



Parent Council AGM

– 2nd September 2025

Ambition

Respect

Achievement

Community

Responsibility

Happy
FIRST DAY
of
SCHOOL

Stacey Campbell – Teacher of English

Scott Dyer – Teacher of Maths

Nicolle Smith – Teacher of Technologies

Alex Dean – Teacher of PE (Probationer)

Louise Collins – Pupil Support Assistant



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Largs Academy Parent/Carer Calendar – Session 2025/2026

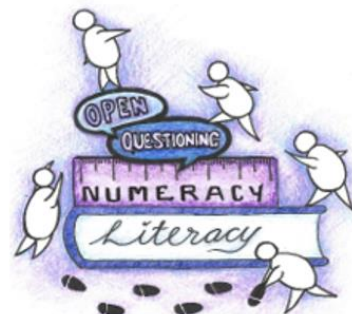
Pupil Term Dates	Reports and Parents' Meetings	Key Dates / Key Events	Main Contacts
Term 1 starts: Wednesday 20 August 2025 Holiday: Monday 22 September 2025 Term 1 ends: Friday 10 October 2025 Term 2 starts: Monday 20 October 2025 Holiday: Friday 21 November 2025 – Tuesday 25 November 2025 inclusive Term 2 ends: Friday 19 December 2025 Term 3 starts: Monday 5 January 2026 Holiday: Friday 6 February 2026 - Tuesday 10 February 2026 inclusive Term 3 ends: Thursday 2 April 2026 Term 4 starts: Monday 20 April 2026 Holiday: Monday 4 May 2026 Holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 Term 4 ends: Tuesday 30 June 2026	S1 Tracking Report : Fri 23 January 26 Full Report : Thurs 30 April 26 Pupil Progress Meeting : Weds 8 October 25 S2 Full Report : Fri 31 October 25 Tracking Report : Thurs 7 May 26 Pupil Progress Meeting : Thurs 19 February 26 S3 Full Report : Fri 28 November 25 Tracking Report : Thurs 7 May 26 Pupil Progress Meeting : Weds 4 March 26 S4 Tracking Report : Fri 7 November 25 Full Report : Tues 13 January 26 Tracking Report 2 : Tue 24 March 26 Pupil Progress Meeting : Thurs 13 November 25 S5-S6 Tracking Report : Fri 7 November 25 Full Report : Fri 13 February 26 Tracking Report 2 : Tue 24 March 26 Pupil Progress Meeting : Weds 10 December 25 Pupil Progress Meetings will all be in person and run from 15:15 – 17:15	Senior Phase Prize Giving: Tues 16 September 25 (2:15pm) Duke of Edinburgh Launch (S4): Thurs 25 September 25 (6pm - virtual) Christmas Fayre: Sat 29 November 25 (10am) National 5 Prelims: Mon 1 December - Fri 12 December 25 Christmas Concert: Tues 16 December 25 (7pm) Strictly Come Dancing: Wed 17 December 25 (4pm) Higher & Advanced Higher Prelims: Mon 12 Jan – Fri 30 Jan 26 P7 Pupil & Parent Open Evening Tuesday 21 Apr 26 (5pm) SQA Examinations: Weds 22 April – Wed 28 May 26 S6 Leavers Day and Graduation: Wed 3 June 26 (9:00am) School Show: Sun 14 June to Wed 17 June 26 BGE Prize Giving: Mon 22 June 26 (2pm)	Head Teacher: Mr Doherty S1 Year Head: Mr Wilson S1 Pastoral PT: Mr McCoy/Ms Cook S2 Year Head: Mr Frew S2 Pastoral PT: Ms McIlroy/Mrs Paterson S3 Year Head: Mrs McClelland S3 Pastoral PT: Miss Furey S4 Year Head: Mrs Mazzoni S4 Pastoral PT: Mr Trainer S5 Year Head: Mr Wilson/Mrs Scott S5 Pastoral PT: Mrs Love/Mr Templeton S6 Year Head: Mrs Gilmour S6 Pastoral PT: Mr Sinclair/Mrs McNicol School contact: largs@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk 01475 687 687

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: EDUCATION SERVICE
LARGS ACADEMY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2025/26



WELLBEING

Work with our trio schools to evaluate our approaches to Wellbeing, Inclusion and Equality.



CURRICULUM AND SKILLS

Reintroduce pupil reporting and explore what a useful pupil report looks like.



LEARNING AND TEACHING

Explore strategies to make lessons more active and increase pupil participation.



RAISING ATTAINMENT

Evaluate our attainment data then reintroduce targeted classroom interventions to improve Senior Phase attainment.

RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Work with parents, pupils, partners and staff to re-evaluate our school vision and values.





