

CASTLE HALL ACADEMY MAGAZINE

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MAGAZINE



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!





Characteristics of Exceptional Learners



Reasoning

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



Resilience

When things get challenging, I never give up and learn from my mistakes.



Responsibility

I choose to do the right thing even when nobody is watching.



Respect

My behaviour is exceptional. I show respect for all in my community.



Reflection

I take every opportunity to review and develop my learning and behaviour.

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the half-way point of the school year. For our Y11 students this means the start date of their GCSE exams is now only a matter of weeks away, it is crucial they keep focus and working hard is more important than ever.

Key dates can be found within this magazine and on the website, some key events coming up are:

- Y11 Mock exams – 26 February to 8 March 2024
- Y7-10 Assessments – 4 March to 8 March 2024
- Y9 Immunisations – 13 March 2024
- Easter Concert – 19 March 2024
- Y10 Macbeth, Leeds Playhouse – 20 March 2024
- Y11 Parents' Evening – 21 March 2024
- Y9 Parents' & Options Evening – 25 April 2024
- Y8 Parents' Evening – 9 May 2024
- Y10 Targeted Parents' Evening – 23 May 2024

A reminder of uniform expectations are detailed below. I understand the cost of living can put pressure on families which is why we run the uniform store every morning from 8:00 to 8:25. Students can loan any item for the day, including shoes. After February half-term if students are not in correct uniform from 8:30 a same day detention will be issued.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 19th February 2024. I hope everyone has a restful break.

As always, on our return, we continue to push forward with securing academic excellence, developing character, and raising aspirations for all.

Kindest regards,



Mr Brook
Headteacher



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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
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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year in the first instance. Full contact details are within this magazine.

UNIFORM REMINDER

UNIFORM

Castle Hall Academy blazer with badge

White shirt with top button collar

Grey/black/white socks

Castle Hall Academy clip-on tie

Black hard scarf (f)/head covering (m) (optional)

Black tailored full-length trousers

Castle Hall Academy v neck jumper with badge (optional)

Appropriate plain black shoes

Rucksack



- Shoes should be plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), no heels, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes.



- Outdoor clothes such as coats, gilets, hoodies, scarves, gloves and hats/caps must not be worn in the academy buildings.
- Trousers must be tailored not jeggings, leggings or black jeans and must be full length. Skirts are not allowed.
- Hair must be natural in colour and style and appropriate for a school-aged student. The academy reserves the right to determine appropriateness and reasonableness of hair colour, style and length.
- No student should wear rings, bracelets, chains. Students may wear one plain gold or silver coloured stud in each lower earlobe. All fashion/costume jewellery or any type of earring other than the one stated is unacceptable. Watches may be worn.
- In the interest of safety students will have to cover up piercings in some lessons and remove them in PE and practical lessons.
- Any students wearing excessive make-up will be required to remove it.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- False nails are not permitted.



UNIFORM REMINDER



PE LESSON KIT

- Castle Hall Academy navy training top
- Castle Hall Academy navy t-shirt
- Castle Hall Academy black shorts
- Castle Hall Academy training trousers
- Football socks navy/black
- Trainers (no pumps)
- Shin pads (recommended for football)
- Gum shield (recommended for rugby)
- Football boots with metal studs or moulded boots
- Sport Hijab (optional)

On days students have PE, they must wear the full tracksuit (training top and training trousers) during the day, they may choose any combination of CHA branded kit for their PE lesson.



TERM TIME WEAR



Term Time Wear are our chosen uniform supplier and the only retailer that stocks our approved uniform.
5 St. Johns Road Huddersfield West Yorkshire HD1 5AY CONTACT
PHONE: 01484 453534 E-MAIL ADDRESS:
internetorders@termtimewear.com



WATER POLLUTION PROJECT

Castle Hall Academy hosted the first Water Pollution Project by Groundwork Yorkshire this year. The project, linked to The Royal Society Of Chemistry, was aimed at students looking to pursue a career in the world of science.

The day consisted of understanding water pollutants and water sampling, followed by an analysis of water using industry and lab-style equipment that students had never seen before. The closing session involved writing a report, exemplifying the use of literacy across the curriculum.



