

Scottish delegation from



Arran High School

Arran High School is situated on a small island of Arran off the west coast of Scotland. It is often referred to as “Scotland in miniature” because it boasts beautiful mountains, forests and coasts. It is a popular place for tourists from all over the world, and as a result, the population can swell from 4500 to over 20,000 in summer.

Our school is a campus and children start Early Years at the age for three, progress to primary and then move to secondary education. There are 7 primary schools on the island (age approximately 5 – 12). Some of these are very small and only have one classroom. The young people all come together in Arran High School; at the moment there are 2402 pupils in the high school.

Many move away to college, university or careers off island. However a small number stay to make their lives on Arran, mainly working in hospitality, construction or farming. We have two distilleries on the island, so it is hoped that the whisky industry will be a career pathway for more of our youngsters.

Our young people are steeped in the rich culture of our Scottish island – many have taken up the offer to play a traditional Scottish instrument and can choose from a clarsach (a Scottish harp), fiddle, bagpipes or drums. The project for Arran Music School started only a few years ago and now they are confidently entering world pipe band championships. However, it must be said that they are keen to look out to the wider world and have welcomed visitors from Iceland as well as benefiting from tuition in Mandarin from a Chinese tutor, who stayed and worked with primary and secondary on the island.

They are very much looking forward to meeting with the delegates from a variety of countries.