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MASTERY MONITORS
#Responsibility



Y11 Residential
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Primary Fridays
#Transition



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Vision

To achieve academic excellence, develop character,
and raise aspirations for all at **Castle Hall Academy**



**Academic
Excellence**



**Develop
Character**



**Raising
Aspirations**

Key Drivers



Heart

Developing a
strong moral
compass



Mind

Developing our
capacity to
think



Communication

Communicating with
people and cultures
outside of ourselves

Mission

To become an academy

‘where hearts and minds connect’



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It is important that we have up to date information for your child. Please inform the Academy of any changes to your contact details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year or email the office via office@castlehall.com

Dear Parents/Carers,

We celebrated with Year 11 students on 25 August as they collected their GCSE results. Their successes came about after hard work, commitment and dedication, ably supported by our committed staff and their parents. We look forward to hearing about their continued achievements over the coming years.

Current Year 11 students are already preparing and working hard for their upcoming mock examinations, I am pleased to see excellent attendance and commitment at lesson 8.

Year 7 to Year 10 are also preparing for the upcoming assessment weeks, revision material has been provided to enable all students to be successful.

Both Y11 mock examinations and Y7-10 assessment weeks run from Monday 7th November to Friday 18th November 2022. I encourage all students to take advantage of the revision material provided and plan some revision time over the next couple of weeks to ensure they perform to the best of their ability.

I am delighted to see so many students taking part in extra-curricular clubs, the school doesn't fall silent until after 4:30 which is wonderful. Thanks go to staff for offering these additional opportunities to our students.

I would like to thank students that helped at our recent Open Evenings, feedback from prospective families was extremely positive and we received many comments on how enthusiastic, informative and welcoming our students were. We couldn't run Open Evenings without them.

I would like to pass on my gratitude for your support of the academy routines and procedures. The academy year, has begun extremely well and students look extremely smart in their uniform and new PE kit.

Again, thank you for your continued support, when we work together any concerns can be sorted out quickly which means happy students who will achieve great things.

Should parents have any concerns please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance, a reminder of contact details are within this magazine.

Kindest regards,

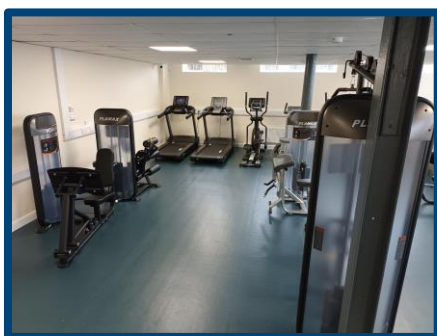
Mr Brook, Headteacher



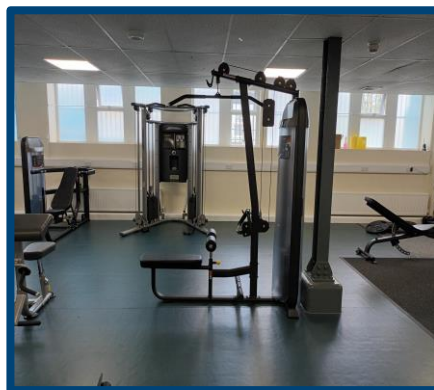
ACADEMY IMPROVEMENTS



We now have a new
Fitness Suite, Food
Technology classroom
and Science classrooms.



We also carried out
maintenance works
throughout the summer
holiday to ensure the
learning environment is
safe, warm and
weatherproof.

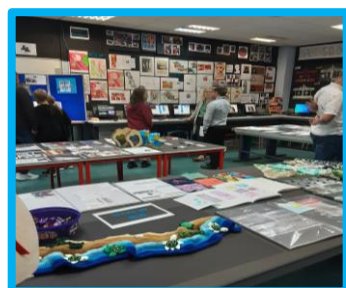


We don't let the grass grow under our feet!





Governor and
Student Support



On the 29th September and again on 6th October we hosted our annual Open Evenings with hundreds of local families attending to get a taste of school life at the Academy. Thank you to students, staff and governors who supported.



POST-16

Year 11 students have heard from college and sixth form providers, learning all about the options on offer to them.

Year 10 and Year 11 also attended the apprenticeship and careers fair hosted by Kirklees College and Mark Eastwood, MP. They met employers and chatted about employment opportunities.





OPEN EVENING VISITOR COMMENTS

Really impressed with the enthusiasm of all staff. Especially liked that the focus was on my daughter rather than me as a parent.

I teach at a different local high school, and you have set the standard. I bought into what was said, very impressed.

Brilliant!
See you in September.

Really impressed!

Excellent from the outset!
From emailing the office to meeting staff and the facilities now on offer!

I will be choosing
CHA again.
My daughter who
attended got
fantastic GCSEs.



PRIMARY FRIDAYS

Our transition work with local primaries is already well underway.