Our students enjoyed the experience and look forward to learning more about water pollution in the next academic year!





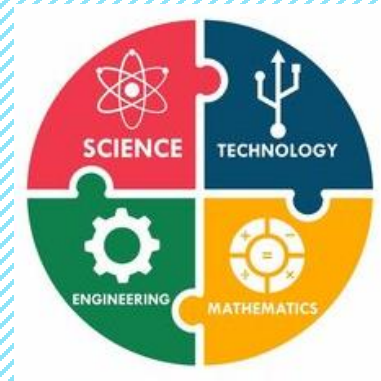
MORE CYCLE 1 AWARDS

A few of our fabulous Cycle 1 Award winners. Well done!





STEM ROADSHOW



Year 7 and 8 students attended a STEM roadshow delivered by BAE Systems Plc, RAF and Royal Navy. Thank you to all our visitors. Students enjoyed learning about all things STEM!





PREMIER LEAGUE INSPIRES

Well done to Y8s who presented their ideas along with other schools to the Premier League Inspires at @htaFOUNDATION.

The focus of the challenge was on mental health and what can be done to improve it in schools.

Congratulations to our students who won! 🎉



DEAR TIME

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- Drop Everything And Read is your opportunity to take some quiet time within the school day to read a book of your own choice!

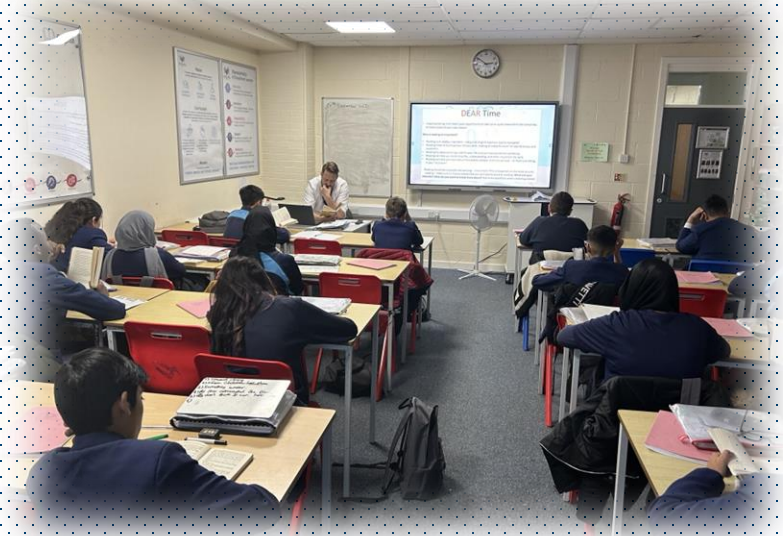
Why is reading so important?

- Reading is incredibly important – not just to English teachers, but to everyone!
- Reading helps to build up your literacy skills, making all subjects easier for you to access and succeed in.
- Reading for pleasure brings calm to your life and can improve mental wellbeing.
- Reading can help you build empathy, understanding, and other important life skills.
- Reading can help you learn about new places, people, and time periods – all from just sitting in your classroom!

Reading should be enjoyable and exciting – not a chore! This all depends on the book you are reading – make sure to choose a book that you will look forward to reading! **What are your interests? What do you want to know more about?** Ask these questions when choosing a book!

The whole school got to drop everything and read for the second time this year.

Students and staff enjoyed the uninterrupted and important time given to reading for fun!





EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Extra-Curricular Timetable - Cycle 2

	<u>Before School</u>	<u>Lunch Time</u>	<u>After School - 3:30 to 4:20</u>	
Monday	Library from 8.10	Year 9 & 10 Singers (A112)	All Girls Fitness (Fitness Suite)	Memrise club - All years (A104)
		Year 7 Table Tennis (Hall 02)	Darts - (Hall 01)	Sparx (Year 8) (B408)
			Coding Club - (C103)	Creative Club (C104)
			Science Club (C201)	Educake (C201)
				Library
Tuesday	Library from 8.10	Year 7 & 8 Singers (A112)	Sparx Year 9 (B408)	Boys Fitness (Fitness Suite)
			All Students - Gymnastics	Drama Club (A113)
			Creative Writing (A108)	Library
			Girls Football <u>from 20th February</u>	Rugby <u>from 30th January</u>
Wednesday	Library from 8.10		Football <u>from 24th January</u>	Library
Thursday	Library from 8.10	All - Ukulele (A112)	Read to Travel a Mile (Library)	LGBTQ+ (A112)
		Year 9 - Alternative Games (Hall 01)	Boys Fitness (Fitness Suite)	Educake (C205)
			All Girls - Netball (Hall 01)	Library
			Pokémon Club (Compass)	
Friday	Library from 8.10		Library until 14.00	Sparx Year 7 (B408)

