



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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Senior Volunteering Programme

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year our S5 pupils will be taking part in our **Wider Achievement Programme** and will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of volunteering opportunities on our Health and Wellbeing course. This will take place on **Mondays Period 6 and 7** and will begin on **Monday 28th of August**.

As well as building valuable skills for life, learning and working, pupils who have chosen to take part in the **Volunteering Programme** will be working towards The Saltire Award which are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising and rewarding the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland, aged between 12 and 25. Young people gain nationally recognised certificates, signed by Scottish Government Ministers, for the different amounts of volunteering they do. This is an excellent addition to personal statements, UCAS applications and Curriculum Vitae.

The following expectations have been agreed with pupils:

- You must attend your volunteering periods. Your attendance will be tracked, and any unpermitted absences will be reported to parents/carers.
- You must be on time for your volunteering. Again, this will be tracked and monitored.
- You must keep your volunteering logbook up to date and ensure a member of staff signs it each week.
- You must log your hours on the Saltire Awards website. (Miss Anderson can assist with any issues).

Pupils who have chosen to take part in our **Health and Wellbeing course** will develop their wellbeing, and skills for life, learning and work. Pupils will also have the opportunity to gain SQA accreditation.



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Our S6 pupils will also be taking part in Volunteering during free periods and are expected to do at least 2 periods of volunteering every week.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Anderson (Teacher of English/ Project Leader of Wider Achievement)

Volunteering Roles

Class Champions - CHS

You will be supporting pupils in class within your allocated subject, within CHS. You will be directed by the class teacher, but this may involve: keeping pupils on task, helping pupils with their work, scribing/reading for pupils and generally helping out in the class.

Class Champions – Primaries

You will be supporting pupils in class within your allocated Primary School. You will be directed by the class teacher, but this may involve: keeping pupils on task, helping pupils with their work, scribing/reading for pupils and generally helping out in the class.

Department Helpers

Department Helpers will help out within departments with whatever the Head of the Department feels will be most helpful. This could include: sorting and organising, laminating, wall displays, tidying etc.

Creative Directors

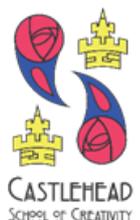
The Creative Directors Team will be designing and implementing imaginative wall displays for each department in Castlehead High School. You can make such a crucial difference to the atmosphere and ethos of our school.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

You will be visiting a local nursery and reading aloud books to younger children to help with attainment in literacy and to encourage a love of reading. Full training is provided.



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STEM Leader Level 5 Award

Young STEM Leader Level 5 Award - Pupils expand their knowledge of current and future stem opportunities and can further enhance their skillset by planning, creating, hosting and evaluating a variety of STEM activities.

Lunchtime and Afterschool Volunteering Opportunities

Paired Reading

What?

Paired Reading is an opportunity to celebrate reading! Every Wednesday pupils are invited to come along to spend some time reading with their S6 Paired Reading mentor in a welcoming, inclusive and fun environment. Your responsibility as a mentor would be to support pupils with their reading and fill in their reading log.

Where?

The English department

When?

Wednesday Lunch Time

Paired Reading Management Team

What?

The Paired Reading Management Team will be responsible for helping to lead the club (taking registers, organising booklets, promotion of the club, reward events).

Where?

The English department

When?

Wednesday Lunch Time and some free periods

Wider Achievement Ambassadors

What?

The Wider Achievement Ambassadors will support Miss Anderson to promote wider achievement opportunities and volunteering. More information to come!

Where?

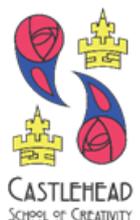
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When?

Lunch times or free periods



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Break Time/Lunch Time Supervision

What?

Helping to supervise pupils within the lunch hall, house areas, outside toilets etc.

Where?

The whole school!

When?

Lunch time/break time



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