



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

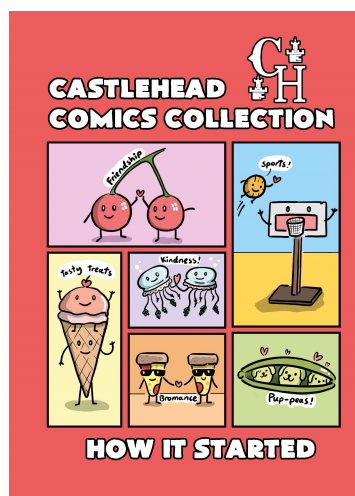
Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear pupils, parents, and carers,

With this being the final week before the half term long weekend, pupils and teachers are now looking forward to a well-earned rest. Staff will return to school on Wednesday 14th February for an in-service day with pupils returning on Thursday 15th February at 8.50am.

LIBRARY UPDATE

This week in the library, S5 volunteers were working on invites for the launch of the comic book that S1 pupils have created with our illustrator in residence, Neil Slorance. All S1 pupils who have worked on this programme will be invited, along with their parents to the launch event. More information to come on this, but the launch event will happen in mid/late March with the date and location to follow. Please see a sneak peek of the cover below:



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The library staff are also calling aspiring artists/designers!

Our library is running an exciting project based on gang/violence reduction. We are looking for an artistic pupil to design a poster advertising this. The poster should be graffiti themed and should have the title 'Libraries LYT up lives'. Any pupil interested in this should speak with the library staff.



PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

Renfrewshire Council are organising a Participatory Budgeting information and recruitment session for young people.

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. PB is recognised internationally as a way for people to have a direct say in how local money is spent.

Celebrating Renfrewshire is a fund which is designed by a young person led steering group, using a participatory budgeting approach. Having young people engage in this process is vital to ensure the needs of young people across Renfrewshire are being met through the projects that receive funding.

All interested young people aged 12 – 25 are invited to attend the Youth Participatory budgeting information and recruitment event on **Wednesday 28th of February 2024 from**



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4:15pm- 6pm at the St Mirren Football stadium, St. Mirren Park, Greenhill Road, Paisley PA3 1RU (food will be provided).

This information event is an opportunity for young people to find out more about the Celebrating Renfrewshire fund and what is involved in being part of the steering group.



Celebrating Renfrewshire Steering Group Recruitment

28th FEBURARY 2024, 4.30pm to 6pm
St. Mirren Park, Greenhill Road, Paisley PA3 1RU

Please come along and join us to learn more about
participatory budgeting and Celebrating Renfrewshire!

We would love to see you to hear your views on
what is important to young people in Renfrewshire!

For more information you can contact us at:
celebratingren@renfrewshire.gov.uk
0141 487 1512

A fund by young people for young people



UNIFORM

Can I continue to request support from parents with uniform. We continue to have some pupils arriving in school with non-school uniform items being worn. Please see below our expectations:

- White shirt and school tie
- Black jumper
- Smart / tailored black trousers / black skirt.
- Black shoes / trainers



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- sportswear, athletic wear
- hooded tops with slogans, adverts, logos
- **sport leggings, casual jogging trousers or denims**

WEST COLLEGE SCOTLAND- MINDS OF YOUNG ARTISTS (MOYA)

CROCS CHARMS

£1

ON Friday the 9th and Thursday the 8th there will be a stall in the SS14 cafeteria in which you will be able to buy croc charms - give're names boy friends

on wednesdays we wear pink

slay

YOU ROCK MY WORLD

XXXX Princess Ultra BAE

DIAMOND PINK FRIES LIGHTNING BOLT SMOOTHIE BOTTLE

SQUID MCDONALD'S HUGO BOSS LIPS YELLOW BEANIE SUNGLASSES

SPICY CHICKEN RICE BOWL SUNGLASSES CUTE CAT WATERMELON

Two photos of decorated Crocs shoes are included: one pair is pink with various charms, and the other is white with pink and black charms.





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SENIOR PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Today, our Higher Leadership pupils organised today's non-uniform day in support of Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), for children's mental health week. Pupils were asked to wear the colour green in support. In addition, the group organised a S1 House Competition Team Building event which was a fabulous way to end the week. See photos below:



On Tuesday, Shaun McGuire, Aaron MacAuley and Harry Chivers delivered a McMillan Coffee and Bake sale as part of their Higher Leadership project. The event went extremely well with a selection of cupcakes, millionaire shortbread, brownies, muffins, and empire biscuits being devoured by our hungry pupils. We are still awaiting their final total, but a huge congratulations to the boys on a well organised event.



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MUSIC INSIDERS

Last week's organised talk was from one of Scotland's biggest music photographers, Euan Robertson. Euan has photographed the world's biggest stars including the Foo Fighters, Greenday, Fallout Boy, Lewis Capaldi, Paolo Nutini, The Cure and The 1975. He was talking to a large crowd about how he cracked the world of music photography, what it's like working backstage at gigs and what the job involves.

This week's talk was with Fiona Pope, head of Artists and Repertoire (A&R) at the record label Decca/Universal in London. Fiona is responsible for talent scouting and finding artists to sign to the label. Pupils heard from her about growing up in Hamilton to then working for one of the biggest record labels in the world.

Thanks again to Miss Robertson in the Music department for organising these brilliant opportunities for our pupils to link their learning to the real world.

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

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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