‘Extra-curricular gives you the mental space to come back refreshed and ready to engage and succeed at whatever you’re studying’.



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 by emailing office@castlehall.com

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 allow 24 hours for a response to anything that isn't urgent, this allows the team sufficient time to respond. Below is a reminder of their details:

Staff	Email – allow 24hrs for a response	Mobile – urgent
Mr Johnson, Head of Year 7	djohnson@castlehall.com	07708 795466
Mrs Bonham, Head of Year 8	lbonham@castlehall.com	07708 795385
Miss Fox, Head of Year 9	ifox@castlehall.com	07895 746870
Miss Clarkson, Head of Year 10	rclarkson@castlehall.com	07708 796626
Miss Ennis, Head of Year 11	cennis@castlehall.com	07565 399941





KEY DATES 2023-24

Academy Term Dates 2023 – 24

STUDENTS' FIRST DAY BACK

Year 7	4 September 2023
Year 8	6 September 2023
Year 9	8 September 2023
Year 10	7 September 2023
Year 11	6 September 2023

2023-24 TERM 1

Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

Holiday: Saturday 28 October 2023 to Sunday 5 November 2023

1 September 2023 is an inset day (staff only)

2023-24 TERM 2

Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023

Holiday: Saturday 23 December 2023 to Sunday 7 January 2024

2023-24 TERM 3

Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Holiday: Saturday 10 February 2024 to Sunday 18 February 2024

2023-24 TERM 4

Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Holiday: Friday 29 March 2024 to Sunday 14 April 2024

2023-24 TERM 5

Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Holiday: Saturday 25 May 2024 to Sunday 2 June 2024

2023-24 TERM 6

Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 19 July 2024

Holiday: Saturday 20 July 2024 onwards



PARENTS' EVENING

Year 7 Settling	12 October 2023
Year 11	14 December 2023
Year 7	18 January 2024
Year 10	1 February 2024
Year 11 Targeted	7 February 2024
Year 11	21 March 2024
Year 9 & Options	25 April 2024
Year 8	9 May 2024
Year 10 Targeted	23 May 2024

TRAINING/REVIEW DATES (STAFF ONLY)

1 September 2023
7 December 2023
8 December 2023
27 March 2024
28 March 2024
18 July 2024
19 July 2024



KEY DATES 2024-25

Academy Calendar 2024-25

TRAINING DAYS

Monday 02 September 2024

DATA DAYS (STAFF ONLY)

TBC

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 21 April 2025
Monday 05 May 2025

FIRST DAY BACK DATES

TBC

PARENTS' EVENING DATES

TBC

2024-25 TERM 1

Tuesday 3 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

Holiday: Saturday 26 October 2024 to Sunday 03 November 2024

2024-25 TERM 2

Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Holiday: Saturday 21 December 2024 to Sunday 05 January 2025

2024-25 TERM 3

Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

Holiday: Saturday 15 February 2025 to Sunday 23 February 2025

2024-25 TERM 4

Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Holiday: Saturday 5 April 2025 to Sunday 20 April 2025

2024-25 TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

Holiday: Saturday 24 May 2025 to Sunday 1 June 2025

2024-25 TERM 6

Monday 2 June 2025 to Friday 18 July 2025

Holiday: Saturday 19 July 2025 onwards





**4 ITEMS FOR
£2.65**



MAIN

Hot meal
Jacket Potato + 1 filling
Pasta pot + 1 filling
Sandwich



FRUIT

Apple
Orange
Banana



DESSERT

Brownie
Flapjack
Cake
Yoghurt



DRINK

Any choice
of drink

