



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

In our last full week before the summer holidays, this will be my final Head Teacher update for this session.

As is always the case in a busy secondary school, we have had several events on this week.

Recruitment has played an important part within our school this week and in previous weeks. Over the last few weeks, we have appointed new teachers in Home Economics, PE, Business and Admin, Maths, Technical and Inclusive Support. This will add to the newly qualified teachers in PE, Music, Biology and English that we will welcome in August. I will inform parents of a full breakdown of staffing through the parent council and new term information early in August.

Earlier this week we received our Reading Schools Gold accreditation from the Scottish Book Trust. We were awarded Silver last year and have now been awarded the highest level. A huge well done to staff, pupils and parents/carers who worked hard, supported, and contributed to this, our reading culture here at Castlehead High School continues to be award winning.



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On Wednesday, we congratulated our **2023 Young STEM Leaders** on their hard work and enthusiasm whilst completing the SCQF Level 5 Young STEM Leader programme - a nationally recognised qualification with SCQF credit points in STEM Leadership.

This year's successful YSLs are:

Lucy Bingham	Joshua Donnelly	Charlie Ellingham	Cara Johnston
Beth Lawrie	Kim McAulay	Stela Nikolaeva	
Abigail Sweeney	Grace Kerr	Annabelle Stokoe	Olivia Robertson
Gracie Phimister	Holly Love	Jemma Alexander	
Tayyba Noor			



The above pupils attended weekly meetings to expand their knowledge of current and future stem opportunities and, prior to Easter they enhanced their skillset by planning, hosting, and evaluating a variety of STEM activities with our S1 pupils. This event was a huge success, and everyone involved had a very positive experience. Thanks must go to Miss Kerr who has led and supported our pupils to achieve this award. Well done everyone.

On Thursday, some of our fabulous senior pupils support the West primary leavers party 'WestFest'. Our seniors had a brilliant time doing arts & crafts, facepainting and tattooing with P1 & P7 pupils. Another lovely experience, sharing time, stories, laughs & making memories.



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Last week I mentioned the fabulous visits that our S1 and S2 pupils had to Glasgow School of Art. The partnership we have with GSA allows pupils across our school to have opportunities that no other school in Scotland has. In total, we took just under 200 pupils to take part in workshops at GSA. Pupils really enjoyed the opportunity to work with artists and designers on projects different to what we deliver in our school. Please see the link below to a short video to see what our pupils got up to. Thanks to all the staff across the school who supported the trips:

<https://vimeo.com/838461814/580064a27b>



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On Wednesday evening we held our Summer concert. This was a fabulous evening of music that highlighted the musical talent that we have in our school. It was also the last opportunity for some of our leavers to put the school uniform on and entertain parents and carers. Thank you to all the pupils that were involved. Thanks also to Olivia, Stella, Annabelle and Kieran for their brilliant work introducing the acts and leading the evening. Finally, thanks to Mrs Johnston and her brilliant staff for the continued work they do with our pupils.



On Monday, we will see the return of the Ethos Afternoon at Castlehead. There will be a range of different activities for pupils (and teachers) to take part in, totally free of charge. The Ethos afternoon is to bring pupils and teachers together to relax and enjoy the positive atmosphere we strive to build at Castlehead. It will be a non-uniform day and we ask if families have any **old/unused school uniforms** that can be donated, be brought in, and given to the pupil's period 1 teachers.



On Wednesday I had the pleasure of watching our pupils compete in our first athletics sports day for several years. It was a great morning of events where all pupils involved performed brilliantly.



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We had 85 pupils who qualified through times and distances in PE lessons, and they were competing across 7 events. Congratulations to all the medallists in each of the events. The full results and some pictures are below:

