

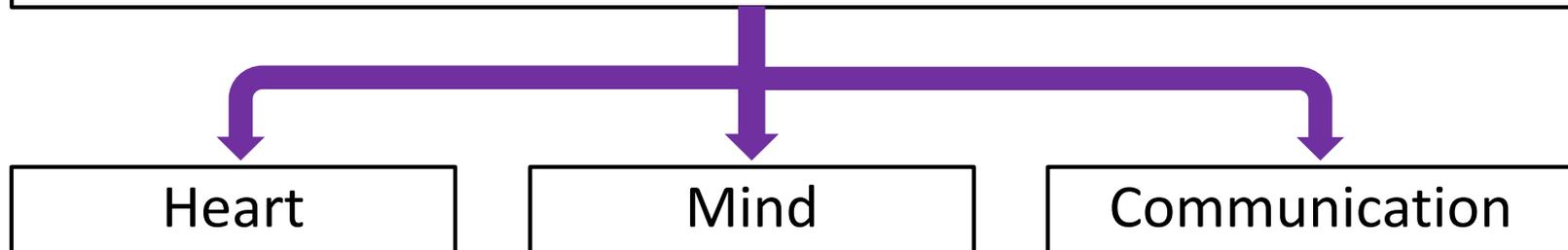
# Word of the Week

Week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.



# Building the Vision.

To achieve academic excellence, develop character, and raise aspirations for all at Castle Hall Academy



# Heart, Mind and Communication:



The Words of the Week for the next 5 weeks are going to reflect the 5 Rs that form the backbone of Castle Hall Academy's visions and values: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning, Resilience and Reflection.

The 5 Rs represent the qualities and personality traits that we would like all of our students, along with their parents and the school's staff, to develop and consciously think about in their day-to-day lives.

## **Reasoning**

noun

The action of thinking about something in a logical and sensible way. The process of thinking about something in order to make a decision. The ability to argue and justify points of view and actions.

# In the News:

Article taken from the BBC News Website: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

## **Notre Dame High: Views sought on future of girls' school.**

A consultation on the future of the last state school in Scotland, which only admits girls, has begun.

A number of options for Notre Dame High in Glasgow are being considered. One would mean that boys would start attending the school, although another would see the school remain single-sex.

Any changes to the entry criteria at Notre Dame High would also have implications for three other secondary schools - John Paul, St Roch's and St Thomas Aquinas.

If a decision to alter Notre Dame's catchment area or character is made, it will not happen until next year at the very earliest.

The options in Glasgow City Council's consultation are:

- No change
- Retain the all-girl status but alter the catchment area
- Start admitting boys and alter the catchment area

# Discuss and Debate -



- What do you think about the issues raised in the article?

? Do you think there should be such things as single-sex or single-faith schools?

? Why/why not?

? Be ready to explain the **reasoning** behind your opinions and to be able to justify why you feel these things.

? I don't know is **not** an answer!

# Discuss and Debate -



- How many times do you rely on the phrase 'I don't know' when you are asked a question or to justify why you have (or haven't) done something?
- Even worse, how many times do you simply not answer at all?

Challenge: You need to go throughout all of this week without using the phrase 'I don't know' (or anything similar!) when you are asked a question or to justify your actions. You also cannot just ignore the question and stay silent, shrug your shoulders or say 'Because' (and leave it at that) and hope that the question goes away. In short you must show **reasoning** and be able to justify what you do (or don't!) do.