



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, Parent/Carer,

You will now be aware that due to possible strike action, as balloted by trade unions UNISON and GMB, all schools across Renfrewshire will be closed on:

- Tuesday 26th September
- Wednesday 27th September
- Thursday 28th September

To ensure that learning does not stop over the course of the three days, teaching staff will provide work for pupils virtually on the SatchelOne platform. I will provide more information next week so that parents are aware. In the meantime, could I ask if any parents have not downloaded the SatchelOne app, do so as soon as possible. I have also attached a link to the parents' guide for your information.

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/3191139-common-questions-for-parents>

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded 12 fully funded author sessions by Scottish Book Trust with the illustrator Neil Storrance and £500 for resources to support the project. We are one of 10 schools across the country awarded this as part of the 2023 Live Literature School Residency awards and only one of three secondary schools in the country to receive this.



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Neil Slorance will be working alongside 40 S1 pupils to create a graphic novel about friendship and kindness which will then be published and gifted to local primary schools next year. The school library is running the project in collaboration with the Design Faculty and the Language and Literature Faculty within the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for the pupils at Castlehead and we look forward to seeing the outcomes.

Neil Slorance - award-winning illustrator and comic creator



Next Thursday (21st September) we will hold our annual Foodbank Appeal Collection. This is in aid of the Renfrewshire Foodbank charity to support families in our local community. On Thursday, pupils will be allowed to wear non-uniform (no football strips, crop tops or inappropriate clothing please) and should bring any non-perishable foodstuff. This will be collected by our senior pupils during their period 1 class. As we are a nut aware school, please do not send pupils in with anything that contains traces of nuts.



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Earlier this week, we launched our 'Trip to Paris' for June 2025. This trip is open all pupils who are currently in S1, S2 S3 or S4. Please see below details and if any pupils are interested, they should speak with Miss Peat in the Languages department.

Trip to Paris
16TH - 21ST JUNE 2025

£860 pp including a £75 deposit to secure place.
Open to all current S1 - S4 pupils
Price Includes:

- Return coach trip
- 1 day exploring in Paris
- 1 day at Disneyland Paris
- 1 day visiting Rouen and Honfleur
- 1 day visiting The Somme
- Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner

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In English this week, our new S1 pupils have been working hard on analysing similes and metaphors for the poem 'The Boxer'. See below some of our fabulous pupils hard at work.



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International Dot Day was celebrated across Castlehead today, although, it was more like Dot Week in the Art department where pupils have been showing their creativity skills. See at the end of this update some of the fantastic work produced by our pupils. You may even 'spot' some of our staff members getting in on the act.



Finally, today a group of our S3 and S4 pupils had the opportunity to visit Strathclyde University as part of the West Developing the Young Workforce programme. They had the chance to learn more about opportunities in the financial sector and possible pathways for their future.



I hope that everyone has a restful weekend.

With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher

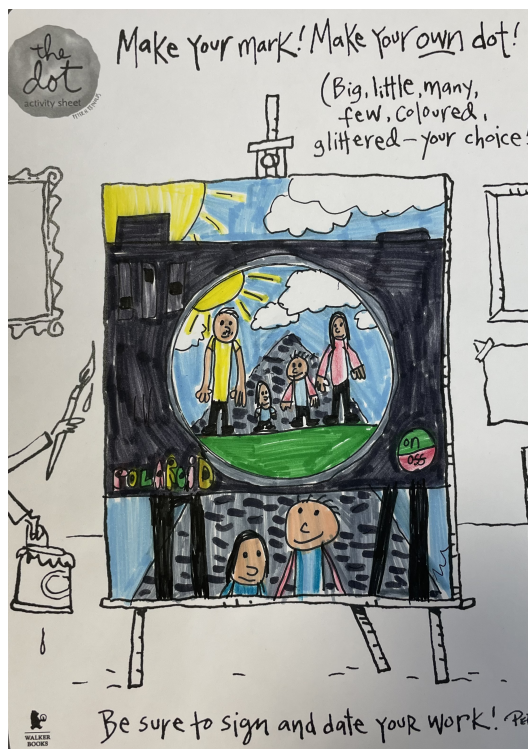
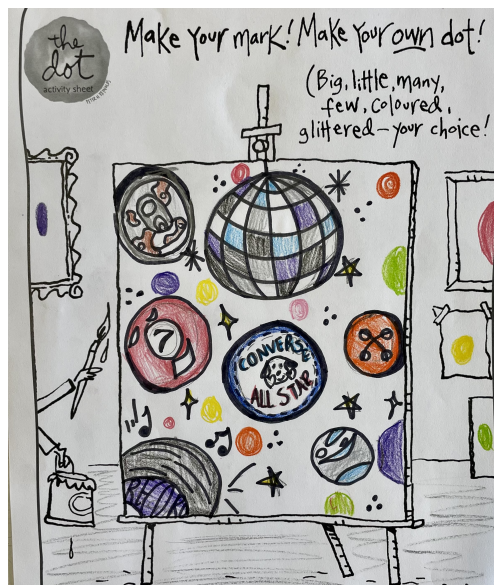


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