

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 24 September 2024

Theme of the Month – Respect and Diversity

This month we have been celebrating our diverse school community in Daily Personal Support and focusing on our values of respect and diversity. We have looked at Article 29 of the UNCRC (Aims of Education) which states education must encourage children and young people to respect human rights and their own and other cultures. This led us to revisit our anti-bullying policy and look at the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

UCAS Applications

The application process for university entrance 2025 has begun. We held an information session on 12 September for parents and pupils in S5 and S6. We shared information about the UCAS process including dates and deadlines. The Admissions Officer from UWS also gave a presentation about what admissions are looking for and how to write a good Personal Statement. The slides are available on our website [here](#).

All S6 also attended the UCAS Conference in Kilmarnock on 12 September where they were able to talk to representatives from a range of universities.

Air Show STEM Event

On 5 September, S2 pupils were offered the chance to attend a STEM event at Prestwick Airport as part of the educational offer from the Festival of Flight. Approximately 100 pupils attend and enjoyed workshops run by RAF, Royal Navy as well as careers and sector specific activities from local aerospace industries and partners.

Work Experience Week

As part of our skills and employability curriculum, all S4 were given the chance to participate in work experience at the start of September. Sixty-eight pupils completed a placement across a range of sectors. The school received very positive feedback about our young people. All pupils get the chance to go on a work placement across S4 to S6. This can look different for different pupils eg two day tasters, six week blocks one afternoon a week, etc.

S1/2 Cross Country Championships

Huge congratulations to all pupils who competed in the at Rozelle on Wednesday 16 September. Team Kyle were awarded the plate for the best secondary school in terms of podium positions, placing and numbers taking part.

- S1 Boys - Kasper Wos (1C) hit the top of the podium with Ruairidh Waddell in second place(1C)
- S1 Girls - Orla Stewart (1B) won the bronze medal
- S2 Girls - Ava McClurkin (2C) secured the silver medal with Eilidh Dunsford winning Bronze

All pupils who competed for Team Kyle were awarded 3 House points for their contribution to the plate and 5 House points for a podium position.

Upcoming events

Wed 2 October – S1/2 Open Evening

9/10 October – S1 Buddy Breakfasts

Friday 11 October – school closes at 2.50pm for the October holiday

Monday 21 October – In-service day

Thursday 24 October – S1 Parents' Evening

Next meeting of Parent Council - Tuesday 29 October