



Largs Academy Newsletter

MARCH 2024

Young Musician of the Year



This month has been busy for our pupils in Expressive Arts as, we held our first evening celebration of Music, Dance and Drama - Kaleidoscope. Featuring the stage debut of "Cinderella Goes Wrong" by our Senior Drama group and a number of dance performances, the event culminated in the judging of our Young Musician of the Year finalist. Congratulations to our winner - Oliver Barr - and our runners up - Dylan Shearer and Cameron Barker.

Oliver went on to represent the school at the North Ayrshire finals in Saltcoats and did an outstanding job on the piano.

Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Final

Each year our S2 pupils compete in the YPI programme. Led by Mrs Tait and Miss Kerr, our pupils work in groups to research a local charity, meet with the staff who work there and raise awareness of their chosen cause. This culminates with a final where 6 pupil groups are chosen to present why their charity is deserving of winning a £3000 donation in front of their peers and a panel of judges.

Congratulations to this year's winners - Lily, Amelia, Alysha, Rose, Rachel and Zoe - who were representing CHAP. CHAP are a local charity who support the community with a range of housing, debt and welfare issues.



Staff vs Pupils Bake Off



An amazing array of cakes and bakes were produced last week at our annual Staff vs Pupils Bake Off. Organised by our Events Management pupil, Jack Uppington, this LA Events occasion had a large number of our pupils and staff competing for the bake off crown. In the end, our judges awarded S1 pupils - Ruby and Lily the pupil trophy for their traybakes. Mr Rowan - our Biology teacher - won the staff rounds with his delicious citrus cake.

Spotlight on... Options

Throughout term 3 we have a high profile focus on our options process with our pupils who are selecting subjects for the next school year. Between January and March, our pupils all receive an information assembly in school about the process, PSE lessons focused on Careers and attend our Careers Fayre where they can speak to local and national employers, colleges, Universities and subject teachers. Alongside this, we schedule our Parents' Meetings for this term and ensure that all pupil and parents/carers have an up-to-date tracking report to support them in the process. Lastly, we offer a virtual information session for parents talking through the options process and invite parents/carers to attend the option choice meetings between our pupils and their Year Team. We strongly believe that when pupils make informed choices about their future curriculum that they enjoy school more and attain better results.

Our website has an up-to-date section all about pupil options including our curriculum booklet and all of options forms.

These can be found here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/laoptions/>



Senior Phase Supported Study Timetable - March 2024			
DATE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER
Monday 18th March			
08.05 - 08.50	Chemistry	Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Music / Music Technology	Not Higher	Mrs MacArthur
	Dance	Not Higher	Mrs MacArthur
	French	Not Higher	Mrs MacArthur
	Spanish	Not Higher	Mrs MacArthur
Tuesday 19th March			
08.05 - 08.50	Maths	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Wednesday 20th March			
08.05 - 08.50	Health & Food Technology	Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Business Management	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Modern Studies	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	English	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Human Biology	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physical Education	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Computing	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Thursday 21st March			
08.05 - 08.50	Practical Electronics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Biography	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Spanish	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Geography	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	History	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Spanish	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	English	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Maths	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Art & Design	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physical Education	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Practical Electronics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Friday 22nd March			
08.05 - 08.50	Business	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Saturday 23rd March			
08.05 - 08.50	Chemistry	Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Music / Music Technology	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Dance	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	French	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Spanish	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Sunday 24th March			
08.05 - 08.50	English	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Maths	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Monday 25th March			
08.05 - 08.50	Health & Food Technology	Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Business	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Modern Studies	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	English	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Human Biology	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physical Education	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Computing	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
Tuesday 26th March			
08.05 - 08.50	Practical Electronics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Biography	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Spanish	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Geography	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	History	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Spanish	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	English	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Maths	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Art & Design	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Physical Education	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan
	Practical Electronics	Not Higher	Mrs MacLellan

Key Dates – March

March 1st:
Fundraising Friday (Malawi partnership and UNICEF)

March 5th:
S3 Parent Meeting (4:15pm-6:15pm)

March 14th:
P7 Transition Day Scavenger Hunt

March 22nd:
S5/6 Tracking Reports with SQA estimates

March 28th:
Cluster Rights Respecting Schools Day

March 28th:
School closes for Term 3 holidays and reopens at 9am on April 15th at 9am.

Supported Study will run throughout March with sessions running every day after school. We would strongly encourage our pupils to attend as many sessions as possible in the subject areas where they require additional support.