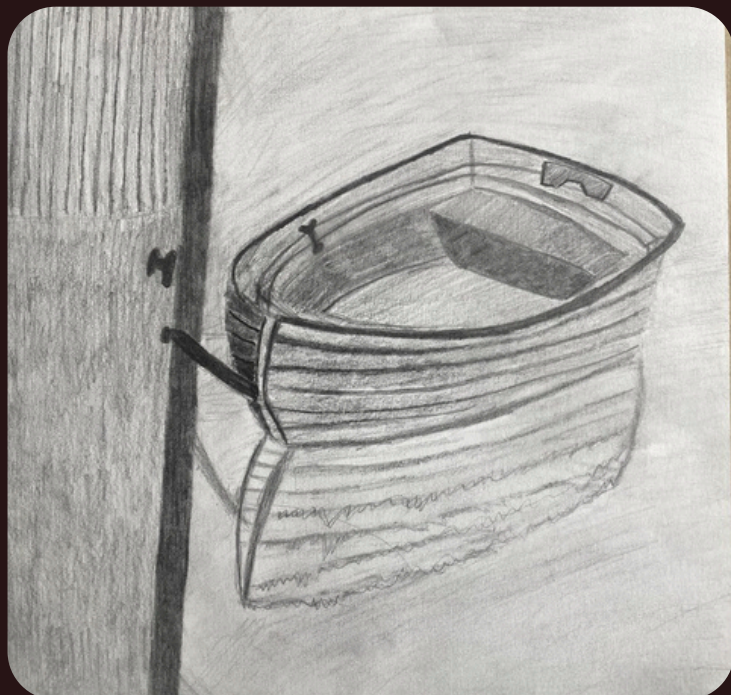
Glencoe Regatta 2026

The Glencoe Regatta 2026 Art Competition, themed around boats, attracted more than 100 outstanding entries, including 45 paintings and drawings, 48 models, and nine photographs.



3rd Place Casey

Art Competition



3rd Place Isla

**Thank you
to
Mrs Cockerill
:-)**



Glencoe Regatta 2026



Art Competition

1st Prize Eddie

KHS proudly submitted artwork from S1 and S2 pupils, who achieved fantastic success, with four of our students receiving prizes for their excellent artwork.



2nd Place Rosie

Football Roundup

Thursday football practice at the Astro 4-530 pm

We get around 20 students each Thursday. It's great fun and the extra time playing together has really bonded the team.

Oban Hostel Cup

Kinloch placed 3 out of 5 teams in the cup - a 7-a-side tournament in tribute to Robert MacFarlane, an attendee of Oban Hostel. 4 hard fought games against Tobermory, Dunoon, Oban and Mallaig resulted in a win, two draws and a loss. The team represented Kinloch excellently, with their hard work and sportsmanship.



Mallaig away, Boys

S3-6 boys were involved in a friendly match at Mallaig's astro. It was a difficult game that ended 8-4 to the home side. The lads did us proud with a courageous fight back in the second half.

With the Small school's competition on the horizon in September, there are fixtures in the pipeline for our girls and boys in August and September. Watch out!



Trail Building

Pupils volunteered from S1-3 to be on a programme run by DYW and involving a local trail building organisation. The programme involved classroom sessions where we were made aware how to make mountain bike trails safe, how to successfully plan an event and how the forestry commission is involved with mountain biking and routes.

Practical work took place at Braveheart Carpark in Fort William where a week was spent developing a trail that will be used in an upcoming enduro event. The group were shown several different tools and put these to use in improving the trail.

The group worked hard throughout despite weather and midges and can be very proud of their achievements. Mr Coultherd



Trail Building



In May , Mr Coultherd and a group of keen outdoor enthusiasts, went on a trailbuilding course, with Mark Clark a local trailbuilding leader.

Aiden & Thomas S2



In the course we learnt how to repair and maintain trails such as adding drainage and repairing berms on this week long course . It was in partnership with dyw and we revamped a local trail called bravehearts fury for an upcoming scottish enduro event.

The tools we used varied every day. The main ones we used were; saws, shovels and mattocks.

The weather wasn't always sunny but it didn't stop us working hard on sticking to the dead line of fixing the trail.

I enjoyed the company and everyone was very nice and we were given free biscuits which I enjoyed.

Trail Building



DYW

A Fantastic Week on the Skills for Work Programme!

A small group of students recently completed an intensive seven-day Skills for Work Employability Award programme, designed to bridge the gap between school and the workplace. The core aim was to equip them with essential "meta skills." The week combined classroom sessions on CV writing, interview preparation, and employee responsibilities, with practical site visits to local employers.

These visits offered an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at diverse industries, allowing students to speak directly with professionals about their career journeys.



The key takeaways were tangible: students compiled CV's, gained confidence in approaching the professional world, and greater clarity on their future career paths. Students are also able to gain an extra qualification on completion of their workbooks.