S1

100m BOYS

1st - Muhammad Zulhizam
2nd - Jack McDonagh
3rd - Dominik Wasilewski

100m GIRLS

1st - Lauren Yates
2nd - Grace Eden
3rd - Sheeza Noor

200m BOYS

1st - Dillan Carruthers
2nd - Euan Cameron
3rd - Myles Sweeney

200m GIRLS

1st - Kirsten Yates
2nd - Kayleigh Devine
3rd - Indiana Campbell

300m BOYS

1st - Myles Sweeney
2nd - Jacob Congalton
3rd - Jack Stevenson

300m GIRLS

1st - Lauren Yates
2nd - Emma Eadie
3rd - Jaymie Corcoran

800m BOYS

1st - Jacob Congalton
2nd - Matthew Lambie
3rd - Ruari Williamson

800m GIRLS

1st - Jamie Corcoran
2nd - Grace Eden
3rd - Laura Paterson

LONG JUMP BOYS

1st - Muhammad Zulhizam
2nd - Jack Stevenson
3rd - Myles Sweeney

LONG JUMP GIRLS

1st - Lauren Yates
2nd - Kayleigh Devine
3rd - Kirsten Yates

SHOT PUTT BOYS

1st - Jack McDonagh
2nd - Lewis Hulley
3rd - Dominik Wasilewski

SHOT PUTT GIRLS

1st - Kayleigh Devine
2nd - Jessica Alexander
3rd - Laura Paterson

CRICKET BALL THROW BOYS

1st - Jack McDonagh
2nd - Ross Baker
3rd - Lewis Hulley

CRICKET BALL THROW GIRLS

1st - Kayleigh Devine
2nd - Jessica Alexander
3rd - Sheeza Noor

S2

100m BOYS

1st - Henry Grieves
2nd - Max Buchanan
3rd - Fraser Ingram

100m GIRLS

1st - Indie McAtasney
2nd - Grace Farquhar
3rd - Sophie Johnstone

200m BOYS

1st - Patrick Mackin
2nd - Leon Baxter
3rd - Max Buchanan

200m GIRLS

1st - Indie McAtasney
2nd - Vanessa McVeigh
3rd - Chloe McCready

300m MIXED

1st - Henry Grieves
2nd - Vanessa McVeigh
3rd - Gavin McDowall

800m BOYS

1st - Patrick Mackin
2nd - Charlie Wilson
3rd - Mark Maguire

800m GIRLS

1st - Vanessa McVeigh

LONG JUMP BOYS

1st - Luca Stephenson
2nd - Charlie Wilson

LONG JUMP GIRLS

1st - Grace Farquhar
2nd - Chloe McCready



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3rd - Max Buchanan

3rd - Indie McAtasney

SHOT PUTT BOYS

1st - Liam McLaughlin
2nd - Luca Stephenson
3rd - Patrick Mackin

SHOT PUTT GIRLS

1st - Olivia Taylor
2nd - Indie McAtasney
3rd - Willow Provan

CRICKET BALL THROW BOYS

1st - Adam Howatt
2nd - Liam McLaughlin
3rd - Mark Maguire

CRICKET BALL THROW GIRLS

1st - Treasure Eromomene
2nd - Willow Provan
3rd - Olivia Taylor

S3

100m BOYS

1st - Daniel Amadasun
2nd - Destiny Amadasun
3rd - Lewis Buchanan

100m GIRLS

1st - Evie McArdle
2nd - Iona McKellar
3rd - Emma McKeeve

200m BOYS

1st - Daniel Amadasun
2nd - Connor Hammond
3rd - Lewis Allan

200m GIRLS

1st - Poppy Bowers
2nd - Iona McKellar
3rd - Evie McArdle

300m BOYS

1st - Korede Babajide
2nd - Innes Baker
3rd - Isaque Barbosa

300m GIRLS

1st - Poppy Bowers
2nd - Evie McArdle
3rd - Emma McKeeve

800m BOYS

1st - Destiny Amadasun
2nd - Jamie Rennie
3rd - Connor Hammond

800m MIXED

1st - Poppy Bowers
2nd - Korede Babajide
3rd - Isaque Barbosa

LONG JUMP BOYS

1st - Lewis Buchanan
2nd - Lewis Allan
3rd - Korede Babajide

LONG JUMP GIRLS

1st - Poppy Bowers
2nd - Melissa McPhee
3rd - Iona McKellar

SHOT PUTT BOYS

1st - Daniel Amadasun
2nd - James Madden
3rd - Lewis Allan

SHOT PUTT GIRLS

1st - Poppy Bowers
2nd - Ailidh Lawrie
3rd - Iona McKellar

CRICKET BALL THROW BOYS

1st - Isaque Barbosa
2nd - James Madden
3rd - Josh Bowers

CRICKET BALL THROW GIRLS

1st - Iona McKellar
2nd - Ailidh Lawrie
3rd - Gemma Livingstone



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We also ran a house relay for each year group and each of the three houses, with houses winning points depending on how they placed in their year group race. The overall winner was **Maxwellton** who have won the house cup for this year.

On Tuesday, we held the interview process for our Head students, Depute Head students and prefects. The standard of presentations and interviews are as high a quality that the staff have seen over several years. The successful candidates will play a vital role in the school senate and our new Pupil Parliament next session. Congratulations to Olivia Robertson and Annabelle Stokoe for becoming our Head students for next session. Please see below the successful pupil leadership team for Castlehead High School 2023-24:

Head Students

Olivia Robertson- Head Girl
Annabelle Stokoe- Head Girl

Depute Head Students

Lucy Bingham- Depute Head Girl
Kieran Livingston- Depute Head Boy
Stela Nikolaeva- Depute Head Girl
Emily Teeling- Depute Head Girl



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Depute Head Students (\$5)

Logan Bell- Depute Head Boy (\$5)

Darren Docherty- Depute Head Boy (\$5)

Kayla McGoldrick- Depute Head Girl (\$5)

Alasdair Napier- Depute Head Boy (\$5)

Bethan Whyte- Depute Head Girl (\$5)

Finally, over the last couple of days, we have had our activities days. Pupils have had the opportunity to spend time on a range of activities in and out with school. These have included trips to Blair Drummond Safari Park, Footgolf, Arts and Crafts, Cycling trips, Skiing and Tubing, Pizza, Barista and Bakery taster sessions, Dundee art trip, Impact club residential and many more. We also have a trip to Blackpool on Monday for some pupils who will have an early start. Thanks to all the staff for organising these trips for our pupils. Please see below some photos from the last couple of days.



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Tuesday 27th June – Final day of session. School will close at 1pm

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and a great summer break when it comes. We look forward to welcoming the young people back to school on Monday morning at 8.50am. The new school term will begin for pupils on Wednesday 16th August

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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