<u>Learning & Teaching</u>	<u>Raising Attainment</u>	<u>Curriculum & Skills</u>	<u>Wellbeing & Equality</u>	<u>Rights of the Child</u>
Explore strategies to make lessons more active and increase pupil participation. Embed a consistent lesson structure. Develop a whole school literacy strategy and introduce common approaches to improve the quality of literacy. Moderate numeracy across our Cluster.	Evaluate our attainment data then reintroduce targeted classroom interventions to improve Senior Phase attainment. Align North Ayrshire's digital learning framework with our approaches to create a Largs Academy digital policy.	Introduce the Education Scotland Pupil Profile tool to ensure all young people are accessing high quality wider experiences. Reintroduce pupil reporting and explore what a useful pupil report looks like. Formalise the "S6 Experience".	Embed robust tracking of pupil wellbeing and follow-up support interventions. Redesign our attendance policy and approaches to supporting attendance. Work with our trio schools to evaluate our approaches to Wellbeing, Inclusion and Equality.	Continue to work towards our Gold Rights Respecting School accreditation. Develop our Pupil Leadership Team and complete our first Pupil Improvement Plan. Work with parents, pupils, partners and staff to re-evaluate our school vision and values.



If you would like to be involved one of these priorities then please fill out a post-it with your name, email address and identify the priority: literacy; digital; reporting; attendance; vision and values...



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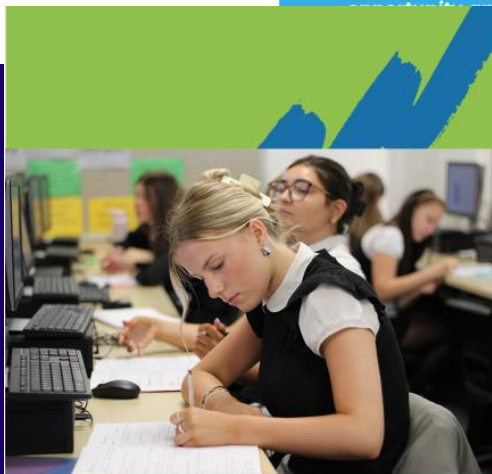


Attendance Matters

Building your tomorrow, today!



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Spot the early warning signs



- 🕒 Frequent vague illnesses such as headaches or stomach aches)
- 🕒 Struggles to get out of bed or constant lateness
- 📅 Anxiety on Sunday nights or before school days
- 🕒 Loss of interest in activities they once enjoyed
- 🗣️ Withdrawal from friends or family conversations
- 🗑️ Regularly forgetting things or appearing unprepared
- 📉 Drop in engagement, energy, or school performance
- 🗣️ Expressing statements like 'No one will notice if I'm not there'

Your application must be for activities/events/resources for one or more of the following 5 themes:

- a. Health and wellbeing
 - b. Young people's voice and rights
 - c. Equality and diversity
 - d. Cost of living
 - e. Green projects
- Applications will close on Monday 15th September at 5pm



What we will not fund:

1. Applications from schools

Parent Councils and Associations can apply for extra activities out with the school day (before or after school) if they enhance and benefit the wider community. You must upload or include evidence that young people have been involved in shaping the application.



Largs Academy Newsletter

AUGUST 2025

Legally Blonde



Our June school show, Legally Blonde, was a truly outstanding success! From the hilarious script to the fabulous singing, dancing and acting, the energy and talent of our pupils shone through. The production was the result of a huge team effort, with countless hours of dedication from staff, pupils and volunteers working behind the scenes to make it all possible. The creativity, enthusiasm and commitment of everyone involved brought the story to life with unforgettable style. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our parents and families for their incredible support throughout the journey. Next year's show announced soon...

Happy Retirement

In June, we marked the retiral of three much-loved colleagues: Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Lundy from Maths, and Mr McDaid from English. Together, they have given over a century of dedicated service to our school, shaping the lives of generations of young people. The outpouring of well wishes from both current and former pupils reflected the lasting impact they have made. We thank them warmly for their commitment and wish them every happiness in their retirement.



Activities Days



Reintroducing our summer Activities Days was a huge success, giving pupils the chance to enjoy a wide range of exciting experiences both locally and further afield. From sailing, swimming and sports in the local community to the thrill of water sports at Foxlake and the adventure of Alton Towers, we hope there was something for everyone. Pupils embraced the opportunities with great enthusiasm, making great summer memories with friends and staff alike. We're already planning an even wider offer for next summer and look forward to building on this year's success.

Spotlight on... Parent Portal

parentsportal.scot

Get the App!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

APPLY FOR FREE BUS TRAVEL

ANNUAL DATA CHECK

VIEW ATTENDANCE

SEE REPORT CARDS

GET PERMISSION SLIPS

ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENTS

SAY GOODBYE TO THE SCHOOL BAG RUN WITH PARENTSPORTAL.SCOT

We know that downloading a new app might feel like just one more thing on your to-do list, but we promise the Parent Portal is worth it! Once it's all set up, it makes staying connected with school so much easier.

