



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,

Following the disruption last week, it was back to a full five days of teaching and learning at Castlehead.

EVOLVE YOUTH SERVICES AWARD

Four pupils that joined our school community from the Ukraine last session were nominated for the Evolve Youth Services award. Following a significant amount of work from the boys, they were invited to the Youth Services awards event at the Normandy hotel and were successful in winning. We are all so proud of Artur, Tymur, Nikita, and Yegor!



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ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti Bullying week. On Monday, all year groups will take part in year group assemblies which will be led by our pupil anti-bullying ambassadors. Over the course of the last few weeks, our senior pupils have been hard at work preparing posters, creative displays, and decorations for our anti-bullying S1 disco PositivITREE next Friday. The senior pupil leaders will also be leading lunchtime activities along with members of our pupil parliament. Next Friday will also be an own clothes/odd socks day with a joint focus on Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need. £1 donations should be brought in next Friday with the money raise split between Children in Need and Anti-Bullying charities.



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR VOLLEYBALL

During this period where some of our PE facilities are unavailable, the Thursday Volleyball Club is seeking to visit some external facilities. Last night, a small group of our volleyballers attended Gleniffer High School to join in with their after-school session. Our pupils had a great time improving their skills and playing informal inter school matches.

In order to attend any out of school events, could parents / carers please complete the Volleyball Consent form on ParentPay. This is available for all pupils who have attended after school volleyball since August and will be live on ParentPay until 17th November.

In addition, the Volleyball Club has a Microsoft Teams group. All current members are already included in the Team. Please keep an eye here for announcements/update. This will allow us to act quickly should we be invited to attend other facilities as we move forward.

PARENTS EVENINGS

On Tuesday we had our first parents evening of the session for parents/carers of pupils in S4. With a healthy turn out of parents, the evening went well and gave parents/carers the chance to discuss progress with teachers on the run up to the prelim exams in January.

Our next parents evening is next Thursday for parents/carers of pupils in S5 and S6. Information on the booking system has gone out to parents this week and we look forward to welcoming them next week.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Earlier this week I informed parents that as part of Renfrewshire Council's Quality Improvement Framework, officers of the council will visit Castlehead on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th of November, with the purpose to promote and support school improvement. An important part of this process is to seek feedback from parents/carers. If you have not already completed the questionnaire from the link sent out, I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this from the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/r2NP1eEsd6>



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PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Finally, our Pupil Parliament were in session again this week and were visited by Renfrewshire Youth Services who spoke to them all about the Scottish Youth Parliament and the importance of our young people using their voice. Please see some of the pictures of this session below:



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

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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