

# **ARD SGOIL A'PHLUIC/PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER—Week ending 5th September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well underway with the first term of this session and it has been great to see our new S1 pupils and new Music School pupils settling in and doing well. As always, it has been a busy start to the term as we begin new courses of study and adjust to being back in school.

Our senior pupils have been getting support and advice about work and study opportunities as they think about their future plans. We had the Universities Tour visiting in the first week back and presentations from Developing the Young Workforce this week. On Wednesday and Thursday this week, all S6 pupils had individual interviews with Skills Development Scotland careers advisors.

Our S1 and S2 pupils enjoyed a Jammin' Fitness session this Monday afternoon with Andy McKechnie who encourages young people to think positively and do their best, all reinforced through movement activities which kept everyone on their toes!

Thank you for your attention to the annual data check forms which we send out at this time of year. In some cases it may just be confirming that your details are still correct or it might serve as a reminder to update us of any change of address, name or any other details. It is really important that we have accurate information about how to contact you, both with routine mail-outs and other matters and also if we need to reach you quickly.

You may be aware that there are going to be some changes to qualifications and assessment in Scotland. This newsletter contains a link to further information about these reforms.

Just a reminder that we have two In-service days coming up in school this month on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September when pupils will not be in school.

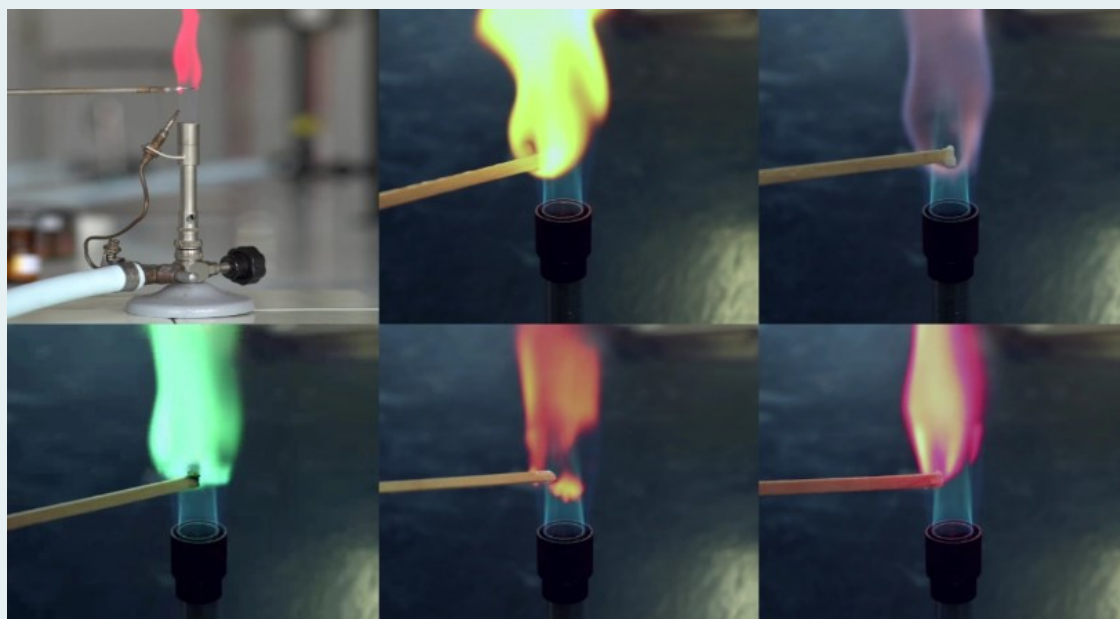
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Jo Scott-Moncrieff

# SCIENCE



The first year students have successfully completed a range of tasks in order to obtain their “Bunsen Burner Licence”. They have been following the lab safety rules and learnt how to set up their laboratory space safely, so that they can conduct practical experiments. They completed a flame testing experiment, where they tested different types of salts to change the colour of the Bunsen flame! This demonstrated their safety and abilities in the lab to gain their licence. Well done to all the S1s from the Science Department!



## Reforms to Scotland's Education system

You may be aware Scotland's education system is being reformed, this includes the creation of a new qualifications body, Qualifications Scotland, and a new education inspectorate, with further changes to national education public bodies occurring throughout the upcoming school year.

Improvements to the curriculum and approach to qualifications, and assessment are also planned in the coming years. This work will enhance outcomes for children and young people educated in Scotland with the aim of ensuring excellence and equity by raising standards and giving every child and young person the same opportunity to succeed. Further information can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](#).



Well Done to Josh Whittingham who won the Lochcarron Open Stableford Competition 2025 on Saturday 30th August.  
His prize is £100 cash.

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**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> year Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September**



**TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE**

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A PLACE**

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### S3 ARTWORK



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Euan



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