

Hello year 6 students, parents/carers—welcome to the first of our weekly transition newsletters that have been specially created for our new year 6 students, who are due to start with us in September. We know it is very important for you to get a good understanding of the exciting opportunities that await you when you start with us in year 7. Over the next few weeks, our newsletters will cover a range of topics that we hope you will find interesting and useful. Alongside this newsletter, we encourage you to regularly visit the Academy website and social media, where you will find lots of useful information and get an insight into Castle Hal Academy.

MEET THE STAFF

Castle Hall Academy is first and foremost a place of learning where students feel safe and enjoy their educational journey.

Learning is at the centre of everything we do both in and out of the classroom and with so many opportunities at Castle Hall we are sure you will enjoy many achievements.



Mr Brook, Headteacher



Miss Rankin, Head of School

CASTLE HALL VISION



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'

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

How will I make friends?

I'm sure that many of you will have been thinking about how you are going to make new friends when you start at Castle Hall Academy. Don't worry it's perfectly normal to feel a little nervous about this. The summer transition days and the induction days in September will provide lots of opportunities to make many new friends at Castle Hall Academy.



SCIENCE

Science Club

Do you enjoy learning about the world around you?

Are you interested in how things are made?

Would you like to make things go “bang”?

Then science club is for you. Science club takes place weekly and is organised by department staff. Each week is themed and involves a series of different experiments. Learn about many aspects of science from how different chemicals react together to how things fly through the air. And importantly, it's **YOU** that will get to do the experiments.



The whole science department is looking forward to meeting you all.

Mr Makda
Head of Science



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

SPANISH

¡Hola a todos! Welcome to the MFL department at Castle Hall Academy. We are all very much looking forward to meeting you all and teaching you Spanish when you join us.

There are many Spanish speaking countries in the world some of which you may have visited. It is the official language of the following Spain (including the Canary and Balearic Islands) , Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico and 15 + other countries.

There are more than 450 million native speakers of Spanish, making it second only to Chinese in terms of the most spoken languages in the world. Spanish is the third most studied language in the world, after English and French.

In addition to the 450 million native speakers, just shy of 75 million people around the world speak Spanish as a second language.

When learning Spanish at CHA you will not only learn how to communicate in Spanish but you will learn about countries where the language is spoken, the food, culture, sports and famous people from that country.

We can't wait!

¡Hasta pronto year 6!

Mrs Spiers

Head of Modern Foreign Languages



BRITISH COUNCIL

THE GREAT SPANISH LANGUAGE CHALLENGE

○ List five species of plant or animal that can only be found in the Amazon rainforest

○ Cook a dish from a Spanish-speaking country

○ Change your social media **app settings** into Spanish for one hour

○ Find out the names of five dances that originated in Spanish-speaking countries

○ Listen to a song in Spanish

○ Find out about four New Year's Eve traditions that take place in countries where Spanish is the official language

○ Find out the names of ten well-known sports players who are from Spanish-speaking countries

○ Try a food item from a Spanish-speaking country you have never tried before

○ Learn the **happy birthday** song in Spanish

○ Write a short paragraph about a Spanish-speaking country you would like to visit and why

○ List four festivals which take place in countries where Spanish is the official language

○ List four well-known buildings or monuments which can be found in a Spanish-speaking country

○ Find out about **five famous** scientists, artists, writers or explorers who are from countries where Spanish is the official language

○ Teach your parent or guardian a phrase in Spanish

○ Find an **app** that allows you to practise Spanish and learn five new words

○ Find out the capital cities of ten Spanish-speaking countries

○ Find out the names of this year's five most popular musicians or bands in one of the following countries: Spain, Argentina or El Salvador.

○ Find out how to say **the following phrases** in Spanish:
 Excuse me
 Could you repeat that?
 See you later!

○ Find a Spanish language video or cartoon on YouTube and watch it

○ Find out how many countries have Spanish as their official language

To find more languages resources, visit:
<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources>

ATTENDANCE

Students should be on the Academy site by **8:25am** each day, the gates close at 8:25am. Mastery/Lesson 1 start promptly at **8:30am**.

Why is good school attendance important?

Regular and **punctual** school attendance is essential to supporting students to flourish, fulfil their potential and enables them to:

- Learn
- Make and manage friendships
- Develop new skills
- Have fun
- Experience new things in the world around them
- Develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, and gender differences
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community
- Prioritise their well-being and happiness
- Be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices in their future

Missing school... missing out!

- Don't be the student who misses out.

Y6 PARENTS' MEETING - SIGN UP NOW



Y6 Parents' Meeting - Thursday 27th June at Castle Hall Academy

Please select the time you will attend and advise the number of seats you require.

BY CLICKING THE LINK

<https://forms.office.com/e/VN96j4aXqM>

OR VIA OUR QR CODE

