



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,

At this time of year, we usually begin the stretch to winter with the darker nights closing in and the temperature dropping. Fortunately, we seem to be having an extended stretch of warm weather. Yesterday, I messaged all parents to inform them that for the remainder of this week, we would be accepting pupils wearing shorts due to the high temperatures. The temperatures are due to drop after the weekend, so the expectation will be that we will return to our expected school uniform from Monday. Please see below our normal expectations on school uniform:

- 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

If any parents require support with this, please contact the relevant pastoral support teacher. I would ask parents/carers to support the school with this.

Last week I informed parents/carers and pupils of the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer at Castlehead. Extra-Curricular activities play a vital part in pupil



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experience, and I would urge parents/carers to promote these with your child. Next Monday afternoon, we will be holding a sign-up event, in the style of a 'Freshers Fayre' to promote all the activities to our pupils in S1 and S2. Pupils will be able to speak with staff and senior pupils about the clubs/activities and sign up to each of them. See below again at the end of this update the Extra-Curricular Programme for this session:

On Wednesday, we held our first event in partnership with Glasgow School of Art (GSA). This was a portfolio course led by GSA lecturers with the focus being on exploring new media and techniques. We had a fantastic turn out of pupils from our own school, but also, we welcomed pupils from neighbouring schools across the Local Authority.



Over the month of September, we have several items to look forward to. We have our first parent council meeting next Wednesday 20th September at 6pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome.

This year, we will again be linking up with the 'Team Up to Clean Up' team at Renfrewshire Council to support their flagship Spotless September event. We want to support the campaign on changing people's behaviour to dropping litter, encouraging our pupils to lead from the front and create a local community that is cleaner and a more attractive place to live, work and visit. Pupils across the school will be involved in litter picks both in the school grounds and out in the local community with house points and award available to the house group that collects the most.



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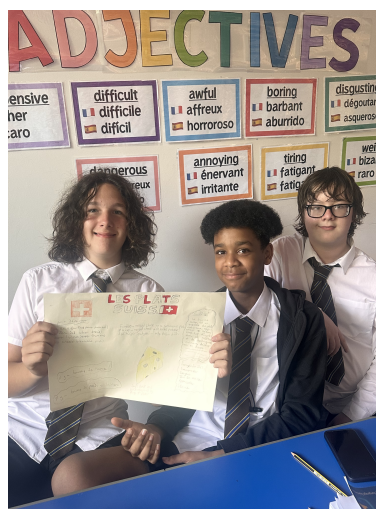


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We will start our Breakfast Club on Tuesday 12th September from 8.15am – 8.45am. All are welcome in the Tannahill social space for toast, fruit, and cereal bars. Pupils who wish to attend should enter from the courtyard area.



Miss Peat's S3 class finished their posters looking at *Les Plats Francophones* - a project looking at the yummy food across the French speaking globe. Hopefully we can get an opportunity to try some of these foods soon.



Finally, earlier in the week I sent out a copy of the 'Parent Calendar'. A paper copy was sent home with pupils and an electronic copy was made available on our school website and on our school app. Please find below an additional copy for any parents/carers.

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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School Holidays

Scan the QR code to view school holiday dates for Renfrewshire Council.



School Starts
Back
16th

Aug

19th SQA Appeals Deadline
22nd S2 & S3 Edinburgh book festival trip

Holiday
22nd-25th

Sep

20th S5/6 Tracking report issued
21st European Day of Languages
25th Maths Week
27th S4 Tracking report issued

Holiday
16th - 23rd

Oct

2nd Dyslexia Awareness Week
24th S1 Tracking report issued
25th Tempest photos-S1, S3, S5, Senate & S6 year group

Holiday
30th

Nov

7th S4 Parent's Evening
13th S2 Full report issued
13th Anti-Bullying Week
16th S5&S6 Parent's Evening
20th Flu Immunisation

Holiday
from 23rd

Dec

4th Options Launch Event
4th S3 Tracking report issued
4th PE Practical performance week
8th Christmas Jumper Day
11th S4/S5/S6 Tracking report issued
12th S1 Parent's Evening
22nd Last day of term and non-uniform day



Castlehead High School Calendar 2023- 2024

School
Starts Back
8th

Jan

10th Prelims start
17th S3 Space Physics
18th S2 Parent's Evening
24th Prelims finish
29th Languages week
31st UCAS Deadline

Holiday
12th-15th

Feb

5th Children's Mental Health Week
5th HPV Immunisation
6th S3 Parent's Evening
19th S4 Full report issued
19th PE Practical performance week
23rd Purple Friday
28th S5 & S6 Full report issued

Holiday
29th

Mar

7th World Book Day
7th S2 Tracking report issued
11th S3 Full reports issued
18th Teenager Booster Vaccination

Holiday
1st - 14th

Apr

18th S6 Graduation
22nd SQA exams start

Holiday
2nd, 6th and
24th-27th

May

3rd S1 Full report issued
6th Creativity Week
9th Potential Sports Day
16th Potential Sports Day
15th National Numeracy Day
30th New S5 & S6 Induction day
30th SQA exams finish
31st New S5 & S6 Induction day
31st Potential Activities Day for S1-S3

Holiday
from 28th

Jun

3rd New timetable begins
10th Pride week
11th P7 3 Day Visit
12th P7 Parents Transition Evening
24th Malaga Trip
27th Non Uniform and last day



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Key Staff

Senior Leadership Team

Mr G Menzies	Head Teacher	
Mr D Dunlop	Depute Head Teacher	S5/6
Ms G Whitnall	Depute Head Teacher	Camphill
Mrs S Wallace	Depute Head Teacher	Oakshaw
Ms C Wilson	Depute Head Teacher,	Maxwellton
Mr J Ross	Education Support Manager	

