



# 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,

I hope that everyone had a restful October break. Staff returned to school on Monday for our third in-service day of the school year. The focus for this day for many of our teaching staff was the sharing of good practice across all schools in the local authority. Teachers travelled to a range of schools to spend time with subject specialists to discuss teaching and learning, SQA practice and much more. Our staff also spent time in their collegiate groups which each focus on our three key priorities for the session of Health and Wellbeing, Learning and Teaching, and Raising Attainment.

## SCHOOL REMEDIATION WORK

Earlier this week you were informed of the discovery of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in the school's gyms, games hall and fitness suite. As referenced in my previous communication, the decision was taken to shut these areas. This week, our PE classes have not had the opportunity to participate in physical activity. However, over the course of this week we have worked closely with the council and OneRen to ensure we have appropriate provision for our young people to participate in PE. This morning, Mr McLean, Principal Teacher of PE and I visited the Lagoon Leisure facility to discuss the logistics of our pupils using the state-of-the-art sports facilities they have there. As we have changing facilities still available in school, from Monday morning, all pupils will participate in PE outdoors during their timetabled periods. From next Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> November) all classes will be transported by bus during their double period of PE to the Lagoon to follow their curriculum there. This will continue while the remediation work is finished.



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## GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART SENIOR PUPIL VISIT

Today, some of our senior pupils visited Glasgow School of Art (GSA). They had the opportunity to engage with lecturers, have a tour, learn in workshops, and listen to talks covering all disciplines and courses. This gave them a great insight into what studying in a creative environment like GSA might offer.



## TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Wednesday, we had Tempest photographers in school to take school photos of our pupils in S1, S3 and S5. In addition, we had our traditional S6 photo and Pupil Senate photo. As we have recently launched our Pupil Parliament this year, we also had a group photo with all the Members of the Castlehead Parliament (MCP's). Information on the individual photos should have come home in school bags, with the group photo information to come at a later date.



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## E-SGOIL ONLINE STUDY SUPPORT

E-sgoil begin online study support from next week. Feedback from pupils who have engaged with this support last session was very positive. This has been promoted by class teachers and senior pupils have been encouraged to sign up. Please see the link and picture below with information on the timetable and sign up detailed.

<https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/>

MONDAY		
Time	Subject	Level
5pm	HFT	N5/Higher
	Maths	N5
6pm	Practical Cookery	N5
	Physics	Higher
	Physics	Advanced Higher
	Human Biology	Higher
	Business Management	N5
	Applications of Maths	N5
	RMPS	N5
7pm	Applications of Maths	Higher
	Business Management	Advanced Higher
	Biology	Higher
	Computing Science	Higher
	Biology	Advanced Higher
	Computing Science	N5

  

TUESDAY		
Time	Subject	Level
4pm	Maths	N4
5pm	Modern Studies	Higher
	Music	N5
	Maths	Higher
	Gaelic (learners)	N5/Higher
6pm	Spanish	Higher
	Maths	Advanced Higher
	Business Management	Higher
	Chemistry	N5
	Music	Higher
7pm	Accounting	Higher
	English	Higher
	Chemistry	Advanced Higher

  

THURSDAY		
Time	Subject	Level
5pm	Engineering Science	N5
	Engineering Science	Higher
	Physics	N5



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## BGE Support for Learning Halloween Event

A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Ballantyne's S4 leaders for organising such a spooktacular afternoon for some of our BGE learners. With dancing, games and plenty of sweet treats, everyone had a frightfully fun time, even some of the staff.



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## SENIOR HALLOWEEN 'FRIGHT NIGHT' DISCO

Last night saw our traditional senior pupil Halloween event. This is an event run by the pupils for the pupils. Thanks must go to Emily Teeling in S6 for leading her team of brilliant pupils in organising a fantastic event. Even some of the staff got in on the fancy dress act. There is a prize for any pupil that can guess which member of staff is wearing the werewolf costume.



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## STRIKE ACTION

Finally, you will have received communication from Renfrewshire Council regarding strike action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. At time of writing this update, I have no further details and as soon as these are available, you will be informed by Renfrewshire Council. I will also write to all parents to inform them of our plans.

I hope you have a restful weekend. With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies  
Head Teacher



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