#### **KYLE ACADEMY**

# HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

### Tuesday 29 April 2025

#### **SQA Exams Begin**

SQA exams began on Friday 25 April with Computing Science. They will continue until the end of May. We wish all our young people the very best of luck.

## **S6 Last Day**

We had a full house for the S6 Leavers Assembly on Thursday 24 April. The morning consisted of speeches, videos, photographs and tears. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the pupils had lunch from the Ghillie Dhu food truck before leaving. Our S6 have been an outstanding year group. They raised over £7000 for Children In Need and their work was recognised by a motion in the Scottish Parliament. They efficiently organised Parents Evenings and volunteered in classes with younger pupils. We will miss them very much!

# Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Final



Every year S3 participate in the YPI Project as part of their RME course. YPI is a programme that gives secondary students the chance to research local charities and compete for a £3,000 grant for the cause they feel passionate about. It promotes teamwork, public speaking, and social awareness. It is supported by The Wood Foundation. This year, there were 6 groups in the final which took place on Friday 25 April. The charities included Befrienders, Sportsability Scotland, Ayrshire Cancer Support, Ayrshire Hospice and The Flying Tigers (powerchair football

team). All the groups were outstanding and it was a very difficult decision. Well done to Greta Dodds and Ella Davidge who won £3000 for their charity CHAS.

### **South Ayrshire Youth Awards 2025**

We had three groups from the school nominated this year: our LGBT+ Group for the Equalities and Diversity Award; last year's S2 Year Group Committee for their work reviewing our school uniform; and S6 for the Citizenship Award to acknowledge their charity work for Children In Need. Both the LGBT+ group and the S2 Yr Gp Committee were finalists and were invited to a glitzy award night at the Town Hall on 2 April to celebrate.

#### **Work Out Initiative**

Eleven young people from Kyle completed South Ayrshire Council's Work Out initiative this year. They graduated at an awards ceremony at the end of March. This initiative involves a day's work experience throughout the year to prepare young people intending to leave school at the end of S4 for the world of work. We are extremely proud of the way these young people committed to the programme. A few of them have apprenticeships as a result.

### **Upcoming events**

Mon 5 May – Holiday
Wed 21 May – Big Day Out
Thu 22 May – P7 Parent Info Evening
26/27 May – Holiday/In-service Day
28 May – Timetable changes
Thur 19 June – School Captains interviews

# **Dates for your Diary**

Wed 11 June - Summer Concert Tue 24 June – Summer Carnival

Final meeting of Parent Council - Tuesday 3 June 2025