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2018



# CHS News



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I would like to thank you for all your support this term. It has been a fantastic term and our young people have achieved so much over the past few months. This newsletter showcases many of the great things that are happening here at Castlemilk High School. The Easter Revision school is on offer throughout the Easter holidays and I would actively encourage your child to attend these sessions. I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child every success in their SQA examinations.

The new school timetable will begin on 9th May 2018 and we look forward to another successful year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term.



L. McPhillips

## YOUTH & PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE

Our YPI project is up and running with S3 pupils during Wider Achievement. The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is an active citizenship programme that raises awareness amongst young people about philanthropy and their local community. Each participating school, each year is responsible for directing a £3000 YPI Grant to a local charity through a unique programme of team work, research and competition. YPI Scotland is all about creativity and passion, leaving the four walls of



the classroom behind and supporting the issues young people care most about. S3 pupils have visited their charities and are now creating group presentations to hopefully be in with the chance of winning £3000 for their chosen charity.



Purple Friday well underway  
@Castlemilk\_high! #lgbtyouthscotland



Thank you to Marinieves Alba and Joanna Murphy from @parentforums Scot for your visit yesterday. It was a pleasure to have you in our school and thank you for sharing your knowledge.  
#raisingattainment #parentalengagement #providingopportunitiesforall



## ENGINEERING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Marissa who was one of 50 girls selected to participate in University of Strathclyde's Young Weird Wise programme - a course for S2 girls to get them into engineering. Marissa shared her experience with our S1 pupils at assembly. Well done Marissa!

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## WOMEN'S DAY



Jade and Taylor met and spoke to some inspirational women whilst enjoying afternoon tea and entertainment in the City Chambers. The event was to celebrate International Women's Day. With schools and special guests from all over Glasgow and beyond our 2 senior pupils found lots of inspiration to take back to the Castlemilk High to help empower their peers.

Smiles and spills all round as we lace up our roller boots! Thank You Trip 2018! Thanks for #workinghard #beingontime #positiveattitude



What a difference a week can make! Last week our S1 JASS class visited Whitelee Windfarm for their Outdoor Adventure. #widerachievement #award #sunnydays

## STEM COMPETITION AWARD

A massive congratulations to Kayla and Kaitlyn in S2 who achieved Merit awards in the BEBRAS Challenge which requires pupils to use their computational thinking skills to solve problems. A Merit award means they finished in the top 30% in the UK. Well done girls!



Our dancers were at Holyrood Secondary to compete at this year's City of Dance South heats. 20 teams competed in various styles to win automatic qualification spot for the finals in the Royal Concert Hall in June. We took three teams with us who performed in Hip Hop and contemporary dance. Brook's Higher Dance piece portraying scenes from World War Two blew away the judges to win convincingly!

DANCE WIN!



In the Technical department, the class have been making good progress on their model cars, which they have been manufacturing from a softwood wood called Red pine.

Have a lovely



holiday!





# The Backpage



## RACING FOR FUN!



Our fantastic Parent Council held their Race Night in March at the Castlemilk Bowling Club. Aiming to build on success of last year's event parents, carers, staff and pupils all enjoyed a night at the races. All of the funds raised will go to the Parent Council fund which supports the pupils in the school. Thank you to everyone who took part in this event.

In March, 20 S5 Higher pupils had the opportunity to take part in a Study Weekend in Aberfoyle. Targeted study sessions were provided by a number of staff across a variety of subjects and, in total, pupils benefited from an extra 15 hours of intensive work. In addition, it was a great opportunity to get to know each other better and use the team support to encourage and motivate everyone towards their preparation for the final exams. Well done to all the pupils for making this such a fantastic trip!



## ABERFOYLE STUDY TRIP

## READY FOR SUCCESS



All S4 pupils and S5/6 pupils practicing for college and apprenticeships interviews took part in mock interviews on Tuesday 20th March. We had great support from our partnership employers Eureka Solutions and other employers assisting were Castletoun Housing and Capita. We had great feedback from the employers about those taking part and Capita have even given us prizes including portable phone charges and speakers to hand out to the top candidates from the day!

## COOKING UP A STORM

We have linked with Castlemilk Youth Complex to bring Grub Club to Castlemilk High School! Each Tuesday groups of pupils take part in a 4 week programme learning about how to make healthy foods from scratch. The pupils love learning about new foods and enjoy working together to create culinary masterpieces! In May we hope to invite parents/carers into the school to enjoy some of the dishes cooked by our pupils.



The Higher Drama class made a trip across the city to see the Pantheon's production of Ena Lamont's play - "Men Should Weep" in Webster's Theatre, on a freezing cold March day, just across from Kelvinbridge tube station. While the class enjoyed the production it gave them a new found strength to face the SQA examiner two days later themselves. They liked the set design and the acting was generally of a high standard, bit too posh in places. Our pupils at Castlemilk get the east-end Glaswegian dialect off perfectly. All did very well on the day of the exam. It's just the written paper to focus in on now. Fingers crossed. And toes. Not forgetting pencils too.

## WALKING THE BOARDS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

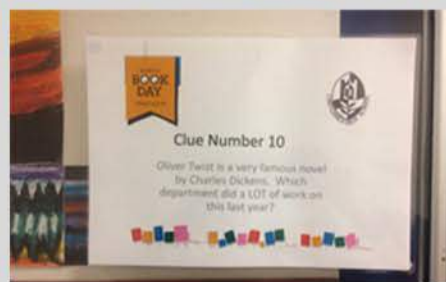
- Schools close at 2.30pm on Thursday 29 March 2018
- Friday 30 March 2018 (Good Friday)
- Monday 2 April 2018 (Easter Monday)
- Schools return on Monday 16 April 2018

### May

- Monday 7 May 2018 (May Day)
- Tuesday 8 May 2018 (In-service day)
- Friday 25 May and Monday 28 May 2018 (May Weekend)

### June

- Schools close at 1pm on Tuesday 26 June 2018



## PAGE TURNER

We celebrated World Book Day when S1 and S2 pupils enjoyed a treasure hunt. S1-3 took part in 'Drop Everything And Read' and 25 seniors unwrapped a mystery book. We are looking forward to hearing what they thought of them.

## WELL DONE!



On 23rd Friday we celebrated Purple Friday at Castlemilk High School. Purple Friday started in Canada in 2010. Purple signifies the purple stripe on the LGBT rainbow flag which stands for spirit. On the day our LGBT group wanted to show our support for LGBTI equality. They sold purple ribbons; organised the signing of our very own rainbow flag and had a 'guess the name of our unicorn mascot'. Their efforts resulted in them raising £130 for LGBT Youth Scotland. This is an important step for Castlemilk High School as work towards LGBT Youth Scotland's Bronze Charter Mark.



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**REVISION 2018**

Potential  
Effort  
Results  
Success!

in 30 Minutes and 1 hour 20 min 20 Apr  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Apr

Get your exam preparation off to a **CRACKING** start!

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

S1-S3

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AFTER SCHOOL  
5PM - 6PM  
IN THE LIBRARY

STARTING 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER



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