



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

We are now two weeks into the SQA exam diet with our pupils sitting History, Maths, Applications of Maths, Music, and German this week. Next week will see our pupils sitting English, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies, Graphic Communication and Chemistry. Good luck to all our students and happy studying.

This is just a reminder that the school will be closed On Monday for HRH King Charles III Coronation. School will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8.50am.

Next week will be our annual Creativity Week. Mrs Fraser in the Art department has been working hard over the course of the session to provide an engaging, motivating, and interesting event. Please see below the opportunities for our pupils over the course of the week:



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SCHOOL OF CREATIVITY

Creativity Week
8th to 12th May 2023





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Tuesday 9th

S3 art and technical pupils' workshops with Glasgow School of Art tutors and lecturers at CHS in the technical and art department until lunch time. Pupils off normal timetable and have made a choice between architecture, fine art, or shoe design.

Wednesday 10th

S2 CHS Creative Challenge Day- Scottish Leather Group, Graham Construction and Daydream Believers working with pupils and teachers at CHS to deliver a range of creative challenges throughout the day. Pupils off normal timetable all day to take part. A range of prizes and certificates for the winners.

Thursday 11th

Selected S1 pupils taking part in different reward events throughout the school day such as music, spoken word, sculpture and jewellery & keyring making workshops.

Friday 12th

S3 art and technical pupils' workshops continue with Glasgow school of art tutors and lecturers in the tech and art department until lunch time.

We look forward to plenty of pictures and successes on our Facebook page over the course of the week.

Last week I highlighted the charity work that Mariya Javed in S3 was doing to support Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. On Sunday she took to the streets and completed the Kiltwalk and she has currently raised over £700 for this event. Well done, Mariya!





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On Wednesday 17th May, the Maths department will be celebrating National Numeracy Day. All those mathematicians know how to have a good time. The Maths department will be hosting a variety of events for pupils and staff over the course of the day. Pupils should look out in their Maths classroom and around the school for any number-based activities.

Over the course of the last few weeks, some of our pupils were involved in a competition led by Daydream Believers and supported by D&AD. I can now bring fantastic news that three of our pupils won the competition. Their brief was "A New Way to Play" and their final idea 'SPRUN' was highlighted by the judges as showing exceptional creativity! A massive congratulations must go to Gemma Livingstone, Jane McCash and Melissa McPhee, all in S3. The even better news is that as winners, there will be a prize of a trip to London for the D&AD New Blood Festival with ADIDAS vouchers for the winners. This is an outstanding achievement for the girls!





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A few weeks ago I highlighted the success of our S3 boys football team in reaching the Schools Cup Final. This will take place next Friday afternoon at Parklea Community Facility in Port Glasgow against a strong St Ninnians team. Good luck to the boys and we will hopefully be celebrating this time next week.



Finally, as part of our Primary transition programme, six of our S5 pupils have been out at our cluster primaries to support the Pupil Support team.

The pupils are all Mentors in Violence Prevention mentors and have delivered a session called "Group Chat" to the Primary 7's. This encouraged our P7 pupils to consider their own values and responsibilities. Pupils were challenged to decide about how to tackle a negative situation on social media. This was a great opportunity for some of our senior pupil leaders to introduce themselves to our new S1s. We have been blown away by how well the group worked with our associated primaries and the positive feedback has been amazing. Thanks to the pupils below for supporting our future S1 pupils:

Kieran Livingston

Joshua Donnelly

Sarah Borland

Olivia Robertson

Annabelle Stokoe

Beth Lawrie

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.





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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

