



# 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, parents, and carers,

As we enter December, the cold and frost have seemed to catch us all. Please could any parent that are dropping off pupils or picking them up from the school take care as the hill on the way up to the school can sometimes be a challenge.

## LA SCHOOL REVIEW

Earlier this week, a visiting team from the Local Authority came to Castlehead as part of the Quality Improvement Framework. They spent time observing learning and teaching, speaking to pupils and staff, and analysing information about our school. The visiting team highlighted positive aspects of our school and agreed with our identified areas for improvement. Once the final report has been produced, I will inform parents of the content.

## PARENT COUNCIL LOTTERY

I mentioned a few weeks ago about the Parent Council running a schools lottery. This has been an extremely successful fund-raising initiative and provides players a chance to win. There is a Christmas Super draw coming up on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, where one lucky winner will scoop a whopping £3000 Christmas cash bonus. If you are not already involved in the schools lottery and would like to support the school with a chance of winning, please follow the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/castlehead-high-school>



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## HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT DAY



Calling all hockey players or any pupil interested in playing hockey! Paisley has been a hotbed for hockey for decades with Castleheads successful link to Kelburne hockey club going back decades. Kelburne hockey club are holding a hockey development day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm at the ON-X Sports Centre in Linwood. If any pupils are interested in attending, they should speak with their PE teacher to sign up.

## SANTA DASH

To get into the festive spirit, Miss Marshall in the PE department will be holding a Santa Dash for pupils in S1 to S3 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils will pop on a Santa hat and sing along to some Christmas music while participating in some exercise. There may even be a surprise special guest.....ho ho ho! Santa hats will be available for a small donation to charity on the day.



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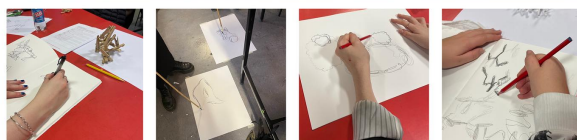
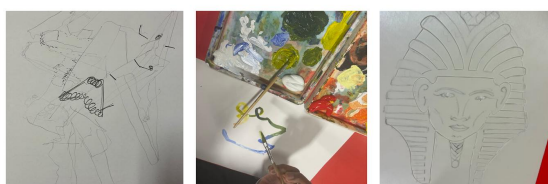




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## GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART PORTFOLIO CLASS

As part of our partnership with Glasgow School of Art, some of our senior pupils have been participating in portfolio class supported by GSA lecturers. This has been a fabulous opportunity for our pupils produce a portfolio over the last 10 weeks. Pupils have had the chance to experiment with many media and techniques, ranging from sculpture, abstract painting to drawing with sticks. Well done to all who completed the course.



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## ROLLS ROYCE ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

Rolls-Royce in Inchinnan are holding an open evening on Thursday 18th January, to provide students and parents an opportunity to explore the apprenticeship opportunities available. This will be open to students currently in S4 to S6 and their families. There are two slots at 5pm and 6pm, and tickets need to be booked in advance.

5pm Link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-advanced-apprenticeship-open-evening-inchinnan-uk-tickets-763870125107?aff=oddtcreator>

6pm Link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-advanced-apprenticeship-open-evening-inchinnan-uk-tickets-763873625577?aff=oddtcreator>



## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND SUPPORT

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) are delivering a national webinar for parents of S2 and S3 pupils on Option Choices. The webinar will take place on Thursday 7th December at 6:30 pm. This session aims to:

- give parents information about the support SDS offer young people at option choice time;
- highlight questions and information young people should consider when making these decisions; and
- signpost young people and parents to available resources

Registration for the online event can be completed on the link over the page:



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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/option-choices-webinar-for-parents-and-carers-of-s1-to-s3-pupils-tickets-754509757997?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2r3zmuVmiigoOSpMRzlsvFkGdpaZFeKFz1zFRnKGYwhl85nVNbSwTsDLI>



## OPTIONS LAUNCH EVENT

Finally, you will have been informed earlier in the week that our options launch event due to take place on Monday 4th December has been postponed until Tuesday 9th January. The event will include a brief presentation in the school auditorium followed by time for pupils/ parent and carers to go round various stalls to see courses and pathways on offer. The event will be from 5.30pm-6.30pm for S2 pupils and from 6.30pm-7.30pm for S4/5 pupils.

Key Dates in December:

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	-	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	-	<b>S1-3 Panto trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	-	<b>S1 Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	-	<b>S1-3 Santa Dash</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	-	<b>Christmas Concert – evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	-	<b>Snowball for S5/6 pupils - evening</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	-	<b>Christmas Service &amp; Inter House Games</b>
		<b>Last day of term – School closes at 2.30pm</b>

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

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Head Teacher



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