



Castledon School

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Dear Parents/Carers

30th January 2023

It has been a very busy start to the New Year and spring term. I always take some time to walk around the academy and visit lessons and it's wonderful to see learners working so hard. I am excited to see the progress being made by our wonderful young people.

Instagram

I am delighted that we have a new Instagram account where families are able to follow our page and see photos, videos, important messages and upcoming events. If you are not part of the Instagram community yet, you can install the free app through Apple or Google Play. If you already have Instagram, simply click on the link below to follow our page.

https://www.instagram.com/castledon_school/

Children and young people use many different social media apps and sites. The most popular are Facebook and Instagram, with many others such as Snapchat, TikTok and Twitter.

There are lots of benefits to social networking. They can allow users to stay connected with friends and family. They can also learn many different things, from make-up or gaming tutorials to making slime, or how to create their own videos.

Like most things, there can be negatives too. For children and young people there are risks that you should be aware of, to help keep your child safe on social media.

For further information, please visit the NSPCC website -

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Admissions to our Sixth Form

For parents who have learners in Year 11 considering applying for our Sixth Form from September, please attend one of our Parent Presentation events held throughout the year to fully understand the curriculum and pathways. To book a place, please contact 6thform@castledon.org or call the main telephone number and speak to the 6th form reception.

Key events taking place

6-10 February - All primary classes are holding parent events in the final week of this half term. Please see individual class letters for further details of the date and time of these.

20-21 February - School closed for most annual review meetings

22-24 February - Childrens Mental Health Week

28 Feb - World Book Day

6-10 March - STEAM careers week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)

14 March - Yr 11 and Yr 14 parents evening

17 March - Red Nose Day

22 March - World Maths Day



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27-31 March - Autism Awareness Week

Strike action by members of the National Education Union - Wednesday 1st February

As outlined in my recent letter, unfortunately the school will be closed to the following classes on Wednesday 1st February:

- All classes in the Sixth Form (KS5)
- Class 4.2
- Class 4.3
- Class 4.4
- Stirling Class
- Hedingham Class
- York Class

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

