

Castlemilk High School



Hear our Head Teacher Lynn Gibson explore our school vision, values and aims

Today

Castlemilk High School is a six year secondary school in the South of Glasgow in Scotland.

Castlemilk High School encourages the use of digital learning as a means of supplementing and enhancing the learning and teaching experience. Students are presented with a wide range of opportunities and experiences to ensure they can successfully utilise their digital skills and knowledge in a variety of contexts.

Through our school values of Ambition, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience we believe at Castlemilk High that we are 'changing perceptions and changing minds' resulting in our pupils aspiring to and achieving more positive post school destinations.

Our School motto is 'Nothing but the best will do' and we strive for excellence in every aspect of school life.

Vision

Our vision is to: Raise Attainment across the Castlemilk High community through Digital Equity.

At Castlemilk High School, to prepare our young people to face the challenges and adapt to the demands of the digital world, Digital Learning is used within learning and teaching across our curriculum, to raise attainment and achieve equity through:

Digital Learners

Our young people have regular access to high quality learning experiences, where digital technology support and enhances their learning, supports their well-being and develops skills.

Staff

Supported by our Senior Leadership Team, all staff embrace the use of iPad, to support learning and teaching and develop skills, and this is reflected in their continual professional development.



Demographics

- 460 Students
- 51 Staff
- Local Authority
- 80% of young people hailing from SIMD 1-2, recognised nationally as being amongst the most deprived areas within our country.



Apple products and services

- 1:1 iPad for all Students
- 1:1 iPad, Apple Pencil & Smart Keyboards for Teachers
- WiFi access and Apple TV in every classroom
- Apple Teacher Programme
- Everyone Can Create
- Everyone Can Code

Learning

Castlemilk High's Learning and Teaching strategy ensures that all young people learn in a high-quality environment that meets their needs, matches their ambitions. Now, the iPad in every child's hand is a spectacular digital enhancement to our young people's learner journey. The iPad and the suite of managed applications that have been made available to all learners and staff has enhanced and supported our delivery of Learning and Teaching and developed our skills journey.

Own ~ With 1:1 iPad use, no-one misses out, no child is left behind. All have an equal share, and equal chance while their iPad opens the gateway to independent learning and pursuit of ambition.

Lead ~ iPad use has energised reluctant learners, and boosted the motivation of even the most dedicated pupils. All are enjoying an individualised learner experience, free to work on their own initiative according to their digital expertise leading to an increase in the value of learning - pupils hold their iPads close!

Collaborate ~ Pupils - almost instinctively - collaborate on projects and activities. They put the iPad through its paces, working together: sharing media, sharing ideas, sharing success.

Communicate ~ iPad communication has transformed the connection between teacher and learner - instant verbal and written feedback are driving success in class and at home. [Communication and feedback at Castlemilk High School](#)

[Read the recent Apple Newsroom article featuring our students and staff redefining learning with iPad](#)

Create ~ We have managed to create a learning and nurture community which supports our young people with the important initiatives, that are Developing the Young Workforce and Health and Wellbeing.

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Examples of iPad in learning and teaching

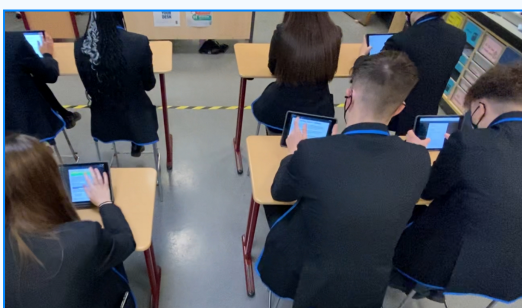
Teacher created content: History

Student created content: S4 Poetry

Student created content: S3 Radio Play

Success

Through our commitment to supporting our young people academically, socially and emotionally we have seen successes in the areas of:



Wellbeing The iPads have allowed us to further enhance the full wrap around approach we take towards health and wellbeing, this was developed during lockdown as a means of round-the-clock contact with our young people.

Developing the Young Workforce Creatively using the iPads to allow our young people to access college classes, engage with mentors, engage with careers advisors, complete apprenticeship and job applications has resulted in our DYW team supporting 95% of our young people into a positive destination.

Pupil / Teacher Engagement Use of iPads has unlocked the creativity of both staff and pupils. Please see our examples of iPad in learning and teaching.

Ranked in the top 3 schools in the City of Glasgow Local Authority

34 = Average student weekly contributions through Showbie including file uploads, annotation, voice and text comments

What's next

At Castlemilk High school we are planning for the future by learning the lessons of the past. Going forward we will further develop our:

- Ongoing Continual Professional Development - with a focus on digital learning through the Castlemilk High School CPD blog, sharing of best practice etc.
- Student Digital Ambassadors - increasing numbers and developing the creativity of our young people.

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