DYW and the school extend thanks to all the local businesses who supported this valuable experience. IPowerboat (SeaRegs), Lochaline Quartz Sandmine, MOWI. Highland Cinema, National Trust Scotland Glencoe. Balluhulish House Hotel, Crieff Hydro



Skills Development Scotland

Careers Support at Kinlochleven High School

As we head into the summer holidays and look forward to a well-earned six weeks off, I'd like to take the opportunity to remind families about careers support available through Skills Development Scotland (SDS) at Kinlochleven High School.

SDS is Scotland's national careers service, and we support pupils from S1 through to S6 to explore their interests, discover opportunities, and build the confidence, skills and knowledge needed to make informed decisions about their future.

How we support pupils

Career support is available to all year groups and can be accessed throughout the school year through:

- One-to-one career information advice and guidance appointments
- Groupwork and classroom sessions
- Career events and presentations
- Support with subject choices
- CVs, applications and interview preparation
- Exploring college, university, apprenticeships, employment and other pathways

Support from S1 to S6

We begin working with young people early in secondary school, helping them understand their strengths, interests and the world of work through groupwork sessions. As pupils move through school, support becomes increasingly personalised, particularly around planning for life after school.

Young people can access career support whether they have a clear plan or are still exploring their options. All pupils are entitled to access one-to-one support from a Careers Adviser.

Supporting parents and carers

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping young people make decisions about their future. We encourage career conversations at home and are happy to support young people and families at key decision-making stages throughout their school journey.

How to access support

Book a Careers Appointment

Young people and parents/carers can request a careers appointment at any time using the link below:

👉 [Book a Careers Appointment](#)

Appointments can be used to discuss anything career related, including subject choices, post-school options, applications, apprenticeships, CVs, interviews and future planning.

For further information, pupils can also access Scotland's career website My World of Work (where you will also find a dedicated parent / carer section) or contact the SDS helpline on 0800 917 8000.

If you would like to find out more about the support available, please feel free to get in touch:

Sophie Fyfe

✉ sophie.fyfe@sds.co.uk

☎ 01397536305

Have a great summer break!

Lochaber Music Festival

**Well done
to all those who took part**

Several of our school community took part in the Lochaber Music festival, placing highly and winning some silverware! Ben Holtrust (PS), Thomas Holtrust (S2), Hector Doherty (S2), Blake Gregory (S5), Lisa MacCorquodale and Erin MacCallum-Millar (both S6) represented the school in singing, brass, woodwind and string competitions, with Lisa winning the Premier Vocal trophy and being asked to sing at the Gala concert.



**Looking
forward to
next years'
entries
already!**



Eala Brass



Higher and Advanced Higher Music had a group of brass players called Eala Brass come in to play for us, and let us take part in a performance. They told us about the Royal Conservatoire as they had been pupils there (though one member is still there!). It was interesting to learn about the Conservatoire as an option if you plan on having a career in music, or another career in the creative sector. It was informative and fun!

Highly recommended!

By Sarah Whyte

S3 Geography completed a field trip to Fort William as part of their *sustainability topic*.

The group met with *Lochaber Environmental Group* to see what the organisation is trying to do locally to improve sustainability. Pupils asked great questions and represented the school well meeting the group.

Following this the class looked at the *transport hub*, high street and gathered data to complete a report about sustainability. This report will give academic points towards an award in S3.

Pupils were given time to have lunch in the town and *Nevis Bakery* was a popular choice. The sun was out and provided a rare hot sunny day for the trip.

Thanks to Mr Smith for supporting the running of the day and the class can be proud of how they conducted themselves throughout.

Mr Coultherd.



Biology



S3 Biology students
developing 3D
understanding of the
structure of DNA.



Can you Spot
Brooke the skeleton
in the background
looking after the
cocktail cucumbers
and courgettes?



S6 Leavers trip to Berlin



5-8 June 2026



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5-8 June 2026

Our S6 pupils had a fantastic pupil choice experience of a city break visiting the amazing city of Berlin in Germany this month. It was an opportunity to learn more about the history and culture of the city and, of course, a brilliant chance to come together as a year group for the last time. Reaching the end of S6 is a landmark moment in all of our lives and we celebrated in style. We managed to pack in a lot of sightseeing such as the Berlin wall (East Side Gallery), the Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust memorial. We learned a lot about Cold war history through the spy museum, and World War Two history from the Topography of Terror exhibition. The weather was lovely all weekend and we all had a fantastic time.



S6 Leavers trip to Berlin

5-8 June 2026

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to go abroad with friends our age, it really enhances all the activities and signifies the end of our time at school together. Thank you.

The trip was really good and I enjoyed the escape room the most

Thank you for letting me have the chance to have a good send off to my classmates

This trip provided a final experience with the people who have been our classmates for so long - which has been greatly appreciated. It let those who do not regularly get the chance to go abroad to experience being in another country, proving new and valuable experiences.

