

ISSUE 1

CASTLES EDUCATION

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2023/24 School Term Dates

	STARTS	ENDS	INSET DAYS
<i>Autumn Term</i>	Term One	Wed 6 September '23	Fri 20 October '23
	Half Term	Sat 21 October '23	Mon 30 October '23
	Term Two	Tue 31 October '23	Wed 20 December '23
	Christmas Holiday	Thu 21 December '23	Tue 2 January '24
<i>Spring Term</i>	Term Three	Wed 3 January '24	Fri 9 Feb '24
	Half Term	Sat 10 February '24	Sun 18 February '24
	Term Four	Mon 19 February '24	Thu 28 March '24
	Easter Holiday	Fri 29 March '24	Mon 15 April '24
<i>Summer Term</i>	Term Five	Tue 16 April '24	Fri 24 May '24
	Half Term	Sat 25 May '24	Sun 2 June '24
	Term Six	Mon 3 June '24	Fri 19 July '24
	Summer Holiday	Sat 20 July '24	Tue 3 September '24

This academic year has been a very successful one for our pupils. Our two predecessor schools merged and the students responded with resilience to the change.

Our pupils have shown great progress, both academically and personally. It has been a privilege to observe the improvements of the students and their relationships with staff and peers. Students have had access to some excellent vocational options and have benefited from their outdoor learning. Pupils have been recognised for their attitude, work and attendance through termly rewards trips. These have allowed students to build confidence, teamwork and resilience, and to raise aspirations.

We had the first Castles Sports Day, which was incredible. Students' attitude, effort and sportsmanship was great to see and we had a fair in the afternoon. It was a pleasure to see pupils socialising and discussing the events, and to see them leaving school with their certificates and medals.

We have sent home reports and attendance certificates. In order for students to succeed, their attendance needs to be very good so that they can maximise learning opportunities and prepare for their future careers. Our students have shown this year that they can succeed and that there are no limits to their goals and aspirations.

I hope you all have a restful and safe summer and I look forward to seeing our pupils back in September.

Mr M Mallott
Associate Headteacher



WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the Castles Education Newsletter. We have had a busy year and we have been working hard to provide the best possible education and support to our pupils. We are making big changes to every aspect of our operation: we have written a whole new curriculum and we are improving the quality of our teaching. Our vision is to change lives for the better through personalised learning, nurture and preparation for life and everything we do is focused on this. We are proud of what our pupils have achieved this academic year and there are many individual success stories. We especially wish our year 11 leavers all the best for their college courses and their future lives. The strength of Castles Education is our staff: every one of our team works relentlessly for the benefit of our pupils and goes the extra mile to teach and support them. I would like to thank them all for their hard work, dedication and good humour. Finally, thank you to Mrs Richardson for producing this Newsletter. The first day back in school next term will be Friday, 8 September and we look forward to welcoming back our pupils. I hope you have a good summer.

Michael Taylor
Executive Headteacher



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OUR VALUES

High Expectations
Understanding
Positivity
Respect
Equity

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ART



One pupil Noah even managed a Lancaster Bomber!

CLAY ART

Students explored the use of clay as a medium in art this term. Students learnt how to wedge (warm up) the clay to create a 'pinch pot' and the skill of scoring and using slip to add pieces of clay together.

Jane - Art



Foundations coming along nicely!

Students had the opportunity to design their own creation and build it using their new skills. Work included a very delicate bee, a fantastic mouse and Thor's Hammer to name just a few!

VERY DELICATE BEE



ENGLISH

SHAKESPEARE

Year 9 have been studying William Shakespeare and the time he lived in. For this topic, they researched where Shakespeare lived, his family, what he achieved and where some of his plays were performed. They wrote Shakespeare's obituary, which incorporated much of the information they had found through their research and use of a Shakespeare timeline. They put together a version of The Globe Theatre for part of our classroom display and are now creating their interpretations of an Elizabethan house.

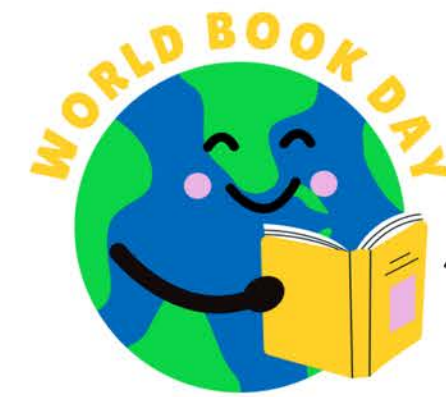
Debs - English



We are hoping to use the finished buildings to create our own Elizabethan village complete with characters from Shakespeare's plays; the base for this has also been completed by a student in the group. This project will culminate in a speaking and listening presentation which documents where the boys got their ideas from, and how they built their structures from start to finish.

Great work boys, well done!





Enter our SUMMER READING COMPETITION



*Don't be afraid to
be creative*
**AND GOOD
LUCK!**

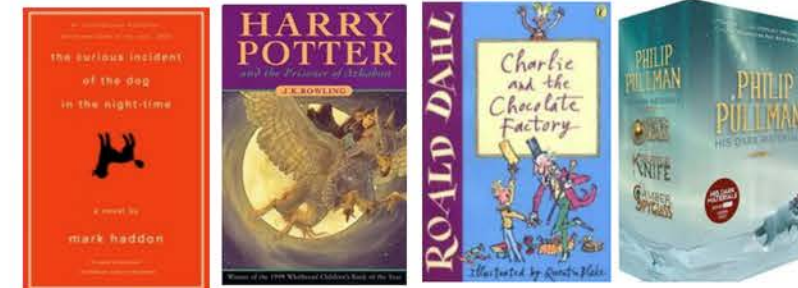
Simon Fox - Deputy Head (Teaching & Learning)

We hope as many children as possible will enter our fantastic 'Summer Reading' competition. To take part submit a photo of your child reading a favourite book in an unusual place.

Whether you are visiting somewhere special over the coming weeks or if you just want to make use of the local parks or other public spaces, the only limit will be your imagination.

Submitted photos may be displayed in school. Photos must clearly show the student reading in an unusual place.

To enter please send your photo by email to simonfox@castleseducation.co.uk by Friday 8th September, 2023. One entry per child



Books to read before you finish KS2



Books to read before you finish KS3



Books to read before you finish school

From health benefits to getting smarter, there are numerous advantages that regular reading can offer. You can expect to enhance your knowledge about so many things if you develop the habit of reading books regularly.

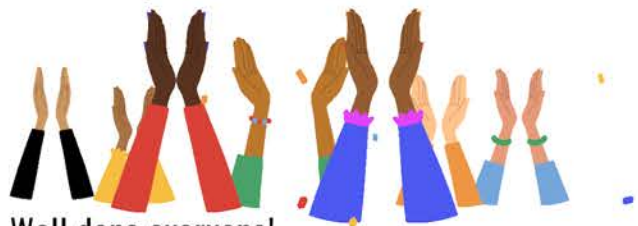
Why is reading so important?

Reading is one of the most important life skills for children to learn. Not only is reading absolutely vital for future academic and general life success, it is also something that can be really enjoyable. Many people, even in today's digital world, claim that reading is their favourite activity. For us at Castles, we aim to make children as enthusiastic as can be when it comes to reading.



SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to all students and staff for a very successful Sports Day! There were some fantastic achievements from students across all year groups. The sunshine, great team spirit and the excitement of the events combined to make a brilliant atmosphere. Non-competitors were also able to enjoy the day, taking part in a variety of events. The day was rounded off with a medal ceremony.



Well done everyone!
Callum and Hollie - PE

