

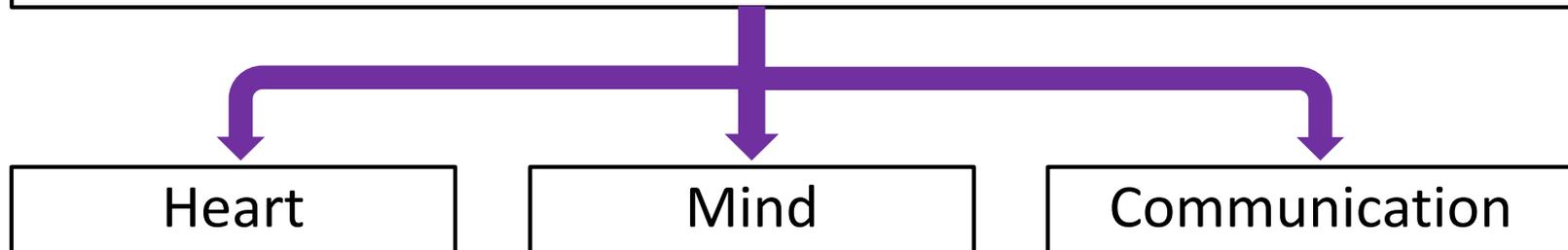
# Word of the Week

Week beginning Monday 4<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:



**National Careers Week, 2019**



## **Apprenticeships**

National Apprenticeship Week  
4 to 8 March 2019

This week's Word of the Week acknowledges and celebrates that 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 is Careers and Apprenticeships Week. Many of the Words of the Week have focused on ensuring that Castle Hall Academy produces well-rounded students with the necessary academic, social and other employability skills that are suited to the modern world of work.

### **employability**

noun.

the quality of being suitable for work.

# In the News:

## School leavers 'need work skills and knowledge'

The following article was taken from the BBC News website in **March, 2011**.

Children need to leave school with the skills required for the workplace as well as knowledge, a head teachers' leader has said.

Association of School and College Leaders president John Fairhurst said such skills should be recognised alongside GCSEs in England.

He said the league tables system "impinges destructively" on teaching.

It comes as ministers are boosting the place of facts and traditional subjects in schools.

# Discuss and Debate -

- To what extent do you agree with the sentiment of the article:

? Should schools be doing more to focus of employability skills and workplace learning?

? Is it right that schools are judged, ranked and rated on academic results?

? Have things changed since this article was written 8 years ago?

? What should schools be doing to focus on the **employability** of their students?

# Discuss and Debate -



**Employability:** the interview! In order to secure your place at college, an apprenticeship or even a job, you are more than likely going to have an interview. This means you need to be comfortable and confident speaking in front of other people and prepared to be honest about your own strengths and areas that you would like to (or still need to!) develop further.

Imagine where you want to be when you leave Castle Hall Academy. Or, imagine you have an opportunity to 'land' your 'dream job.' Complete a practice interview using some of these questions. Students, interview your parents or teachers to see how it should (or shouldn't!!) be done!

- Why do you want (to do) this job or course?
- Why did you apply for this job or course? What experience do you have?
- What 3 words best sum you up?
- What do you think your strengths are?
- What do you think your weaknesses are?
- Describe a time when you've worked successfully as a member of a team.
- Describe a time when you've encountered a problem and explain how you overcame it.
- Are there any problems or potential issues that we need to be aware of?
- Are there any questions you want to ask us?

Other more bizarre questions I've been asked are:

! what do you think people you've worked with or went to school with would say about you? Why?

! if you were a biscuit, what biscuit would you be and why?

! you may also get asked about your social media activity... so, be careful and be warned.