



Welcome Back!

Dear families

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and a very warm welcome to our new pupils and colleagues- I hope they have enjoyed their time with us so far.

It has been lovely to catch up with our pupils and staff after the summer- it is nice to be back together again.



Building Works

We have had lots of exciting changes to the school building over the summer, including the development of two new spaces for our pre-formal classes. It has taken a lot of work by our team over the break to make this happen and I am grateful for their commitment and determination- thank you!

New Roles and who to contact

Some of our staff roles have been revised and below is a summary of who to contact for support regarding different elements of your child's school life.

Anne Haberfield, Deputy Head is your point of contact for anything to do with our curriculum and examinations.

Liz West, Assistant Headteacher is now leading on Admissions, EHCPs and Annual Reviews. She is working closely with Claire Laidler who is supporting out Post 16 learners as Transitions lead.

Peter Nelmes (Senior Teacher) and Tanzi Foulger Betts (Assistant Headteacher) are leading on positive behaviour support and pastoral support across the school.

Jez Daniel, Assistant Headteacher is now working with Helen Goodwin on all elements of staffing.

Suzannah Pinkney is our new Head of Site at the Fields and is the point of contact for the families of our learners based on that site.

Our Family Support team has expanded and now includes both Tina Merry and Kathryn Langran, they are located in our new 'Family Room'.

Mary Sewell is our new Medical Welfare Lead and is on hand for any support in relation to your child's medical needs.

Governance

Nick Brenton, who has been Chair of Governors at the school for several years has stepped down as Chair but has kindly agreed to remain as a community governor and vice-chair. The school and I are incredibly grateful for his ongoing commitment to Castle and the work he does as a volunteer to support our community. As Nick becomes vice-chair we welcome Selva Kadirvelu and Donna Lovett, two of our wonderful parent governors into the roles of Co-Chairs. Thank you to both for taking on this vital role in school.

Finally...

We will be back to much less from me and instead our exciting class news next week!

We are looking forward to sharing with you all the activities our wonderful staff provide.

Best Wishes,

Charlotte

Charlotte Whysall -Headteacher

Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term	
Training Day	3 September*
Term Starts	4 September
Half Term	28 October - 1 November
Training Day	4 November*
Term Ends	20 December
Spring Term	
Training Day	6 January*
Term Starts	7 January
Half Term	17 - 21 February
Term Ends	4 April
Summer Term	
Training Day	22 April*
Term Starts	23 April
Bank Holiday	5 May
Half Term	26 - 30 May
Training Day	11 July*
Term Ends	23 July

*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days