Pupil Support Staff

Mrs A Abercrombie	PT Pupil Support	S5/6
Mrs C Duggan	PT Pupil Support	Camphill
Miss J Campbell	PT Pupil Support	Camphill
Mrs S Begg/Mrs P Stewart	PT Pupil Support	Oakshaw
Ms G McFarlane	PT Pupil Support	Maxwellton
Miss C Donnachie	PT Pupil Support	Support for Learning



Uniform

Accepted School Uniform

Brown School Blazer
Black or Blue outdoor jacket
White Shirt
School tie
Black Trousers
Black Skirt
Black Cardigan/V Neck Jumper
Black Shoes

Clothing Not Accepted as School Uniform

PE kit out with PE lessons
Patterned tights
Denim trousers/jeans/jackets/skirts
Leggings
Short skirts
Hooded tops or "non-school" branded fashion tops
Vest tops
Polo shirts
Coloured trainers

PE Uniform

Dark jogging bottoms/shorts
Blue T-shirt/polo shirt
School PE top
(Available from the PE department)
Training Shoes



Reports Issued Week Beginning

S1	Tracking Full Report	24th October	S4	Tracking Tracking Full Report	27th September
		3rd May			11th December
S2	Full Report Tracking	13th November			19th February
		7th March			
S3	Tracking Full Report	4th December	S5/6	Tracking Tracking Report	20th September
		11th March			11th December
					28th February



Parents' Evenings

S1	Tuesday 12th December	2023
S2	Thursday 18th January	2024
S3	Tuesday 6th February	2024
S4	Tuesday 7th November	2023
S5/6	Thursday 16th November	2023



Holidays

Term 1

In-service days: Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th August 2023
Pupils' first day: Wednesday 16th August 2023
September Weekend: 22nd to 25th September '23
October Week: 16th to 23rd October
Pupils Return: Tuesday 24th October 2023
St. Andrew's Day (schools closed): 30th November
Festive break: 25th December to 5th January 2024

Term 2

Pupils return: Monday 8th January 2024
February holiday: 12th to 14th February 2024
Pupils return: Thursday 15th February 2024
Spring holiday: Friday 29th March to 12th April 2024

Term 3

Pupils return: Monday 15th April 2024
Election Day/In-service (schools closed): Thursday 2nd May 2024
Pupils return: Friday 3rd May 2024
May Day (School closed): Monday 6th May 2024
May Holiday weekend: Friday 24th to Monday 27th May 2024
Pupils return: Tuesday 28th May 2024
Last day of session: Thursday 27th June 2024



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DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	STAFF	AREA
MONDAY	LUNCHTIME 1.30pm-2pm	Craft Club	Miss Hemsworth and Mrs Hughes	Library
	LUNCHTIME 1.30pm-2.00pm	Blooket Buddies (S1-3)	Miss Feeney	129
	LUNCHTIME 1.15pm-1.55pm	Monday Movie Club	Miss O'Sullivan	Room 117
	LUNCHTIME	Soul Band (S2-6)	Miss Smith	Music Room 2
	LUNCHTIME	Table Tennis	Mr McLean	PE – TT Area
	AFTERSCHOOL	Netball	Miss Marshall	Games Hall
	AFTERSCHOOL	Girls Football (S1-4)	Miss MacKenzie	Astro Pitch
	AFTERSCHOOL	Running Club	Miss O'Sullivan	Various Locations
TUESDAY	LUNCHTIME 1.30pm-2pm	Board Game Club	Miss Hemsworth	Library
	LUNCHTIME	Fitness	Miss Marshall	Fitness Suite
	AFTERSCHOOL	Basketball	Miss Marshall	Games Hall



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WEDNESDAY	LUNCHTIME 12.40pm-1.10pm	Weaving Club (S1-3)	Gemma Fraser	Room 320
	LUNCHTIME	Badminton	Miss MacKenzie	Games Hall
	LUNCHTIME 12.40pm-1.10pm	Paired Reading (S1-2)	Miss Anderson	Languages and Literature Department
	LUNCHTIME	Ukulele/Guitar Ensemble	Miss Smith	Music Room 1
	AFTERSCHOOL 3pm - 4pm	STEAM / Lego Robotics club (S1-3)	Mrs Ballantyne & Librarian	The Library
	AFTERSCHOOL 3.40pm-4.30pm	Homework Club (S1-3)	Mr Boak	Library
	AFTERSCHOOL 3pm-4pm	Quick Dinners (S4-6)	Mr Tarnawsky	HE – Room 308
	AFTERSCHOOL	RSSE	Active Schools	Various Locations
THURSDAY	LUNCHTIME	Alphabetti Spaghetti	Miss Peat	Room 131
	LUNCHTIME 1.15pm-2.00pm	Impact Club (linked with Scripture Union)	Mrs Aitken	Room 225
	LUNCHTIME	Board Games / Chess club	Mrs Adam	Maths 107
	LUNCHTIME	Table Tennis	Mr Lochhead	PE – TT Area
	LUNCHTIME	Whole School Choir	Mr Boak/Ms	Music Room 2



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			Robertson/Miss Smith	
	AFTERSCHOOL	Volleyball	Mr McGeoch	Games Hall

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FRIDAY	LUNCHTIME	Board Games / Chess club	Mrs Adam	Maths 107
	LUNCHTIME	Origami Club	Ms McCarter	Social Subjects. Room TBC
	LUNCHTIME	Spanish Conversation	Ms Martin	Room 222
	LUNCHTIME	Multi-Sports	Active Schools/Mr McLean	Various Locations
	LUNCHTIME	Dance	Mrs Toole	Gym 2



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