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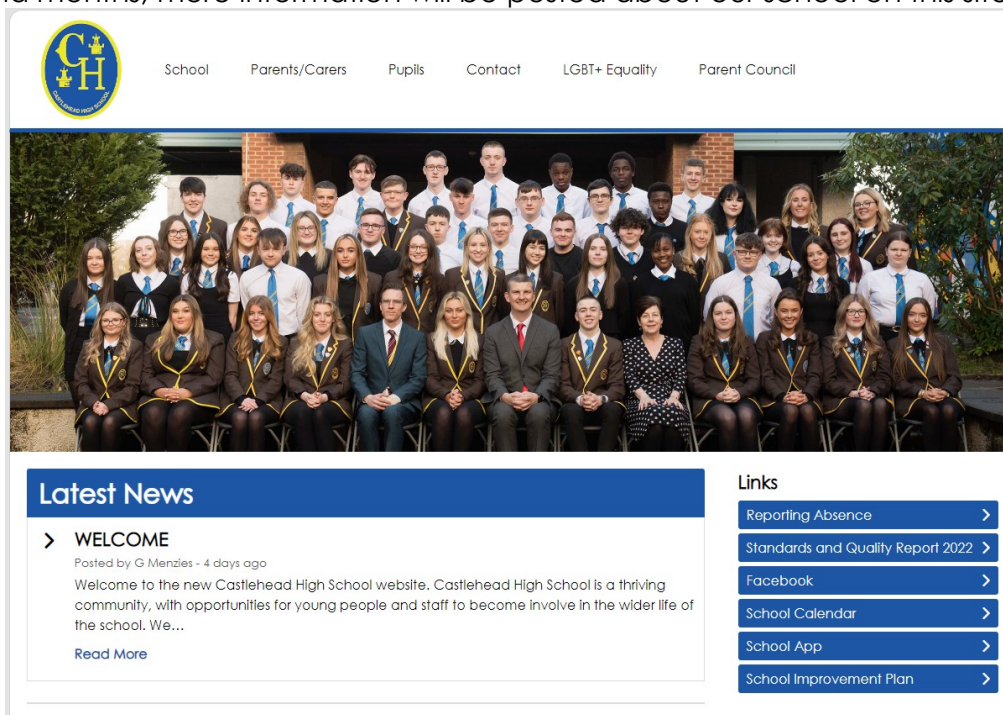
Head Teacher Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

This week has been extremely busy with the start of the SQA exam diet for our senior pupils. The SQA exams have started with a bang in the first week with pupils sitting exams in PE, Geography, Administration and IT, Biology, Spanish and Music Technology across National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher levels. There will be no exams on Monday due to the Mayday holiday, but from Tuesday onwards we will see our pupils tackle History, Maths, Applications of Maths, Music, and German. Good luck to all our pupils over the coming weeks and happy studying.

Last week I highlighted the Masterclass timetable for our senior pupils. This is available on the school app and our Facebook page. Any pupil who is coming into school to attend an exam or a masterclass must wear school uniform. I would ask that parents support the school with this.

Over the course of the last 6 months, we have been working hard to create a new school website. On Monday, this was launched to our school community and over the course of the next few weeks and months, more information will be posted about our school on this site.





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I will continue to update parents weekly on the school app and Facebook site, but I will also add this update to the school website. Please see the school website URL below:

www.castleheadhigh.com

Congratulations to Mariya Javed in S3, who has been named as a Coronation Champion by The Royal Voluntary Service in association with Their Majesties. She was one of 500 chosen from thousands of nominations and is one of the youngest in Scotland to receive this award.

Mariya volunteers with Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and has been recognised for their contribution and crowned a Coronation Champion. Mariya impressed judges with her steadfast resolve to keep her 13-year-old brother's memory alive after his sudden passing in 2017. Along with her parents and Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, she helped to set up Another Star in the Sky in his memory. Despite her grief, she has taken part in numerous charity events and raised approximately £20 000 for research into AVM, the rare condition that took her brother, and to fund bereavement services. She has also campaigned for the inclusion of compulsory bereavement education into the Scottish school curriculum. She will be completing the Kilt Walk on Sunday to raise more money to support Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. Congratulations again Mariya!





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On Wednesday, Mr Johnston, Miss Niblock and Mr Ross took a group of pupils down to Manchester to take in the Man City v Arsenal Premiership game. After an overnight in a hotel in Manchester, where I believe sleep was at a minimum, they made their way to Manchester Utd's Old Trafford to take in the stadium tour. Unforgettable memories of a fantastic game. Thanks to Mr Johnston, Miss Niblock and Mr Ross for giving their time for our pupils.





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Over the course of the next few weeks, I will be conducting interviews for several teaching posts in the school. The first of these took place yesterday with the appointment of a new member of our PE department. Once the recruitment checks have been completed, I will let pupils, parents and carers know who we will be welcoming into the Castlehead family over the coming months.

Can I continue to request support from parents with uniform. This includes our pupils' attending masterclasses and SQA exams. We still have a small number of pupils who are failing to follow the required dress code. Please see below our expectations and particularly to the area highlighted:

- White shirt and school tie
- Black jumper
- Smart / tailored black trousers / black skirt
- Black shoes / trainers

Please also note that the following is **not** school uniform:

- sportswear, athletic wear
- hooded tops with slogans, adverts, logos
- **sport leggings, casual jogging trousers or denims**

Finally, celebrating success of all members of our school community is extremely important at Castlehead. On Sunday, Mr Johnston in the PE department travelled down to Blackpool to take part in the Blackpool Marathon. Completing a marathon is a phenomenal achievement, but particularly in such a brilliant time of 3hours and 50minutes. Well done Mr Johnston!





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Monday 1st May is the Mayday holiday, and the school will be closed to all pupils. Please see the key dates for this term below:

Monday 8th May: School will be closed for HRH King Charles III Coronation.

Thursday 1st June: Pupils in S4 and S5 return to school following the SQA exam diet to take part in our two-day senior induction programme.

Thursday 1st June: Awards Ceremony.

Monday 5th June: New Timetable. Pupils will move onto their new timetable.

I hope you have a relaxing long weekend. We look forward to welcoming the young people back to school on Tuesday morning at 8.50am.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher

