



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,

I would like to start this Head Teacher update by wishing all our pupils, parents, carers, teachers, and everyone in the Castlehead High School community a Happy New Year. I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

SENIOR PHASE PRELIMS

This week saw the beginning of our senior phase prelim exams. Due to the ongoing work in our PE facilities, our pupils have been travelling to Paisley Town Hall to sit their prelim exams. So far this week we have seen our pupils sitting Higher and N5 English, Higher Geography, Higher Applications of Maths, Advanced Higher, Higher and N5 Maths, N5 History, Practical Woodwork and Practical Metalwork. We wish our pupils all the best for the remaining prelim exams and continue to support them when they are in school during the exam diet.

OPTIONS LAUNCH EVENING

On Tuesday evening we had our Options Launch event for parents/carers of pupils in S2, S3, S4 and S5. This evening allowed staff to discuss with parents the options process which will begin soon and allow curricular staff to discuss course options with pupils for next session. Feedback from staff, parents and pupils was extremely positive and this event allows pupils to begin to think about curricular and career pathways moving forward. Please click on the link over the page to access the presentation details from the event:



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<https://www.castleheadhigh.com/2024/01/12/options-launch-event-information/>

Please also see photos of the event below:



MUSIC INDUSTRY INSIDERS

Have you ever dreamed of working at music festivals like TRNSMT, or fancied touring the world with your favourite bands, but you can't play a guitar or sing? The music department will be running a series of talks over this term with some of the country's top music industry experts including Biffy Clyro's Tour Manager Neil Anderson, former Radio 1



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DJ Ally McCrae, and Franz Ferdinand and Primal Scream's guitar technician, Allan Stewart. These talks will be open to all S3 - S6 pupils with the aim of giving you insider tips on how to get into the music industry without being a musician. Guests and times will be announced in the weekly pupil bulletin. The first talk with Radio 1 DJ Ally McCrae will take place on Friday 19th January at 12.40pm (during lunch) in room M2. Pupils should ask Mrs Robertson in the music department for more details.

ESGOIL STUDY SUPPORT

Finally, Esgoil study support webinars have resumed for pupils in the senior phase. This is a fabulous resource to support our pupils both for their prelims and the final exams in April/May. You can view and download details of the topics to be covered in each webinar at the link below in addition to the timetable of webinars.

bit.ly/49ZZWsa

STUDY SUPPORT

2023-24

WEEK COMMENCING:
8TH JANUARY 2024

National e-Learning Offer

www.e-sgoil.com

Time	Subject	Level	Topic
MONDAY	HFT	N5/H	Dietary Diseases 2
	Maths	N5	Inequations & Changing The Subject To The Formula
	RMPS	H	Check webinar team for details
	Practical Cookery	N5	Food Hygiene: Contamination
	Physics	H	Assignment
	Physics	AH	Quantum Mechanics
	Human Biology	H	KA 1.7 Cellular Respiration
	Business Management	N5	Break-even analysis
	Applications of Maths	N5	Statistics
	RMPS	N5	Types of exam questions
	Applications of Maths	H	Accumulation
	Business Management	AH	Management roles
Biology	H	Unit 1 - KA 6 - Chromosome Mutations	
Computing Science	H	Software File: File Handling inc. Records & Array of Records	
Biology	AH	Unit 1: KA4d	
Computing Science	N5	Check webinar team for details	

Time	Subject	Level	Topic
WEDNESDAY	French	N5	Conversation skills 2
	Graphic Communication	H	Check webinar team for details
	Geography	H	Population: Data Collection & Difficulties
	Gaidhlig	N5/H	Suil air Sgilean - Leughadh
	French	H	Conversation skills 2
	Geography	N5	Glacial Features
	Design and Manufacture	H	Research Techniques
	English	N4	Introduction to Nat 4 Writing
	English	N5	RUAE Analysis & Evaluation/Word Choice and Imagery Questions
	English	AH	Focus on drama

Time	Subject	Level	Topic
TUESDAY	Maths	N4	No webinar until further notice
	Modern Studies	H	Electoral systems: FPTP
	Music	N5	Concept categories & identifying concepts
	Maths	H	Quadratic Trig Equations
	Gaelic (learners)	N5/H	Suil air Sgilean - Reading
	Spanish	H	How to revise for directed writing exam & tenses to learn
	Maths	AH	de Moivre's Theorem
	Business Management	H	Financial statements & ratios
	Chemistry	N5	Molar calculations: using both triangles
	Music	H	Concept categories & identifying concepts
	Accounting	H	Budgets
	English	H	How to revise for and do the Critical Essay exam 1
Chemistry	AH	Reaction feasibility	

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THURSDAY	Engineering Science	N5	Analogue Electronics 1: Ohm's and Kirchhoff's laws
	Engineering Science	H	Structures 1: concurrent forces, non-concurrent forces
	Physics	N5	Electricity - Electric Circuit Voltage, current & resistance, Electric Fields
	Chemistry	H	Alcohols
	Art and Design	H	Expressive Image Questions
	Admin and IT	H	Databases
	History	H	Skills / Practise Questions & general revision
	Design and Manufacture	N5	Research Techniques
	Biology	N5	Tackling Problem Solving & Data Handling
	PE	N5	Recap Feedback
	PE	H	Principles of training
	History	N5	Skills / Practise Questions & general revision
Graphic Communication	N5	CAD	

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

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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