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# CHS News



Top Tweets!

## From the Head Teacher

I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring we had another fabulous year at Castlemilk High School. The list of achievements and opportunities is endless and I would like to thank all staff for their continued commitment to the young people in our school and the community.

It has been a very important year with the school being inspected at national level. Thank you so much for being an active part of the inspection process and for continuing to support the school and the young people by ensuring high levels of uniform, attendance, homework and behaviour. I look forward to sharing the inspection report with you over the next few months.

I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and I look forwards to continuing to work with you in achieving the best possible outcomes for all our young people in 2019.

*L. McPhillips*



Let's cook! Our wellbeing class and Wider Achievement class learn how to follow a recipe, work with a partner and create masterpieces! #communication



## WONDERFUL WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our school website and social media platforms have had a makeover!

We now have four fresh and exciting ways to keep in touch with what is going on at Castlemilk High School.

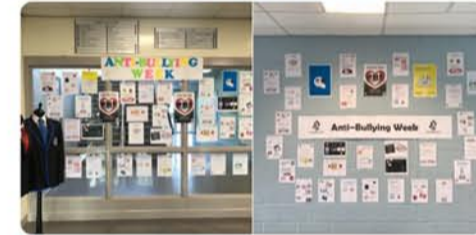
The website ([castlemilkhigh.glasgow.sch.uk](http://castlemilkhigh.glasgow.sch.uk)) has been completely rebuilt to give you a fuller picture of what the school aims to provide for its pupils, parents, carers and community. It's packed with information, links to important websites and apps such as Show My Homework and Glow email.



Make sure you follow us on Twitter for daily updates from all over the school. Facebook gives you an opportunity to interact with the school whilst our App (The App Store and Google Play) has instant notifications and information where ever you are.



This week is #AntiBullyingWeek! Check out our anti-bullying displays around the school featuring posters made up by our talented S1 and S2 pupils! #ChooseRespect



Fantastic event today, our senior phase learning through work! Huge thank you to all the employers for your time and continued support and of course our young people #DYW #Seniors #LearningThroughWork

## OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!



As pupils move through their senior phase at Castlemilk High they take part in a number of events, workshops and mentoring sessions planning for their future aspirations. One of the highlights of this is the Career's Event at the SECC. This year pupils got a chance to get some hands on experience in a huge number of industries as well as engage with employers, education and apprenticeship providers.

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## STAYING SAFE



Fifteen S1 – S4 pupils spent the day at Lourdes Secondary receiving training to become 'Be Strong Online' Ambassadors. They now have knowledge about the online world and the confidence to run information sessions to the school about online issues.



The first meeting of our equalities group, great to see so many new faces! @policseglasgow @LGBTYS



The Lomond House Pupil Council working on our vision, values and aims.



## STANDING STRONG

November saw the school take part in Anti-Bullying Week. Pupil produced posters, presentations and assemblies were all aimed at highlighting the strong work, support and stance the school has against bullying. Mr Hindson's Wider Achievement media group planned, filmed and edited a short anti-bullying video to be shown in the social area whilst Mrs McLaughlin organised a competition to design an anti-bullying poster (winner on our Twitter feed).

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# Merry Christmas







# The Backpage



## BIG DRAMA!



Our Higher Drama class went to Fintry to see Mr Boland's production of Journey's End in September. 17 pupils and 2 staff mixed business and pleasure as they studied the local amateur dramatics society's latest show whilst being entertained by a cast full of talented actors young and old.

A Widening Access to the Creative Industries workshop took place in school delivered by The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland for senior pupils in November. Aimed at providing pupils with information and tools to start their journey into the creative industries our new display will hopefully inspire and inform.

## FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

Pupils from all over the school have been involved with Focus West ([www.focuswest.org.uk](http://www.focuswest.org.uk)) for a number of years now providing support and guidance programmes designed to widen access to higher education. So far this year 2nd year pupils have taken part in workshops where Focus West came to the school to provide sessions on how to apply for college or university. Senior pupils have been on trips to universities to get a feel for what life is like for students when they leave school to pursue a degree with an eye on a future career.

Castlemilk High would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Focus West for continuing to support our pupils with their ambitions and life opportunities.



## AN INSPECTOR CALLS...

November saw our school being inspected for the first time in over ten years. Education Scotland visited our school to inspect two areas within: learning, teaching and assessment and attainment and achievement.



The young people were a credit to themselves and the school and we are very proud of them. We look forward to sharing the published report with you in the next few months.

Our Pupil Leadership Team were a credit to the school on their visit to St. Andrew's Secondary School to meet with Inspectors.



## WELCOME TO CHS!

Gerry Quinn will be joining us as Faculty Head of Social Subjects and RMPS.

Ross McPherson has been successfully appointed to the post of Acting PT Pastoral Care (Nevis).

The post of Faculty Head Inclusion, Teacher of Biology/Chemistry and Teacher of Modern Languages have been advertised and will be appointed in the near future.

### SET SAIL ON YOUR SKILLS JOURNEY AT CHS



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'The Castlemilk High School Skills Strategy- 'The Two Ships and the Three 'C's'- has been developed in conjunction with young people, staff, parents and partners. The rationale behind the Skills Strategy is to provide a holistic approach and an increased focus on work related and employability skills in the BGE and Senior Phase. This has been designed to encourage young people to relate their curricula learning to the world of work and enjoy developing these important skills that employers are looking for from their employees. By creating a common language we hope that these skills will become more transparent and identifiable to the young people across their curricular learning'.

## VISION, VALUES & AIMS

This year we have been busy looking at Castlemilk High's Vision, Values and Aims (VVA). Our VVA will help ensure the outside world understands what's important to us, why we do it and the type of school we wish to become.

All young people, parents, staff and partners have been given the opportunity to contribute by taking part in a survey. Your answers have been both interesting and appreciated. From your responses it's been clear to see that everyone involved in Castlemilk High wants the young people to be seen in the positive light they deserve, and for the school to help change any negative perceptions of our community.

We're currently putting the finishing touches to our 'final product' and are looking forward to the big launch in the New Year!

## STAFF UPDATES

Congratulations to Jennifer Boyle who has been seconded to Glasgow City Council for one year. We wish her luck in her new post.

Todd Beaumont also left us for pastures new and his post has been advertised nationwide. We wish him every success in his new post.

Colin Gordon will retire at Christmas time. We thank him for his contribution to the school.

Graham Mackie retires as Faculty Head Technologies but will be back as teacher of Technologies for the remainder of the session.

Our school counsellor Annette White is returning to her home country of Denmark after working with CHS for over a decade. We hope she enjoys her time with family and friends.

Lauren Heffron will begin maternity leave at Christmas time. We look forward to hearing news of her newborn in the weeks to come.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### School term dates 2019

- December - Christmas and New Year
- Schools close at 2.30pm on Thursday 20 December 2018
- January**
- Schools return on Monday 7 January 2019
- February Mid-term break**
- Monday 11 February 2019
- Tuesday 12 February 2019
- Wednesday 13 February 2019 (In-Service day)
- April - Spring Holiday**
- Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 29 March 2019
- Schools return on Monday 15 April 2019
- Friday 19 April 2019 (Good Friday)
- Monday 22 April 2019 (Easter Monday)**
- May**
- Monday 6 May 2019 (May Day)
- Tuesday 7 May 2019 (In-Service day)
- Friday 24 May and Monday 27 May 2019 (May Weekend)
- June**
- Schools close at 1pm on Friday 28 June 2019

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Happy  New Year!