



# CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone had a restful break and managed to get out in the beautiful weather that we are experiencing. This week was shortened due to the May holiday weekend, but it was not short of events and successes at Castlehead High School.

It was an early start for one of our members of staff on Sunday morning. Miss O'Sullivan, in the English department, completed in the Edinburgh Marathon and strolled through the event in blistering heat in just over 2 hours. This is a fantastic achievement, and she now has her eyes set on beating Mr Johnston in the PE department full marathon record. Well done Miss O'Sullivan!



On Wednesday, the Maths department took a group of pupils to Hamilton Park Racecourse for a day of working with numbers and using their skills in numeracy across a range of real-life situations. Maths isn't all just about algebra and Pythagoras. The groups of pupils had a fantastic time and

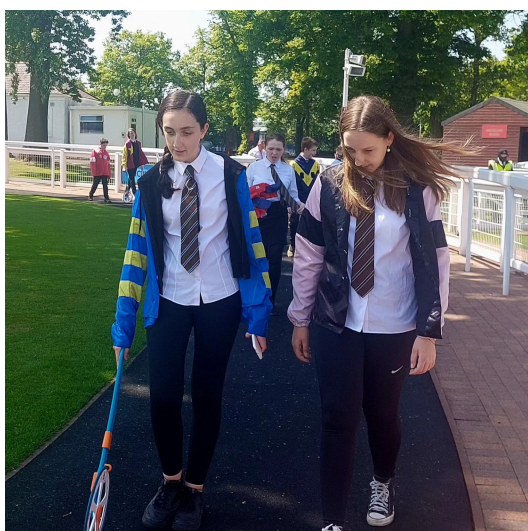




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really engaged with the experience. Thanks to the Maths department for facilitating this and giving our pupils an experience out with the classroom setting.



Mr McGeoch is disappointed to announce that the proposed trip to the Club La Santa sports resort in Lanzarote will not go ahead in June 2024. There haven't been quite enough pupils committing to the interest list to make the excursion viable at this time.

Pupils who wish to be considered for La Santa 2025 should contact Mr McGeoch. Participation in regular extra-curricular sporting activities is highly desirable. The extra-curricular schedule for the forthcoming session should be announced in August. We may even start a 'La SantaFit' fitness club to encourage potential trip goers to get into the spirit of what this fantastic warm weather training camp has to offer.

Pupils and parents can contact Mr McGeoch in person or at [gw07mcgeochscott@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07mcgeochscott@glow.sch.uk)







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We welcomed our Senior pupils back from exam leave on Thursday for a two-day induction programme. I referenced the opportunities that pupils were given last week, and from the experience the pupils had, it seemed to have been a real success. Thanks again to Mrs Abercrombie for organising these events. The pupils have been extremely positive about the induction programme.

Today, all pupils were handed a copy of their new timetable which will start on Monday morning.

Yesterday, our athletics team of pupils in S1, S2 and S3 headed to the ON-X sports centre in Linwood to compete in the Renfrewshire Athletics championship. With the weather warm and the competition strong, we had high hopes for our team to come back with plenty of medals. The team did not disappoint, with winning 19 medals that included 5 golds, 7 silvers and 7 bronze medals. A fabulous achievement with the results below and photos to follow:

<b>100m</b>	<b>S2 Boys MAX BUCHANAN</b> <b>S1 Boys MOHAMMED ZULHIZAM</b> S2 Girls Grace Fraquhar S2 Boys Henry Grieves	<b>SILVER</b> <b>GOLD</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>200m</b>	<b>S3 Boys DESTINY AMADASUN</b> <b>S2 Girls INDIE MCATASNEY</b> <b>GRACE FARQUHAR</b> S3 Girls Iona McKellar S2 Boys Max Buchanan	<b>BRONZE</b> <b>SILVER</b> <b>BRONZE</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>300m</b>	<b>S3 Girls POPPY BOWERS</b> <b>S2 Girls GRACE FARQUHAR</b> S3 Boys Innes Baker S2 Boys Henry Grieves	<b>GOLD</b> <b>BRONZE</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>800m</b>	<b>S3 Girls POPPY BOWERS</b> S2 Girls Vanessa McVeigh S2 Boys Patrick Mackin S1 Boys Jacob Congalton S1 Girls Lauren Yates	<b>GOLD</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>1500m</b>	<b>S3 Girls POPPY BOWERS</b> <b>S2 Girls VANESSA MCVEIGH</b> <b>S1 Boys JACOB CONGALTON</b> S3 Boys Korede Babajide	<b>GOLD</b> <b>SILVER</b> <b>GOLD</b> 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RELAY</b>	<b>S3 Boys</b> <b>S3 Girls</b>	<b>SILVER</b> <b>BRONZE</b>





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	<b>S1 Boys</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>HJ</b>	<b>S3 Girls POPPY BOWERS IONA MCKELLAR</b>	<b>SILVER SILVER</b>
<b>LJ</b>	<b>S3 Boys LEWIS ALLAN</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
<b>SP</b>	<b>S3 Boys JOSH BOWERS S3 Girls POPPY BOWERS</b>	<b>BRONZE BRONZE</b>

Finally, last night saw one of the highlight events of the session with our Annual Whole School Awards evening. This was held at Paisley West Church and was a fabulous evening of celebration, music, and poetry for our fabulous young people. Even with the temperatures in the church reaching the heights of a Spanish summer, staff, pupils, and parents came together as a whole school community to enjoy our pupils' successes over the course of the year. A wonderful night for all at Castlehead High School. Unfortunately, I have only managed to acquire a few photos from last night with a few more still to come:







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Please see the key dates for this term below:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- New Timetable. Pupils will move onto their new timetable.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Primary 7 Transition days





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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Primary 7 Parents transition evening

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Castlehead Summer Concert – more information to come

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Sports Day – More information to come

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**- Activities days

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Ethos Day

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Final day of session. School will close at 1pm

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and the lovely weather that we are experiencing continues. We look forward to welcoming the young people back to school and a new timetable on Monday morning at 8.50am.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies  
Head Teacher

