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# CHS News



## From the Head Teacher

What a wonderful year it has been at Castlemilk High School! The SQA results were the highest the school has ever seen and more young people than ever before went on to University or College. We also had pupils attending summer schools at Yale University, Cambridge University, St Andrew's University and the Royal Conservatoire. The school has featured in the Evening Times, the Herald and the STV news for our successes. The Dance pupils experienced a fantastic trip to London where they were taught to Dance at the Pineapple Studios! Our Wider Achievement afternoon has been a huge success with pupils engaging in a wide range of activities, such as Candle Making, SFA Refereeing, Cheer Leading, John Muir Award and Hospitality. The new Senior Pupil Leadership Team has been very successful in taking forward a range of improvements across the school. A positive contribution has been made to the Health and Wellbeing of our school through our Sports and Anti Bullying ambassadors. We have also embarked on the LGBT Charter and we are working towards to the Rights Respecting Schools Level 1 Award. Our Parent Council have been a fantastic support, assisting at school events and organising fund raising activities, such as the highly successful Race Night. Relationships with the community continue to thrive with our 3Bs project at Ardenglen Housing Association. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018.



L. McPhillips

Congratulations to the winners of our S1 School Values Challenge. Well done girls! #ambition #responsibility #honesty



## CONSIDER IT A HUGE SUCCESS!

After 8 months of planning and rehearsals, October saw the Castlemilk High production of Lionel Bart's timeless classic 'Oliver!' take to the stage. Running for four nights and performed by two dedicated casts, audiences were treated to some stunningly produced songs, dances and acting. With favourites such as 'Consider Yourself' and 'Pick a Pocket or Two' lighting up the stage and getting toes tapping the pupils, staff and volunteers put on a show to remember.



Our Performing Arts Faculty would like to say a huge thank you to everyone, both in the school and wider community, who helped make the show such a success. Take a look at the school website for more great photographs.



Enjoying Strathclyde Uni! #STEM



We are so proud of Aiden who drew this amazing piece of work. It was then turned into a poster to surprise him by Michael @YouthComplexCYC



Mr Boland at Breakfast Club this morning. We are looking forward to next time!



A huge congrats to Angus who received amazing feedback from @IndigoChildcare for his Wider Achievement placement. #achievementatitsbest



## MAKING OUR NUMBERS WORK



The Maths Department held their annual Numeracy in the World of Work event for all S1 pupils in September. 10 business partners set-up a station in the main hall and pupils spent time at each one where they took part in an activity the demonstrated how numeracy is used in that area of the world of work.

## GOOD MORNING!



Our Breakfast Club continues to go from strength to strength offering our young people a great way to start each day at CHS. With homework support, a welcoming atmosphere and a wide range of breakfast snacks all pupils can take advantage of this free of charge. A highlight during November was when Mr Boland made his speciality crepes with a range of delicious fillings, with the smell tempting teachers and pupils alike!



The start of the new session saw our Sports Ambassadors attend a training seminar at the City Chambers where they shared ideas, created plans and worked with colleagues from all over Glasgow. Since taking part in the training our young people have been delivering sports sessions in local primary schools as well as hosting a number of sports clubs for younger pupils.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



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## STUDY SKILLS



One of the key ingredients in making the most of your time at school is learning how to maximise the effectiveness of your studying. Pupils, parents and carers took part in an evening event that saw talks from seniors, staff and a fantastic session with Tree of Knowledge. With the prelims just around the corner it is the perfect time to use the advice given or ask your teacher for ideas and strategies.

## WIDER ACHIEVEMENT

Our fantastic Wider Achievement programme continued at the start of August and has been a huge success. Pupils choose a section they would like and go to learn a huge variety of skills. Every Friday afternoon right across the school and at venues all over Glasgow pupils have been experiencing areas such as skiing, wall climbing, hospitality, football, candle making and many more (see our website for more details). Pupils have the opportunity to earn badges for achievement and certification in a number of areas that will help bolster their CV. With the chance to take part in several different areas over the course of a school year pupils are putting their time to great use as they explore all that is on offer.



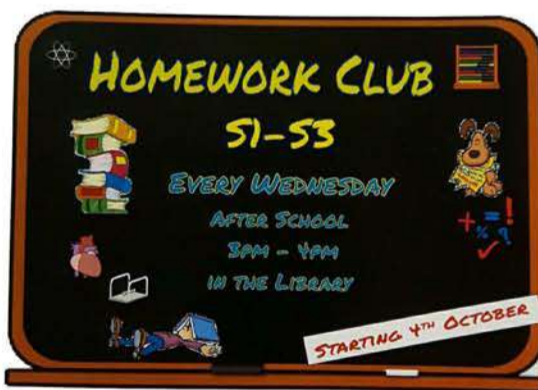
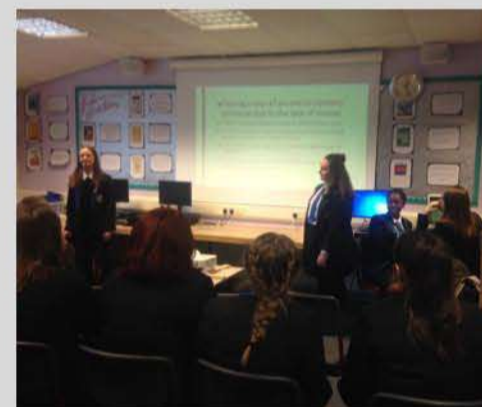
## GIVING A LITTLE FESTIVE CHEER

Our S4 Prince's Trust xl group visited the Maureen Cope Hall at the start of December for their annual Christmas Hampers give away. Every year the pupils plan the project, wrap dozens of boxes and then raise money to fill them with groceries to give to pensioners all over Castlemilk. Having held a non-uniform day in September the pupils set about choosing which items would make an ideal gift. Thanks to Ardenglen Housing Association for inviting us to the Hall to give out some of our hampers.



## HEALTH MATTERS

Period Poverty is an initiative to make sure that every girl has access to essential sanitary products free of charge. Our senior girls prepared a presentation and delivered it to all the female pupils in the school, giving advice on how to deal with any issues they may have and how to resolve them.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Christmas/New Year

- Schools close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 December 2017

- Schools re-open on Thursday 4 January 2018

### School term dates 2018

#### Return to school

- Thursday 4 January 2018

#### Second mid-term

- Monday 12 February 2018
- Tuesday 13 February 2018
- Wednesday 14 February 2018 (In-service day)

#### Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Good Friday 30 March 2018
- Easter Monday 2 to Friday 13 April 2018 (inclusive)
- \* Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday



## GUEST SPEAKER

We had a very special visitor in September when The Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, spoke to senior pupils about making the most of the opportunities that are ahead of them. Inspiring stuff!



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