Y6 students from Battyeford and Crossley Fields have enjoyed lessons in our Science and Design Technology departments.



MASTERY MONITORS

Say hello to our responsible Mastery Monitors!

They are working hard with staff ensuring Mastery sessions start promptly. They hand out books, bookmarks and quiz sheets so everyone is ready to start the day at 8:30am

#Responsibility #StudentLeaders



CREATIVE WRITING

The Castle Hall Creative Writing Club celebrates words and creativity in and outside the classroom. In the upcoming year, they will create writing pieces in different locations, experiencing and capturing the beauty of nature on paper. This club will not only develop their way with words, but will open up doors of friendship, communication, and artistic talent. Create and craft poems, stories and reflections - follow their interests and passions and revel in the beauty of what they can create. Work towards entering their creations in competitions, seizing the opportunity to become published authors!

**"WRITING
IS THE
PAINTING
OF THE
VOICE!"**
VOLTAIRE



If you are interested and want to develop your skills in creativity, then speak to Mr Hussain and sign up today!



Year 11 Kingswood Residential

Year 11 students attended an educational revision residential at Kingswood in September. The residential provided invaluable experience combining GCSE revision with team building and problem solving exercises. Thank you to staff involved for going above and beyond for these young people!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Cycle 1

Participation in extra-curricular creates strong links to course and career confidence. Extra-curricular activities boost young people's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities. Above all, they offer an important space to have fun!

We are delighted with the uptake so far; we encourage every student to attend at least one club.



REWARDS REVAMPED FOR 2022-23

Hat-trick

Students who achieve the weekly hat-trick are awarded 15 reward points.

No lates - No Sanctions - 100% attendance

Attitude to Learning

Students will be awarded reward points for their attitude to learning every report Cycle.

Characteristics of Good Learners

Students who show reasoning, resilience, responsibility, respect or reflection are awarded reward points.

Attendance

Students who have 100% weekly attendance are rewarded with a sweet treat every Friday!



Outstanding ATL	Grade 1
Good ATL	Grade 2
Concern ATL	Grade 3
Unsatisfactory ATL	Grade 4



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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.

COMMUNICATION

It is important that we have up to date information for your child. Please inform the Academy of any changes to your contact details.

Your main point of contact is your child's Head of Year. The Head of Year team spend the day with their year groups in lessons, at break and lunch, they also supervise after-school detentions and support extra-curricular.

Please bear with them when making contact. Below is a reminder of their details:

Staff	Email - allow 24hrs for response	Mobile - urgent
Mrs Bonham, Head of Year 7	lbham@castlehall.com	07708 795385
Miss Fox, Head of Year 8	ifox@castlehall.com	07895746870
Miss Gill, Head of Year 9	jgill@castlehall.com	07708 796626
Mrs Ennis, Head of Year 10	cennis@castlehall.com	07565 399941
Mrs Adams, Head of Year 11	badams@castlehall.com	07708 795466

Student Absence

Parent/carer must notify the Academy on the first day of absence, to explain the reason for the absence via:

Staff	Email	Telephone
Mrs Toth, Attendance Officer	StudentAbsence@castlehall.com	01924 523232 from 7:00am

KEY DATES 22-23

STUDENTS FIRST DAY BACK DATES

Year 7	5 September 2022
Year 8	7 September 2022
Year 9	9 September 2022
Year 10	8 September 2022
Year 11	7 September 2022

2022-23 TERM 1

Thursday 01 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022

Holiday: Saturday 22 October 2022 to Sunday 30 October 2022

2022-23 TERM 2

Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

Holiday: Saturday 17 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

2022-23 TERM 3

Tuesday 03 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

Holiday: Saturday 11 February 2023 to Sunday 19 February 2023

2022-23 TERM 4

Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Holiday: Saturday 1 April 2023 to Sunday 16 April 2023

2022-23 TERM 5

Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

Holiday: Saturday 27 May 2023 to Sunday 04 June 2023

2022-23 TERM 6

Monday 05 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

Holiday: Saturday 22 July 2023 onwards

PARENTS' EVENING

Year 7 Settling	20 September 2022
Year 11	8 December 2022
Year 7	12 January 2023
Year 10	26 January 2023
Year 11 Targeted	2 February 2023
Year 9 & Options	29 March 2023
Year 11	20 April 2023
Year 8	27 April 2023
Year 10 Targeted	25 May 2023

TRAINING/REVIEW DATES (STAFF ONLY)

1 September 2022
2 September 2022
1 December 2022
2 December 2022
23 March 2023
24 March 2023
20 July 2023
21 July 2023

BANK HOLIDAYS

2 January 2023
1 May 2023



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Join us for the Local Offer library events!

Are you the parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

The Local Offer team are hosting drop in sessions at Kirklees libraries over the next few weeks - join us to discover more about SEND activities, support and services.