From the convenience of your phone or tablet, you'll be able to book parent meetings, check attendance, pay for school meals, and approve trips – all in one place. No more juggling different websites, forms, or emails! The setup is quick and straightforward, and once it's done, it will save you time and make managing your child's school life simpler than ever.

Many parents who've already signed up have already commented on how handy it is and over 50% are already on board. If you haven't tried it yet, now is the perfect time – take a few minutes to get started and see how much easier school communications can be.

To register with parentsportal.scot, please go to <https://parentsportal.scot/home>. If you have a mygovscot my account (MyNAC), click the link to Sign In or if you do not have a mygovscot my account, click the link to register.

Key Dates – September 2025

- Sept 2nd: Parent Council AGM (17:00 Largs Academy)
- Sept 5th: Fundraising Friday (non-uniform)
- Sept 10th: UCAS Open Evening (19:00 virtual)
- Sept 16th: Senior Phase Prizegiving (14:30-16:00)
- Sept 19th: Extra-curricular Fayre
- Sept 22nd: Staff Inservice Day (pupils not in school)
- Sept 25th: S4 Duke of Edinburgh Info Session (19:00 virtual)

PEP – Third Sector Programme

Are you an unemployed parent living in North Ayrshire with children who are 0-16 years of age?

North Ayrshire Council is working in partnership with Third Sector Organisations creating 16 week mentored placements for unemployed parents to gain training, skills and experience. The programme is funded by the Scottish Government, and aims to support 20 parents.

Why Choose Us?

- 26 week placement
- Up to 25 hours per week
- Paid at the Real Living Wage (£12.60 per hour)

In Work Support

As part of the Third Sector programme you will have access to mentoring throughout your 26 week placement to help gain employment.

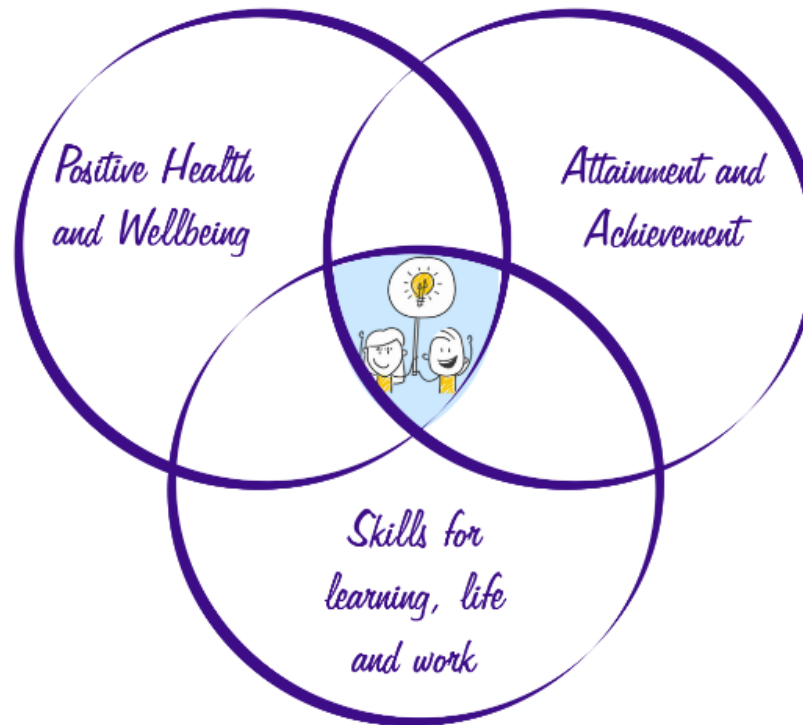
Vacancies

Office Admin – Anderson
 Centre/Cafe Asst – Anderson
 Community Centre Asst – Beth
 Facilities/Domestic Asst – Beth
 Marketing & Business Support – Beth
 Recruitment & HR – Beth/Anderson
 Admin Support – Anderson
 Classroom Asst – Irvine
 Creative Asst – Irvine
 Front of House – Irvine
 Facilities Asst – Kilmanning
 Administration – Irvine
 Pupil Champion – Kilmanning
 Service Asst – Subtotal
 Social Media Asst – Anderson
 Retail Asst – Largs
 Supporting/Mentoring/Recruiting Technician – Anderson
 Van/Maintenance Person – Irvine

For more information and to apply, please Call/Text/WhatsApp We Work for Families on 07989029250



