



# CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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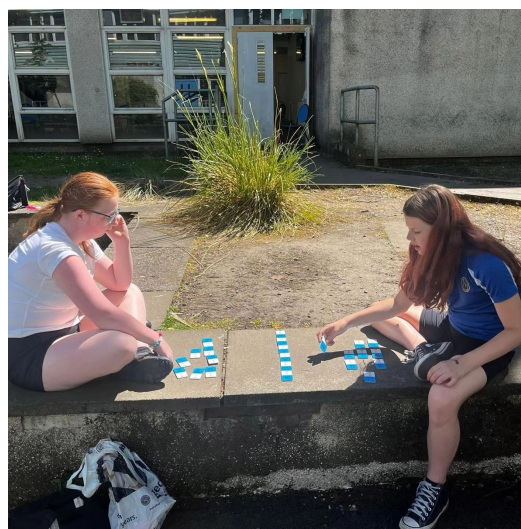
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## Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

As we complete the second last full week of school prior to the summer break, the temperatures continue to remain tropical. The heat has given teachers the opportunity to engage in some outdoor learning and pupils have had more opportunities to get out of the classroom setting. See below some examples from the Maths department:



Earlier this week, our S1 and senior netball teams took to the courts in the annual Summer Tournament at Gleniffer High School. Both teams were a credit to the school and performed very well. The seniors had a tough pool of matches and managed to win one game, whilst just missing out on the win in 2 other matches. The S1 team won their group matches and then beat Gleniffer in the semi-finals during extra time to make it to the finals against St. Andrews. They gave it their all in the final match but sadly lost to St. Andrew's, taking the silver medal. The girls should be so proud of how far they have come this year, and hopefully next year they'll do even better. Our teams competing were:

### **S1 Team**

Kayleigh Devine  
Ellie Jones

Kirsten Yates  
Jessica Alexander

Lauren Yates

Nicole Kajdan  
Hannah Rennie

Hibbah Ashraf  
Daria Kleczar



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## Seniors

Stela Nikolaeva  
Annabelle Stokoe  
Lois Ponsonby

Emily Teeling

Olivia Robertson

Jaya Fulton

Emily Head

Prudence (Olivia) Okundia Osamudiamen

Kaylee McMaster

Eva Fallows



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On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding our annual Ethos afternoon. On this day, pupils will be able to come to school in non-uniform, in exchange for a donation of any old school uniform that may be getting thrown out over the summer. This will allow us to reuse, refresh and upcycle to support our whole school community. During the afternoon there will be a variety of stalls and activities for pupils to participate in. These include:

**Giant Games**

**Inflatables**

**Crossbar Challenge**

**Photo Booths**

**Nail Painting**

**Water Rockets**

**Balloon Twisting**

**Archery**

**Pizza Making**

**and more!**

There will be no cost for pupils and the afternoon is about building school ethos and relationships.

We welcomed the P7 pupils from our associated primary and non-associated primary schools from Tuesday to Thursday this week. The pupils experienced lessons across the wide range of subject areas in a traditional school timetable on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday they enjoyed the beautiful weather for our first Wellbeing Day. Our future S1 pupils left yesterday with smiles on their faces and a positive attitude about moving to Castlehead. On Wednesday



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evening, we held our P7 parents final transition evening. Parents and pupils had the opportunity to speak with staff from across the school about each of the subject areas and what to expect when they officially become part of Castlehead in August. We now look forward welcoming them into our Castlehead family on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August when the schools return after the summer holidays.

As previously mentioned last week, the PE department are hosting our Castlehead Sports Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This is an opportunity to allow the top performers in S1, S2 and S3 to compete against each other and to celebrate the talent we have amongst our pupils. This will be held during periods 1-4 (9am-12.25pm) on the Wednesday. Qualifying pupils are being invited to compete by the PE staff. Pupils will participate in a range of events including:

100m	200m	300m	800m
house relays	long jump	shot putt	cricket ball throw

Parents/carers are welcome to come and enjoy the competition.

Next Wednesday we will host our summer concert, where parents, carers, family and friends are all welcome to come along and support some of the very talented musicians we have in our school. The event will start at 6.30pm with a donation at the door.



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The new S2 had a fun trip to the Waterstones in Glasgow to pick new books for the library this week. They were all extremely considerate in their choosing and picked books not only that they would like but also thought carefully about what others would like. A huge well done to all. A new library mascot called Sheldon the Shrimp was also chosen by Nicole and Katie.



As part of our School of Creativity and our partnership with Glasgow School of Art, on Thursday & Friday. S1 pupils visited Glasgow School of Art to take part in creative workshops. These included:

'Doodle' Design workshop with Alice Dansey-Wright

Fly your flag collage with Eva Jack

Temporal seed sculptures with Morven Mulgrew



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The takeaways from each workshop were- a pencil case decorated with their own motifs, a paper flag that celebrates their personal identity which will be displayed in our auditorium or and some seed sculptures that can be installed in some earth back at the school to bloom in future years. See some pictures below of our S1 pupils experience. On Monday and Tuesday, it is our new S3 pupils' opportunity to visit GSA.



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Last Friday evening we bid a fond farewell to our S6 class of 2023 at their leavers Prom. The Corinthian in Glasgow was the venue for our fabulous S6 pupils to celebrate their 6 years at Castlehead High School. We now wish them all the very best for the future, while reminding them that they will always be welcome back and will always remain a part of our Castlehead High family.



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Finally, this afternoon I had the privilege to be invited along to the Bungalow on Shuttle street for West College Scotland's Minds of Young Artists (MOYA) showcase celebration. Over the last few years, our pupils have worked in partnership with WCS to develop their art and design, alongside their entrepreneurial and networking skills. This has been a fabulous success and have given the group of pupils opportunities to develop their concepts and designs. This is another fabulous partnership that supports the creativity skills of our young people.



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Castlehead Summer Concert

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Sports Day

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

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Ethos Day – Non uniform day (Please bring any old/unused school uniform to donation)

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

I hope you have a relaxing weekend. 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



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