



Largs Academy Newsletter

APRIL 2024

Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony



Recently, our S4 pupils who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award were invited to a North Ayrshire Awards Ceremony at St Matthew's Academy. Well done to Isla Waller, Jessica MacCalman, Ailidh Brobyn, Ailish Rae, Rebecca Shanks, Jack Uppington, Eva Farnell, Lydia Hutchinson, David Cockerill and Lauren Raymond who collected their awards for completion of Bronze level. Some of the group also delivered an excellent presentation at the ceremony outlining the impact DofE has made on them. We would encourage any pupil who is partially finished to work on their DofE over the next term and summer holidays.

Film Screening – “Different Ways”

We were delighted to invite former pupil and film director – Max McGregor – back to Largs Academy for a special screening of his latest film “Different Ways”. Telling the story of a teenage Ukrainian boy who has recently moved to North Ayrshire, the film stars current pupils Nell McGregor, Maddie McGregor and Rana Tatar. Following the screening the cast and crew answered questions from our keen audience about the filmmaking process and shared information about how future pupils could get involved in Max's next project.



Health and Food Technology Trip to Italy



Over Easter, the Health & Food Tech department went on a culinary adventure to Lake Garda. Four staff and thirty two students enjoyed a full on, fast paced experience that included a morning at a cookery school in Verona, glass blowing in Murano, a tour of Venice, a day at Gardaland, an evening bowling, a visit to Lazise to sample the 'best' gelato on the Lake and Neapolitan pizza made in a traditional pizzeria. An amazing time was had by all and the department are already planning a Barcelona trip for next year.

Spotlight on... Musical Achievements

So far, 2024 has been a really successful year for Largs Academy instrumental pupils. Recently, at the Ayrshire Music Festival:

- Sophie Rice – Won her violin class with a performance which was awarded an outstanding by the Adjudicator
- Claire Esslemont – Won her cello class with a performance which was awarded an outstanding by the Adjudicator
- Sophie and Claire received an outstanding (no class winner for this category) in their duet class

Andrew Kennedy, Caera Murray, Cameron Ironmonger, Cecilie Melgaard, Marley Black and Owen McGrath made up part of the Senior Concert Band who travelled to Warwick to perform by invite at the National Concert Band Festival. Pupils were exemplary in their behaviour and represented North Ayrshire very well. Their performance was excellent and they received a gold award!

A lot of talent in the school which is being very well nurtured and supported by our Music Service team.



Turn & Tune In



 **Mobile phones and personal headphones are not to be seen, heard or used at any time whilst in the school building.**

 **This includes at interval, lunch time, during transitions and before the bell goes at the beginning of the school day.**

 **Mobile phones and headphones can be used outside.**

Ambition

Respect

Achievement

Community

Responsibility

Key Dates – April / May.

April 15th:
Start of term 4

April 17th:
S1 Parent Meeting (3:30pm-5:30pm)

April 22nd:
SQA exams begin

April 29th:
S1-S3 Tracking Reports 4

May 6th:
May Day Bank Holiday

May 7th:
Change of Timetable (S1-S3) and introduction of our new Mobile Phone Policy – "Turn Off and Tune In"

May 17th:
S1 (new S2) Communities Day

May 24th and May 27th:
Staff Inservice Day and Spring Bank Holiday Monday

May 28th:
Change of Timetable (S4-S5)