



Largs Academy Newsletter

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Cyber Award

Well done to our Computing team on achieving CyberFirst School Bronze status—an excellent recognition of our commitment to cyber security and computing education. Achieving the award involves delivering a strong computing curriculum, promoting cyber security awareness, engaging pupils in enrichment activities and building links with industry partners. It reflects a whole-school commitment to developing digital skills and inspiring future pathways in technology. This success highlights the positive impact of continued innovation and collaboration in preparing young people for an increasingly digital world.

Largs Got Talent

Congratulations to Erin and Isla for winning Largs Got Talent with their beautiful singing. The event showcased an incredible range of talent, with many outstanding performances on display. Well done also to 2nd placed Callum for his impressive bagpipe performance, and to Aidan for achieving third place. Finally, a big thank you to our Events Management pupils for organising such a fabulous event—it was a fantastic celebration of the creativity and skill within our school community.



Barcelona



Last term, our Health & Food Technology department took 33 pupils on an unforgettable 4-day food adventure to Barcelona. From iconic sights like the Sagrada Família, Barcelona Cathedral and Parc de la Ciutadella to exploring the Banksy Museum, Port Vell, Placa Reial and Poble Espanyol, every day was packed with something new. We even squeezed in a full day of thrills at Port Aventura Theme Park. The food experiences were just as incredible — a paella cooking class at Cook & Taste, a visit to the famous La Boqueria market, and plenty of tapas and churros along the way.

An amazing trip from start to finish and for many of our pupils... they tell us it was their best holiday ever!

Spotlight on...from SQA to Qualifications Scotland



The Scottish Qualifications Authority has now been replaced by Qualifications Scotland, marking an important change in Scottish education. From 1 February 2026, Qualifications Scotland became the country's new national awarding body, responsible for developing, assessing and certifying qualifications.

For parents and young people, the key message is that qualifications such as Nationals, Highers and Advanced Highers remain in place, and there is no immediate change to how courses or exams are delivered. The transition is designed to be smooth, ensuring continuity for learners while improvements are introduced over time.

Qualifications Scotland has been created as part of wider education reform, with a stronger focus on transparency, fairness and listening to the views of teachers, learners and parents. It will also review qualifications to ensure they are fit for the future and reflect the skills young people need.

You can find more information and updates here: <https://www.qualifications.gov.scot/about>

We shared this information with pupils in recent assemblies before their exams and with parents at a recent Parent Council.

Key Dates – May 2026

May 4th:

Bank Holiday – school closed to staff and pupils

May 11th:

S1-S3 timetable change

May 15th:

S1 Communities Day / Fundraising Friday

May 21st and May 22nd:

P7 Transition Days 1 and 2

May 25th:

Staff Inservice Day – school closed to all pupils

May 27th– May 29th:

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions

