



## The Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships

**The 2024 Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships took place on Sunday 10 March at the William McIlvanney Campus in Kilmarnock, with the support of the Highland Society of London, providing a day of competition and camaraderie, and a showcase for Scotland's talented young musicians.**

The Championships are independently organised by the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT), who believe every school pupil should have the chance to learn the pipes and drums on the same basis as other school instrument tuition. If you can learn the trumpet or violin in school, why not pipes and drums? The Championships aim to put that right by showing the power of piping and the force for good it can be.

The Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships is a showcase of the talent of young musicians designed to promote the playing of Scotland's national instruments. Competition grades and categories provide a forum for top level competition, in addition to a positive and encouraging environment for school pipe bands with minimal or no competing experience.

It's not just about traditional pipe band formats either. The innovative Freestyle category sees school pipe bands joining forces with other instrumentalists. There's no other competition like it in the pipe band world – check out some of the performances on <https://thechampionships.org.uk/about-us/>. Freestyle shows the versatility of the pipes, skill of players and imagination of school music departments weaving together memorable performances.

### **2024 Winners**

#### **Eilidh McLeod Endeavour Award**

Lead Winner: Dumfries and Galloway Schools Pipe Band

Co- winners: Tobermory High School  
Tynecastle Youth Community Pipe Band

#### **Quartets**

1st – St Ninian's High School

2nd – East Dunbartonshire Schools

3rd – Ardrossan Academy

4th – Lochgilphead Joint Campus

5th – Govan Schools and Community



**Junior A**

- 1st – Fettes College
- 2nd – Morrison’s Academy

**Junior B**

- 1st – The High School of Glasgow
- 2nd – Fettes College
- 3rd – Gordonstoun School
- 4th – The Edinburgh Academy ‘B’

**Junior C**

- 1st – The Glasgow Academy
- 2nd – Dumfries and Galloway Schools Pipe Band
- 3rd – Tobermory High School
- 4th – James Gillespie’s High School

**Freestyle Musicianship**

- 1st – Renfrewshire Schools ‘A’
- 2nd – West Lothian Schools
- 3rd – Sgoil Bhágh a’Chaisteil
- 4th – Renfrewshire Schools ‘B’
- 5th – Sgoil Lionacleit

**Juvenile**

- 1st – Dollar Academy
- 2nd – George Watson’s College
- 3rd – George Heriot’s School

**Novice Juvenile A**

- 1st – George Watson’s College
- 2nd – Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band ‘A’
- 3rd – Dollar Academy

**Novice Juvenile B**

- 1st – George Watson’s College
- 2nd – Strathallan School
- 3rd – Dollar Academy
- 4th – Skye Youth Pipe Band
- 5th EP – Isle of Arran Music School

