

Caledonian Campus

Summer Newsletter

Dear All

Welcome to our Summer newsletter!

As we reach the end of another busy and successful academic year, we are pleased to share some of the highlights and achievements from across our school.

Primary School Updates

The Primary department has had a very busy and positive term, with lots of new faces both among our pupils and staff. We warmly welcome all the new young people and staff who have joined us recently. A special mention goes to our new teacher, Mr Gary Foley, who has just successfully gained his full registration for teaching. Many congratulations, Gary – we are delighted to have you as a fully qualified member of the team! Heather also joined the Primary Department, as an education assistant, this term and she is already a valued member of the team.

Our pupils took part in the Show Racism the Red Card competition in partnership with the Scottish Football Association (SFA). They explored the topic of racism in football, including learning about the experiences of Mark Walters when he first played in Scotland. As part of the project, the children created a large cardboard model of Hampden Park and a fantastic model of 'Super' John McGinn made from pipe and papier-mâché. Although we didn't win the competition, the pupils worked extremely hard, showed great creativity, and learned a great deal from the experience.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different countries taking part in the World Cup. This has been a fun and engaging way for them to explore world geography, flags, cultures, and traditions. We are very proud of all our Primary pupils for their enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work throughout the term.



Secondary School Updates

Class 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their immersive topic on Scotland this year. Pupils have explored Scotland's rich heritage through its cuisine, language, geography, weather, and history. As part of their learning, the class visited many fantastic local and historical sites, including Quarriers Village, Portencross, Ardrossan Castle, Largs Pencil, Druids Graves, Elderslie, the Wallace Monument, and most recently the Kelpies. These trips brought their classroom learning to life and helped the children develop a real sense of pride in their Scottish identity.

The children also linked their topic work with their ASDAN and Personal Achievement Awards. They created shopping lists, visited Tesco to buy ingredients, and prepared their own packed lunches. These hands-on activities helped them practise important life skills such as planning, budgeting, and independence while connecting their learning to real-world experiences.



We recently finished reading *Stormbreaker*, the first book in the popular Alex Rider adventure series. The class really enjoyed listening to the story, and we followed it up by watching the movie adaptation. This pairing led to some excellent discussions about how we imagine characters and settings when reading, compared to how they are brought to life on screen. It was fascinating to hear the students' thoughts on the differences between the book and the film! The students showed great engagement throughout the unit — it was a fun and thoughtful way to explore literature and media. Class 2 have worked extremely hard this term and have shown great enthusiasm in their topic on Scotland. As part of their studies, the class have been reading the novel *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns* by Lindsay Littleton. Pupils have engaged in thoughtful discussions, summarising key events and making predictions about what might happen next — demonstrating strong comprehension and imagination.

The children have also had many enriching opportunities to explore Scotland's history through visits to various historic sites. They have developed important life skills by mastering navigation, planning journeys, and using public transport to reach their destinations. In addition, Class 2 have placed a strong focus on their physical and mental wellbeing. They have been gradually increasing the distance of their afternoon walks, reflecting positively on how this benefits them both physically and mentally.

The pupils have shown real determination and are already looking forward to setting themselves new challenges in the next school year. Well done Class 2 on a fantastic term of learning, exploration and personal growth!

Class 3 has enjoyed a busy and exciting term filled with memorable learning experiences and fantastic achievements.

In Social Studies, pupils immersed themselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. They explored daily life in Egyptian society, studied hieroglyphics, and learned about the many gods that played such an important role in Egyptian beliefs. A highlight of the term was their visit to the Tutankhamun Exhibition at Glasgow's SEC, where the class enjoyed interactive displays, virtual reality experiences, and the chance to see impressive artefacts up close. Pupils have also continued to make excellent progress with their ASDAN awards, further developing key meta-skills including communication, collaboration, problem-solving, adaptability, and confidence.

The class has been actively involved in the wider community through several enjoyable outings, including beach crabbing, a visit to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, and weekly golf sessions at the driving range, where they have been learning a valuable new skill. Weekly cooking classes have also been very popular, helping pupils develop their cooking techniques and food preparation skills while expanding their tastes — with milkshakes and barbecue chicken pizzas proving firm favourites! There has been plenty of active learning in the classroom too, with pupils enthusiastically taking part in a variety of games, including many competitive rounds of UNO, which remains a class favourite.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils' academic successes this term, with several achieving qualifications in National 2 Life Skills Maths, National 2 Language and Communication, and National 3 Applications of Mathematics.

A Huge Congratulations to Our Seniors!

We are incredibly proud of our senior pupils who have shown outstanding commitment, resilience, and determination throughout this academic year. These young people have

worked extremely hard, balancing their studies with a wide range of other responsibilities. Their efforts have paid off, and we are delighted that this year's cohort looks set to achieve more National 5 qualifications than any previous senior year. This is a fantastic testament to their dedication and the high standards they have set for themselves.

In addition to their academic successes, many of our seniors have also excelled in volunteering and personal development. We warmly congratulate those who have completed the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards, as well as the Silver ASDAN Award. These achievements highlight their willingness to step outside the classroom, develop new skills, and contribute positively to their communities. We are equally proud of the pupils who have represented the school off campus at Geilsland. While there, they successfully gained valuable certificates including First Aid and REHIS, further demonstrating their initiative and desire to grow as well-rounded individuals. To every one of our leavers – you have made us proud. Your hard work, positive attitude, and achievements this year have been truly impressive.

