



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,

Today at Castlehead we waved a fond farewell to Mrs Andrea Abercrombie who begins her well-deserved retirement after 37 years teaching in our school. Andrea joined Castlehead in August 1987 as a Business teacher and became a Principal Teacher of Pupil Support in 2003. She has seen countless pupils through our school and has played a vital part in supporting the young people that she has worked with. She will be sorely missed by the whole school community, but we wish her every happiness and she leaves us with our absolute love and best wishes.



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SENIOR PHASE PRELIMS

This week saw the completion of our S4, S5 and S6 prelims. As you will be aware, we changed the location to the Paisley Town Hall and our pupils were commended in how they adapted to this. We now await the marking so that pupils can identify next steps in their learning on the run up to the 'real thing' which begins in April.



PUPIL SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Bella Wilson on being selected and completing the Young WEIR-WISE: Discovering Engineering with S2 Girls outreach programme at the University of Strathclyde this week. An amazing achievement.



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Congratulations also goes to Lewis Allan in S4 who achieved his Taekwondo black belt. He has put so much discipline and commitment into gaining this prestigious belt and we are delighted that he has shared his success. Well done Lewis!



MUSIC INDUSTRY INSIDER TALKS

The Music department began their series of talks last week with some of the country's top music industry experts. Last week pupils were visited by former Radio 1 DJ Ally McCrae and this week the pupils got to meet and listen to Biffy Clyro's Tour Manager Neil Anderson. See some photos over the page of the fantastic opportunity for our pupils to hear some insider tips on how to get into the music industry without being a musician. Further talks will be coming our pupils way from Franz Ferdinand and Primal Scream's guitar technician, Allan Stewart.



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S1 DANCE CLUB

Our S1 Dance Club will start next week on Wednesday after school. Miss Marshall in the PE department will be leading and all pupils welcome. This will take place in the table tennis area in PE department. If any pupils have any questions, they should speak to Miss Marshall PE dept.



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FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO EDITING

Calling all media and video editing fans! We will be running a project this term to create a video recipe book! The project will be about using air fryers to feed the family and we are in need of some digitally creative pupils to help plan, video and edit the recipe videos. If video editing on Instagram or TikTok is something you enjoy doing, then this is definitely for you. Please see Mr Boak's in the music department for more details if you want to get involved.

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

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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