



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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School Vision

Cultivating a community of respect, equity, and kindness, fuelling ambitious minds to thrive and make a positive impact in our world.

School Values

Ambition

Respect

Kindness

Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

The end of the first full week after the summer break brings with it some tired pupils and teachers. This week's focus has continued to be on high quality learning and teaching in classrooms, workshops, science labs and out on the sports field.

At the beginning of the week, our S6 befrienders continued to support our new S1 pupils in navigating around the school building, but as the week went on, this assistance was reduced, and we now have our S1 pupils 'flying solo' from class to class. Overall, the S1 pupils have coped remarkably well finding classes around a busy secondary school building.

School uniform continues to be a vital part of life at Castlehead and creates a strong ethos, a sense of community, while contributing to safety and security, and promoting equality and fairness. Overall, our pupils have returned looking extremely smart. Could parents please continue to support the school in ensuring that our pupils are wearing appropriate items of clothing when attending school. Please see below our expectations:

- White shirt and school tie
- Black jumper
- Smart / tailored black trousers / black skirt.
- Black shoes / trainers

Please also note that the following is not school uniform:

- sportswear, athletic wear
- hooded tops with slogans, adverts, logos
- sport leggings, casual jogging trousers or denims



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If any parents require support with this, please contact the relevant pastoral support teacher.

On Tuesday, over 40 pupils in S2 and S3 enjoyed an amazing trip to the Edinburgh Book Festival. This has now become an annual trip at Castlehead and a fabulous experience for some of our young people. Pupils enjoyed a talk delivered by Laura Dockrill, a successful English author and performance poet. Her talk focussed on how to play with your imagination and find your voice. This experience will support our pupils in their creative writing in the coming months and years. See below some of the photo from the trip:



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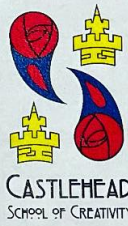
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As part of our School of Creativity links with Glasgow School of Art (GSA), senior pupils with an interest in applying for Higher and Further Education courses in Art and Design have a fabulous opportunity to work with GSA tutors in creating their own portfolio. This course runs every Wednesday from 6th September to 15th November 3.30pm to 5pm. Any interested pupils should speak with Mrs Fraser in the Art department.



THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART



CASTLEHEAD PORTFOLIO CLASSES

Available to pupils studying Higher/Advanced Higher Art & Design & Creative Thinking

- Wednesday 6th September – 15th November 2023
- 3.30pm – 5.00pm
- The class is **free of charge** and all materials are provided! (would usually cost £340)

Participants of the Portfolio class will be guided through a range of creative activities at Castlehead high school with one of GSA tutors. Places are limited please speak to Mrs Fraser if interested.

Pupils must commit to attending all 10 sessions.

This course is aimed specifically at students who are interested in application to HE/FE Art and Design courses. Centred on drawing, you will learn how to examine and develop visual ideas through a variety of 2D and 3D media and methods this will help with your current course work and build a portfolio of work suitable for application to future courses.

Last week I mentioned our new nurturing relationships policy. This can be found on our school website for parents/carers to view. This week pupils have been awarded House points for positive behaviour in classes. Parents can view how their child is getting on by downloading the SatchelOne app. Parents/carers can also view homework for pupils on this app. I have again attached a link to the parents' guide to SatchelOne for your information.

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/3191139-common-questions-for-parents>



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Finally, Skills Development Scotland will be hosting a free webinar aimed to provide parents/carers and individuals with information on the support available for those with Additional Support Needs to take a Foundation, Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship. This webinar will take place on Thursday 7th September from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents can book at the link below:

<https://bit.ly/apprenticeshipseventASN>



Free
webinar

Scottish Apprenticeships and Additional Support Needs

Information for parents, carers and individuals about
support available in an apprenticeship

Thursday, 7 September 2023 | 6.30pm - 7.30pm

I hope that everyone has a restful weekend.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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