Thank you for allowing the s6 year group to have one last meet up as well as allowing me to experience new things



S6 Leavers Trip to Berlin

5-8 June 2026

A massive thanks goes to our Parent Council and Kinlochleven Benefit Fund for their generous and kind financial contributions to ensure that this event was affordable for all. Another big thanks to Mrs Hall and Mr Smith for supporting the group abroad, Mhari McGillivray for her organisation and bookings plus our S6 School Captains for contributing to the organisation.



School Dance



Summer Dance 2026



To celebrate reaching towards the end of term we held our annual summer dance. The theme was 'beach' and the heat wave contributed a little too well towards the theme. Our well ventilated dance floor had tunes banging out from our DJ David Ogg playing the usual favourites plus requests to ensure that we all had a really good time together. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought the 'good vibes' to the event and thanks to our Pupil Leaders for the planning and organisation of the event.









School Dance





Sports Day 2026

We had a full day of events for this year's sports day starting off with our elite athletes who took part in the Sports Champions Athletics event. There was a fiercely contested tetrathlon of four events (1500m, 60m sprint, long jump and javelin).



Sports Day Houses



Sports Day 2026

We then moved onto the team events in the afternoon starting with Capture the Flag. Again this was a really competitive event with house teachers lending their abilities to help their teams. After lunch it was team relays with a variety of events such as the 'leaky pipe', clothes relay and the blindfolded obstacle course. We then concluded with our traditional inter house tug of war and a very spirited teachers v S6 contest.



Individual Results

1st: Oliver Pelyhe

2nd: Iain Boyle

3rd: Conner Brient

Senior Girls:

1st: Emily Baskerville

2nd: Jenna Byers

3rd: Sarah Henshall

S3 boys:

1st: Aiden Henshall

Joint 2nd: Cody Tozer

Joint 2nd: Lucas Allen

Joint 2nd: Hector Doherty

S2/3 girls:

1st: Maya Markiewicz

2nd: Lexi MacMillan

3rd: Emilia Hart

S2 boys:

1st: Edward Cabotage

2nd: Noah Henderson

3rd: Calum McKerral





Team Results

1500m	Callart/Leven	Callart/Leven	mamore	Garbhein
60m	Leven	Callart/Mamore	Callart/Mamore	Garbhein
Javelin	Callart	Leven	Garbhein	Mamore
Long Jump	Leven	Callart	Mamore	Garbhein
Team Relay Athletics	Callart	Mamore	Garbhein	Leven
Capture the Flag	Callart	Garbhein	Mamore	Leven
Relays	Callart	Mamore	Garbhein	Leven
Tug of War	Garbhein	Callart	Mamore	Leven


1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Callart	Mamore	Leven	Garbhein
401	254	244	225





Sports Day Congrats & Thank Yous

Very well done to all of our participants, teachers and, of course, *Mrs Wilson* and our *Pupil Leadership* Team for organising the full event. Congratulations goes to Callart for winning overall.



THE NARRATOR



COME SEE

INTO
THE
WOODS
JR.

IN NOVEMBER

Into
the
Woods

School
Musical
Coming
Soon...

RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE



COME SEE

INTO
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CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

Into the Woods

Cast List

Narrator: Emily B & Lucas (split role)

The Baker: Callum

Baker's Wife: Sarah W

The Witch: Lexi / Ellie (2 shows each)

Cinderella: Leah

Cinderella's Prince: Logan

Rapunzel: Ema

Rapunzel's Prince: Conner

Cinderella's Mother: Freya

Cinderella's Father: Casey / Emilia (2 shows each)

Cinderella's Stepmother: Sarah H

Florinda: Melissa

Lucinda: Kirsty

Jack: Noah

Jack's Mother: Annabelle

Milky-White: Thomas

Little Red Riding Hood: Jasmine

Granny: Grace

Mysterious Man: Kaiden

Steward: Dominic / Euan (2 shows each)

Wolf: Cara

Chorus:

Amber, Anna, Sophie, Maya, Hannah, Miley, Isla, Finlay, Kyle and anyone else who wants to be in the show!

Crew List

Stage Manager: Iain

Assistant Stage Managers: Melissa, Aiden, Billie & Shay

Choreography: Lexi

Lighting Design: Riley & Jackson

Costume Design: Eva

Hair & Make-up Design: Skye & Chrystal

Sound/Foley Art: Finlay M, Kayden & Owen

Set Construction: Michael

Props: Art Club

Projection: Calum

Ticket Desk: Olivia H

Usher: Shay & Blair

School
Musical
Coming
Soon....



End of Term Football

Well done to the many active pupils who signed up for an end of term football tournament. It was a non house event and the teachers were invited to form a team with our S6. Each game was very close but it was Jackson's team that won altogether with two clear wins. The teachers and S6 played very enthusiastically but sadly lost both games to strong opposition. Well done to our School Captain Emily and House Captains Jackson and Logan for organising a fun and active way to start the holidays.

