



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,

This week began with a bang on Monday with the visit of NHS nursing staff to administer the flu vaccination for a large number of our pupils. Feedback from the school immunisation team was extremely positive with the way our pupils worked with the staff and the also mentioned how well our pupils dealt with the vaccination process.

Rights Respecting Schools

Monday also brought World Children's Day. UNICEF had created a campaign called OutRight which empowers children and young people to realise their own rights and speak out in their support. World Children's Day is UNICEF's global day of action for children, by children, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). As a 'Bronze' Rights Respecting School, this was a focus of some of the lessons across Monday.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club continues to go from strength to strength and runs every morning from 8:15am - 8:45am in the Tannahill Social Space. This is a reminder to parents/carers to urge your young people to pop down at 8.15am every day where there will be friendly staff faces dishing out free toast, bagels, breakfast bars, fruit, tea, and hot chocolate.



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Uniform

Can I continue to request support from parents with uniform. We have seen a slight increase in non-school uniform items being worn over the last few weeks. 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**

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

S1-3 Panto Trip

Tickets for the 'Beauty and The Beast' Pantomime on the 8th of December are still available to purchase on parent pay for £12. This trip is available to all S1-3 pupils and is usually a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to get into the festive spirit. The deadline for purchasing tickets will be Tuesday 28th of November. If pupils have any issues, they can speak with Miss Murray in the English department.



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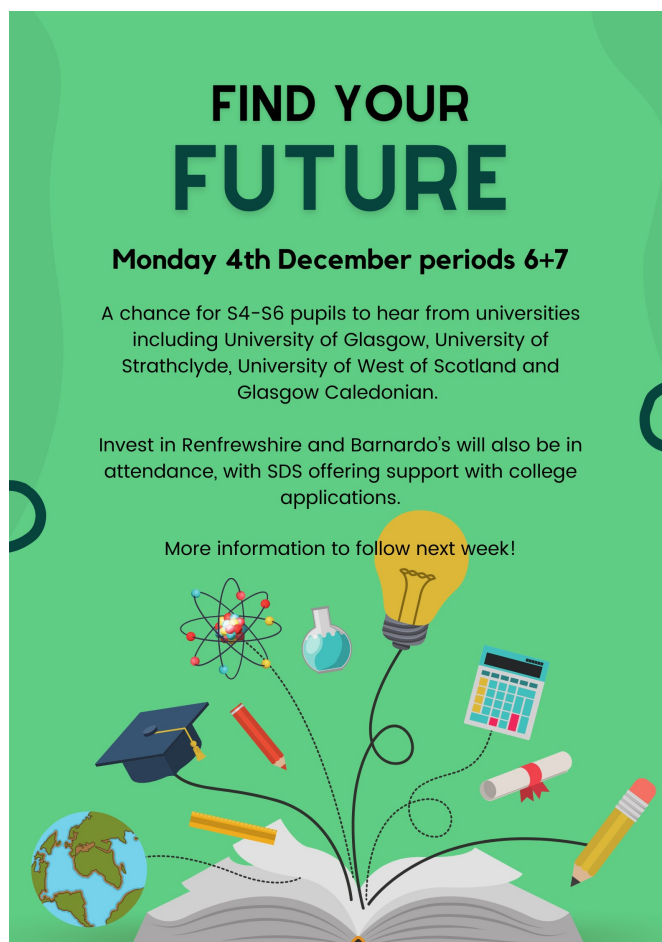




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Find My Future Event

On Monday 4th December, we will be hosting our first 'Find My Future' event. This will be an opportunity for pupils in S4-S6 to hear from various Universities, INVEST in Renfrewshire and Barnardo's. Skills Development Scotland will also be in attendance to support our pupils with college applications. More information will follow next week.



Local Authority School Review

On Monday and Tuesday next week we will welcome a visiting team from Renfrewshire Council as part of their School Review programme. As part of this visit, the visiting team will be speaking with pupils, observing lessons, and engaging in professional dialogue with members of staff. This process is part of the local authority Quality Improvement Framework, and we look forward to welcoming them into our school.



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DofE Sponsored Walk

Last Sunday, forty-nine of our Duke of Edinburgh pupils braved the elements to take part in their annual sponsored walk. In very misty conditions, all our pupils worked extremely well together and returned safely. This was a great test of their navigation skills.



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Swimming Success

Finally, our sporting success continued this week with some amazing performances from Lewis Kerr and Ewan Watson at the Renfrewshire Schools Swimming Championships. Lewis taking Bronze in the 100m and 200m Back stroke and Ewan winning Gold in the 100m and 200m Fly. Outstanding achievements from both, well done!



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

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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