



# 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 the closing days of February, we look forward to the lighter nights and hopefully increased temperatures. With only 6 teaching weeks until the final SQA exams, we have a clear focus on coursework, assignments, and exam preparation for our senior phase pupils. This is always one of the busiest periods in a school, and it is increasingly important that pupils attend every lesson every day to ensure they are fully prepared and engaged in their learning.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

I was delighted to attend Paisley Town Hall on Wednesday evening to join the Renfrewshire celebrations for our fabulous young people who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze and Silver. Well done to them all, it is a huge achievement, and it was great to hear their stories and experiences and watch the short films and see the photos which brought it all to life. Special mention must go to Kieran Livingston and Daniel McCartney (both S6) who presented the evening to a large audience. They were fantastic and will give Ant and Dec a run for their money in the future. It is a wonderful reminder of how attitudes and lives can be changed through experiences such as this. Well done and thanks also to our leaders - Miss Heron, Miss Dalgleish and Mr Inglis for supporting our young people to achieve the award. Please see some pictures of the fantastic evening over the pages:



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## S2 MARSUEM PROJECT

This morning, the Design Faculty launched the 'Marseum' project in collaboration with the OneRen Museum team. This project will allow our pupils to be part of the newly refurbished Paisley Museum when it opens next year. Thanks to the OneRen museum team for coming in and presenting to our S2 pupils on their exciting mission:



## SPANISH SPEAKING EXAMS

Many senior pupils took part in their final Nat 5 and Higher Spanish Speaking exams this week. A huge amount of preparation has gone into these, and the results are a strong reflection of the hard work and commitment of our young people. Miss Peat and Miss Feeney would like to say a huge congratulations to all pupils involved and let's keep that momentum rolling as we continue towards the final exams in May!



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## PURPLE FRIDAY

On Thursday afternoon, Kaleidoscope Klub and friends met to watch a film with Miss Peat. Pupils enjoyed spending time building memories as a community and commented how included they felt.

We also celebrated Purple Friday today, with Staff and Pupils wearing purple to show our support for Castlehead's LGBT community. Pupils commented how proud they were of so many staff and young people showing up in support as allies. Miss Peat would like to thank everyone who took part in celebrating our LGBTQ+ Youth community.

For any pupil or member of staff who identifies as LGBTQ+ or as an ally, you are welcome to attend The Kaleidoscope Klub in Miss Peat's room (131) on a Thursday lunchtime. The Kaleidoscope Klub is a safe space to build friendships, try new activities and learn more about supporting one another.



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## KEEP SAFE AMBASSADOR TRAINING

Last week, Charity 'I am me' and Police Scotland delivered Keep Safe Ambassador Training with some of our senior pupils today where they learned about the impact of bullying and hate crime and how to recognise incidents of hate crime and ways to safely report them.



## OPTIONS PROCESS

Over the course of this week, pupils in S2 have been meeting with Skills Development Scotland's careers advisors prior to their options process. Yesterday, pupils in S2 were issued with the options form with options interviews planned their Pupil Support teachers in the coming weeks. S3 and Senior options forms will be issued to pupils next week.



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## UNIFORM

Finally, as we begin to see light at the end of the winter tunnel, can I please request support from parents regarding school uniform. We continue to have some pupils arriving in school with non-school uniform items being worn. Where possible, we will provide uniform for pupils who are not wearing it, but continued support from parents would be great. 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.

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

Gordon Menzies  
Head Teacher



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