Largs Academy Parent Council 2025 Results Analysis

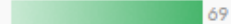


2025 NQ Total Qualifications Summary

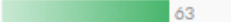
2025

Level	Presentations	As	Bs	Cs	Ds	NAs	% Fails	% Passes (A-C)
National 5	1143	43%	21%	17%	12%	8%	20 	 80
Higher	687	36%	25%	19%	12%	7%	20 	 80
Adv. Higher	76	33%	26%	17%	12%	12%	24 	 76

2024

Level	Presentations	As	Bs	Cs	Ds	NAs	% Fails	% Passes (A-C)
National 5	1081	45%	21%	15%	10%	8%	19 	 81
Higher	689	26%	25%	25%	15%	9%	25 	 75
Adv. Higher	85	24%	26%	20%	15%	15%	31 	 69

2023

Level	Presentations	As	Bs	Cs	Ds	NAs	% Fails	% Passes (A-C)
National 5	1115	37%	25%	17%	13%	7%	21 	 79
Higher	760	26%	24%	18%	15%	15%	32 	 68
Adv. Higher	129	20%	16%	28%	16%	20%	37 	 63



S4 Nat 4/5 Key Points

(NAC Average in blue)

- 70% (64%) of S4 achieved 5+ Lv4 Passes
- 89% (79%) of S4 achieved 1+ Lv5 Passes (A-C)
- 52% (35%) of S4 achieved 5+ Lv5 Passes (A-C)
- 31% (21%) of S4 achieved 7+ Lv5 Passes (A-C)

- 17% (30 pupils) achieved 7 or more x A passes

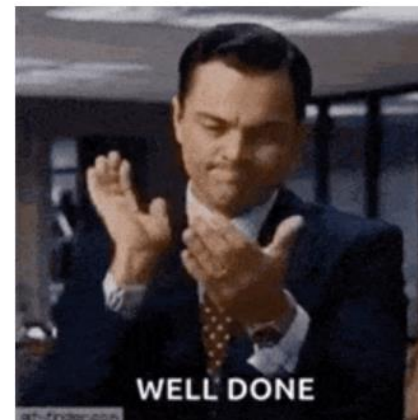




S5 Higher Key Points

(NAC Average in blue)

- 61% (48%) of S5 achieved 1+ Lv6 Passes (A-C)
- 47% (27%) of S5 achieved 3+ Lv6 Passes (A-C)
- 23% (13%) of S5 achieved 5+ Lv6 Passes (A-C)



2024-25 focus was improving quality of passes:

- The number of pupils achieving 5 x A passes has risen from 7 pupils to 18.
- The number of pupils achieving 5 x A or B passes has risen from 19 pupils to 28.



S6 Advanced Higher Key Points

(NAC Average in blue)

- 21% (15%) of S6 achieved 1+ Lv7 Passes (A-C)
- 8% (4%) of S5 achieved 2+ Lv7 Passes (A-C)
- 2% (1%) of S5 achieved 3+ Lv7 Passes (A-C)





Special Mention

English (Higher & Adv Higher)

Subject	Number of presentations	PASS (A-C)	PASS (A-D)	Fail (Not Including D)	Pass Rate A-C (%)
Ardrossan Academy	59	36	53	6	61.0%
Arran High School	32	29	30	2	90.6%
Auchenharvie Academy	34	13	24	10	38.2%
Garnock Community Campus-Secondary	58	41	53	5	70.7%
Greenwood Academy	112	76	103	9	67.9%
Irvine Royal Academy	38	18	34	4	47.4%
Kilwinning Academy	68	44	60	8	64.7%
Largs Academy	105	97	102	3	92.4%
St Matthew's Academy	120	101	119	1	84.2%
Total	626	455	578	48	72.7%

Subject	Number of presentations	PASS (A-C)	PASS (A-D)	Fail (Not Including D)	Pass Rate A-C (%)	Pass Rate A-D (%)
Ardrossan Academy	4	4	4	0	100.0%	100.0%
Arran High School	1	1	1	0	100.0%	100.0%
Auchenharvie Academy	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Garnock Community Campus-Secondary	11	6	6	5	54.5%	54.5%
Greenwood Academy	11	8	8	3	72.7%	72.7%
Irvine Royal Academy	1	1	1	0	100.0%	100.0%
Kilwinning Academy	10	8	8	2	80.0%	80.0%
Largs Academy	18	17	17	1	94.4%	94.4%
St Matthew's Academy	17	13	13	4	76.5%	76.5%
Total	73	58	58	15	79.5%	79.5%



Final Comments

- Insight (National Comparison Tool) – 17th September 2025
- Lv6 1st Aid Award
- National 5 – Mental Health & Wellbeing Award
- Results Analysis Process
- Faculty Leader Meetings & Challenge Qs
- Individual Staff Analysis
- Prize Giving Celebration (Tuesday 16th September 2025)