



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

With a shortened week due to HRH King Charles Coronation, it was no less busy at Castlehead High School.

We are now into week three of the SQA exam diet with our pupils sitting English, Religious, Moral and Philosophical studies, Graphic Communication, and Chemistry. Next week will see our pupils sitting French, Business Management, Physics, and Modern Studies. We continue to wish our senior pupils the very best of luck.

Castlehead are proud to be partnered with Glasgow School of Art and to be known as Scotland's first ever School of Creativity. This week was our second ever Creativity Week where pupils across S1, 2 and 3 had the opportunity to get involved in a variety of activities across the whole school.

The week started with a bang as tutors from Glasgow School of Art took over the Design Faculty delivering workshops for our S3 pupils based on Fine Art, Architecture and Shoe Design. Pupils loved experiencing studio-based learning and developed their skills in use of materials, innovation and construction. Watch this space we will have some budding artists, architects and designers emerging in the next few years! GSA tutors returned on Friday to complete the workshops which was a fantastic way to end the week.

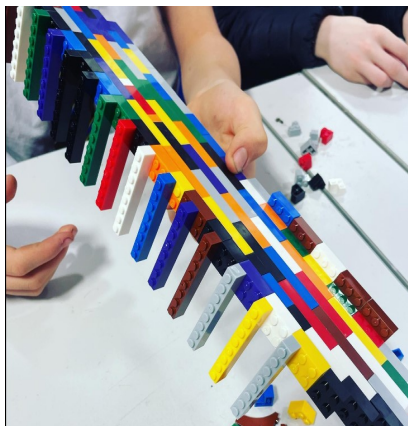


On Wednesday all S2 pupils participated in Castlehead's first ever Creative Challenge Day! These involved pupils rotating around several creative workshops including a taste of Creative Thinking with the Theme Park Design, Problem Solving Bingo, Escape Room Quiz and Construction Challenge which was facilitated by Graham Construction. Pupils were also lucky enough to have





input from Scottish Leather Group in the morning where they learned about inspiring creative career paths. They ended the day with a wonderful presentation from Daydream Believer's Helena Good who talked about the importance of creative thinking skills in all walks of life. The whole day was based on developing the essential creativity skills problem solving, curiosity, open-mindedness, and imagination. The winning team 'Aqua' were delighted with their Creative Challenge medals, certificates, and prizes. A reporter from BBC Scotland also took part with some staff and pupils featuring on the lunchtime live broadcast! Well done to everyone involved!



The creative fun continued on Thursday with eighty S1 pupils receiving a 'Golden Ticket' allowing them to participate in a creative workshop. Pupils were selected by Art, Music, and English teachers for demonstrating effort, focus and hard work in each subject area. First up was a music workshop by 'Feis Phaislig'. In this workshop, delivered by Joy Dunlop, pupils experienced traditional music and Gaelic culture. Next up, in the English department there was a spoken word workshop centred around Sma Shot day which was delivered by Renfrewshire Makar Shaun Moore. Pupils in the Art Department were treated to a glamorous jewellery/keyring making workshop by our very own expert jeweller Mrs Goodfellow. Pupils chose from a selection of beads and had the opportunity to make some beautiful pieces such as bracelets, keyrings, cards, and earrings. Sculpture House Paisley also visited the Art Department with a very hands-on experience where they introduced clay, plaster, and the concept of casting. They enjoyed discussions about positives and negatives and the translation between the two from clay into plaster.





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Overall, this has been an extremely busy week with activities running across the whole school. It has been a fantastic success and pupils will be able to transfer the creativity skills they have developed into their everyday learning at Castlehead and beyond. We have even been featured in the press, such as The Paisley Gazette and the Glasgow Herald! The feedback so far from our pupils has been very positive, and they have all represented the school extremely well. Thanks to all who were involved in assisting and delivering workshops. A special thank you must go to Mrs Fraser for all her hard work in organising the day. Now onto the planning for next year!



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Creativity Week
8th to 12th May 2023





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On Wednesday, the PE department took their S1 Netball and Football teams to the Renfrewshire games. This was an opportunity to take what they have learned in PE and demonstrate their abilities on the court and field. Our Netballers performed extremely well, winning 5 of their 7 matches with the Football team coming 4th out of the 11 secondary teams. Both teams showed amazing effort and they were highlighted by the organisers as being a credit to our school. Brilliant work and we will look forward to seeing their progress in the coming years.





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Finally, this afternoon I had the pleasure to watch our S3 boys football team compete in the Renfrewshire Cup Final against St Ninnians on a sun drenched Parklea Playing Fields in Port Glasgow. In a very tight first half with chances at both ends, St Ninnians came into the break with a 2-1 lead. Our boys gave everything they had and if it were not for some goalkeeping heroics from the St Ninnians keeper, it may have turned out a different score line. In the end, a 5-2 defeat did not justify the performance the team put in. Well done boys on your successes this season and we will be back stronger next year.



Please see the key dates for this term below:

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 weekend and the nice weather that we are experiencing continues. We look forward to welcoming the young people back to school on Monday morning at 8.50am.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher

