

Welcome to Issue 2. Please visit the Year 6 Transition page of our website >> Information >> Year 6 Transition if you haven't done so already, to watch our introduction video and other videos of students talking about their time at Castle Hall Academy. We hope they answer any questions, reassure and provide further information — you may recognise someone too!

MEET THE STAFF

Mr Kennedy — SENDCo



At Castle Hall Academy we believe that every child matters and as such, we endeavour to ensure that learning is adapted to meet the needs of individual students. All students are entitled to an education that enables them to make progress so that they can achieve their best, become confident individuals living fulfilling lives and make a successful transition into adulthood.



Characteristics of Good Learners



Reasoning

I ask questions about my learning and try to work things out for myself.



Resilience

I am not afraid to get things wrong and don't give up when the work becomes challenging.



Responsibility

I take responsibility for my own learning including homework. I work well in groups and show leadership.



Respect

My behaviour is excellent. I listen, follow instructions and take pride in what I do.



Reflection

I reflect on my learning and behaviour and use my initiative to make improvement.

Work hard, be kind and follow staff instructions - everybody, everyday.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

What if I get lost in school or lose my belongings?

Castle Hall will be bigger than your primary school but we aren't a great big school, so you will quickly find your way around. There are maps displayed on the corridors and all classrooms are numbered. Make sure you always have your timetable which will show which classroom you need to be in. You will need to be organised as you will move to a different classroom for each lesson.

If you can't work it out just ask for help, there are always members of staff on the corridors at lesson changeover who will be happy to help.

If you misplace anything such as your coat, rucksack or PE kit then speak to your Head of Year at break, lunchtime or before or after school and they will check the lost property box for you.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Castle Hall Singers

Castle Hall Singers is a popular extra-curricular club. It is open to all students and staff in the Academy, especially new year 7.

We rehearse over one lunchtime (don't worry you will still have time for your lunch).

We sing in all styles and lots of different songs. We do several concerts in the local community.



You will be made extremely welcome at Castle Hall Singers.

I really hope to see you soon—Mrs Simons, Teacher of Music.

'The only thing better than singing is more singing'. Ella Fitzgerald.



SUBJECT CHALLENGE

ENGLISH

In year 7, you will develop the skills you have learnt in your primary school and build on those in English. Straight away, we will be working on the amazing 'Oliver Twist' and will develop lots of knowledge and ideas about this book. We also study another novel titled 'The Daydreamer'. Studying full novels gives you a chance to really explore the ideas and themes in them and look at the background information of each era they are set in to support your analysis and understanding.

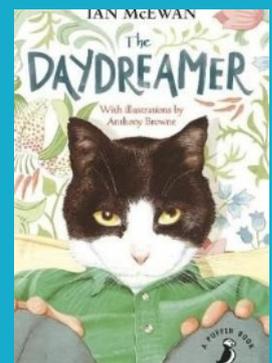
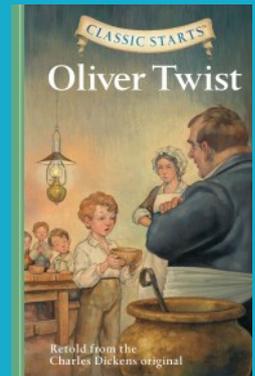
Not only do we read full novels, we also study plays by Shakespeare to help us understand how language has changed and developed. In year 7, we explore the play of A Midsummer Night's Dream and get to grips with the world and language of Shakespeare.

We don't just read plays and novels though. We will also look at a unit of poetry around the theme of the natural world. This will allow us to develop our deeper level analysis of different forms of texts. Our final unit of work in year 7 is around Ancient Tales which are designed to teach us something. Ancient Tales are stories that have been shared by generations in cultures across the world and aim to teach us something about morals.

As you can see, you get to explore a lot of different types of literature which have been written across history! You will be able to bring your knowledge from primary school and apply it to your studies seamlessly and enjoy a deep understanding of our English Language and its Literature.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

From Miss Riley, Head of English and the rest of the English Team.



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

All students experience three educational visits, each academic year, one per Cycle as well as reward trips. So far this academic year students have visited:

Cycle 1

Royal Armouries, Leeds

Eden Camp, Malton

Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster

Yorkshire Sculpture Park, South Yorkshire



Cycle 2

Blue Planet Aquarium, Cheshire

Old Trafford, Manchester United

British Music Experience, Liverpool

York Dungeons/sights, York



Students are looking forward to finding out where they will be visiting in Cycle 3.....