We have every confidence that you will continue to thrive in your next steps and make the most of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Well done, Seniors! We wish you every success for the future and know you will go on to achieve great things.

Thank you to all secondary pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year.

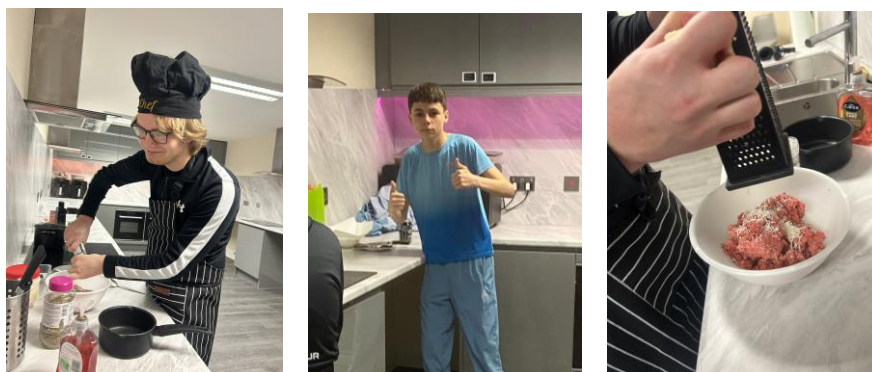


Kitchen

What a fantastic year it has been in the kitchen! Students from our youngest primary classes right through to our senior secondary pupils have thoroughly enjoyed countless cooking sessions filled with creativity, fun, and laughter.

The kitchen has been a hive of enthusiasm as pupils developed essential life skills while preparing a wide variety of delicious recipes. From mastering basic food preparation and kitchen safety to learning more advanced cooking techniques, every student has grown in confidence and ability. We are particularly proud of those pupils who have

worked towards and achieved nationally recognised standards. Their dedication, skill, and perseverance have been outstanding.



Campus Improvements

We are delighted to share the fantastic improvements made to our Skills Department this term. A new covered area has been created at the rear of the department, transforming a previously underused space that was in need of some care and attention. This practical development now provides a dedicated outdoor workspace where pupils can carry out car valeting and brick laying activities, regardless of the weather. This exciting upgrade brings significant added value to our curriculum. It allows pupils to gain valuable hands-on experience in a realistic setting, helping them develop essential practical skills, confidence, and real-world competencies that will benefit them long into the future. A huge thank you to everyone involved in planning and delivering this project — the transformation has been excellent and will make a real difference to our pupils' learning experiences.

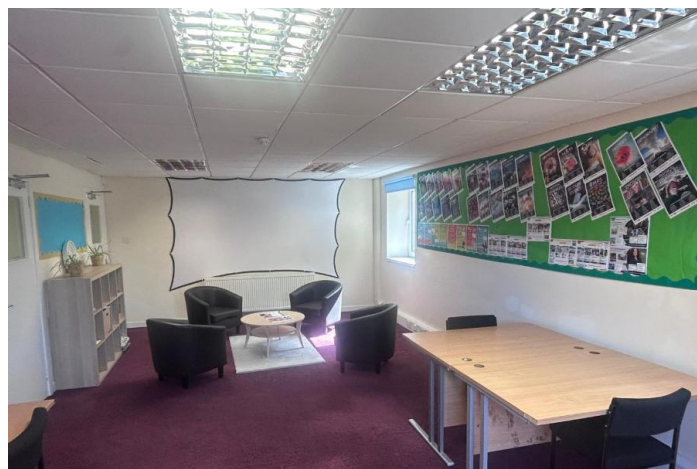


We are also pleased to highlight the successful launch of our new Wellbeing Room, which has become a valuable addition to our school this year. This dedicated space was created to support our pupils' personal development and mental wellbeing. It

provides a calm and welcoming environment where young people can step away from the demands of academic lessons when needed, offering a quiet place to recharge and refocus.

Pupils are encouraged to use the room to explore resources that support their wellbeing and to plan for their futures. It is also the regular meeting space for young people with our SDS Officer, John Lang, allowing for supportive, one-to-one career and next-step discussions in a relaxed setting. The Wellbeing Room has already made a positive difference, helping many pupils to feel more supported as they navigate their studies and think ahead to life beyond school.

Thank you to everyone who helped establish this important space — it is already proving to be a real asset to our school community.



A new fence will be installed around the Primary School playground over the summer holidays. This important safety upgrade will create a secure and enclosed play area, ensuring our younger pupils can enjoy their breaks and outdoor time in a safe environment. Work is scheduled to take place while the school is closed, so everything will be ready for the new academic year in August.

Wishing You All a Wonderful Summer

As we break for the summer holidays, we would like to wish a very happy summer to all our pupils, parents, carers, staff, and external professionals who support our school community. We hope you have a restful, safe, and enjoyable break filled with sunshine and happy memories. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in August refreshed and ready for another exciting year.

With warmest wishes,

All the staff at Caledonian Campus