The events are open to everybody and will be an easy way to hear about the Kirklees Local Offer, a fantastic one-stop-shop for SEND information.

SEND DROP IN
HERE AT MIRFIELD LIBRARY
MONDAY 24th OCTOBER
10.30-12.30

kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk
Aspiring to improve local services for SEND

Central Stars YOUTH CLUB

*For young people
with additional needs*

Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm

Ages 13-25

Thursdays 5pm - 8pm

Ages 8-12

Central Youth Club
Prospect Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2NX

Activities include:

Arts & Crafts
Football Coaching
Cooking
Table Tennis
Life Skills
Dance

Admission
£3

For more details contact:

JOHN FIELD & MARY FOX

email: john_field@sky.com

mobile: 07712 896462

phone: 01484 435127

Find us on Facebook



In Partnership with

Registered Charity No. 523735

Come along to our fun and engaging group this

October Half Term!

For children and young people with SEND!

Lots of fun and engaging themed sessions alongside our favourite Endorphins fun and games! Activities suitable for all abilities.

Our groups are a great chance to have fun, socialise and make friends.

October Half Term Group Details - North Kirklees

Dewsbury West Community Centre,
Church St, Ravensthorpe,
Dewsbury WF13 3LA

26th and 27th October

Ages 8-12 years

9am - 1pm

Ages 13-17 years

1:30 - 5:30pm

1:4 staff ratio



HAVE FUN
AND LEARN



MAKE FRIENDS
AND SOCIALISE



ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL ABILITIES

SESSIONS
ARE
FREE

The Endorphins Group

Booking essential. Please book by contacting

our team on - T: 0330 1332642

E: bookings@endorphins.uk or visit - endorphins.uk

Endorphins

Kirklees
COUNCIL

WE'RE RECRUITING

JOIN US

Batley Girls are currently recruiting players
U11's (year 5&6) U13's (year 7&8)

Old and New players welcome, no experience needed. If interested and want to give us a try and want to know more please contact us on Facebook, Instagram or 07971854960

Batley Girls
ARLFC

Batley
girls

PIC•COLLAGE





Accessing Food Provision- Mirfield

SALVATION ARMY

If anyone is in need of an emergency food parcel, The Salvation Army can help with that. We have a coffee morning every Friday from 10:00-12:00 where Mirfield residents can pop in and collect a parcel.

Our contact details are:

email: mirfield@salvationarmy.org.uk

tel: 01924 491641

HUMANITY FIRST



RUNNING EVERY 2 WEEKS



Mirfield Drop-In Hub



DATES- 2022

Date	Time	Date	Time
Monday 6 th June	10.30-12.30	Monday 12 th September	10.30-12.30
Monday 13 th June	10.30-12.30	Monday 26 th September	10.30-12.30
Monday 4 th July	10.30-12.30	Monday 10 th October	10.30-12.30
Monday 18 th July	10.30-12.30	Monday 24 th October	10.30-12.30
Monday 1 st August	10.30-12.30	Monday 7 th November	10.30-12.30
Monday 15 th August	10.30-12.30	Monday 21 st November	10.30-12.30
Monday 29 th August	10.30-12.30	Monday 5 th December	10.30-12.30



The Community Drop-In Hub will be running every 2 WEEKS at Mirfield Library from Monday 6th June, offering a variety of support, advice and guidance for local residents. There will be free tea and coffee available and friendly faces to welcome you!

[f @Mirfieldcommunityhub](https://www.facebook.com/mirfieldcommunityhub)

CYCLE 1 CHARITY EVENT

Cycle 1 Charity Event – Food Bank

During Cycle 1 you will have the opportunity to donate to the collection of essential items for those in need. These donations will be passed on to our local food banks in Mirfield and Ravensthorpe. Please put donations into the box in the dining hall.



- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice

- Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

- Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

- Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons

- Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food

- Face masks and hand sanitise





Y7 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION



Democracy in action in Y7 Mastery. Our School Council candidates delivered their speeches with passion and spirit! 🖐️🖐️🖐️ Voting then took place. The count has been completed, it was a close one! Results will be shared after half-term..... Well done to everyone who took part!



SAFER SCHOOLS APP

As we are aware the online world can be a bit overwhelming at times, but it is important, we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.

We are delighted to invite you to download our new Safer Schools App provided by our school insurance provider Zurich Municipal.

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their/your log-in, your children and you will get access to information that is relevant to them, and you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

There is an app for both the child and parent to download to their individual device. Please follow the instructions on how to download and log on to the Safer Schools App.

Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer.



Login to your App

1. Select your school **Castle Hall Academy** from the dropdown menu and click '**continue**'.
2. Enter the **four-digit entry code** provided from the table below for your unique role.

User Role	Login Code
Pupils Year 7 and 8	3447
All Parent/Carers – Secondary Pupils Year 9, 10, 11	7675



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