

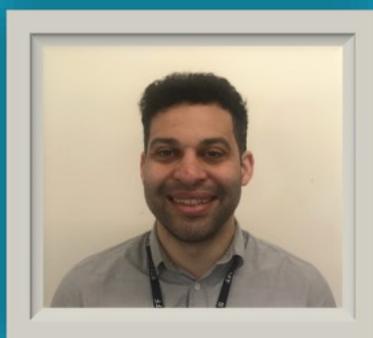
Welcome to Issue 2.

Please visit the Year 6 Transition page on our website where we upload copies of everything we post to you. You can also watch our information videos, they may answer some questions, reassure and provide further information — you may recognise someone too!

## MEET THE STAFF

Mr Kennedy — SENCo

As an Academy our aim is to plan and implement inclusive high quality teaching that meets the needs of all our students, and builds in high expectations for all students, including those with SEND.



The FOCUS department works collaboratively with all staff to coordinate the provision for students with special educational needs or disabilities. A key aspect of my role as SENCo is supporting teachers with strategies that they can use to try and help the students in their class achieve the very best outcomes.



## Characteristics of Good Learners



### Reasoning

I ask questions about my learning and try to work things out for myself.



### Resilience

I am not afraid to get things wrong and don't give up when the work becomes challenging.



### Responsibility

I take responsibility for my own learning including homework. I work well in groups and show leadership.



### Reflection

I reflect on my learning and behaviour and use my initiative to make improvement.



### Respect

My behaviour is excellent. I listen, follow instructions and take pride in what I do.

Work hard, be kind and follow staff instructions  
- everybody, everyday.



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### *What if I get lost in school or lose my belongings?*

Castle Hall will be bigger than your primary school but we aren't a great big school, so you will quickly find your way around. There are maps displayed on the corridors and all classrooms are numbered. Make sure you always have your timetable which will show which classroom you need to be in. You will need to be organised as you will move to a different classroom for each lesson.

If you can't work it out just ask for help, there are always members of staff on the corridors at lesson changeover who will be happy to help.

If you misplace anything such as your coat, rucksack or PE kit then speak to your Head of Year at break, lunchtime or before or after school and they will check the lost property box for you.

# CLUB OF THE WEEK

## Castle Hall Singers

Castle Hall Singers is a popular extra-curricular club. It is open to all students and staff in the Academy, especially new Year 7.

We rehearse over one lunchtime (don't worry you will still have time for your lunch).

We sing in all styles and lots of different songs. We do several concerts



You will be made extremely welcome at Castle Hall Singers.

I really hope to see you soon—Mrs Simons, Teacher of Music.

'The only thing better than singing is more singing'. Ella Fitzgerald.



# SUBJECT CHALLENGE

## ENGLISH

In Year 7 you will develop the skills you have learnt in your primary school and build on those in English. Straight away we will be working on the amazing summer read 'Flamingo Boy' by Michael Morpurgo, this means you will already come to Year 7 full of knowledge and ideas about this book. We also study two set texts in Year 7: A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness and The Boy in the Striped Pyjama; studying full novels gives you a chance to really explore the ideas and themes in them and look at the background information of each era and they are set in to support your analysis and understanding.

Not only do we read full novels we also study the history of the English Language and read extracts from authors like Chaucer and Shakespeare to help us understand how language has changed and developed and what great writers of the past were creating for the readers of their times and also today. To build on this knowledge we explore the full play of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare and get to grips with the world and language of Shakespeare. Linked to The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and the study of World War II we explore the play War Horse by Michael Morpurgo (who you are familiar with from your summer read 'Flamingo Boy').

As you can see you get to explore a lot of different types of literature across the last 1000 years! You will be able to bring your knowledge from primary school and apply it to your studies seamlessly and enjoy a deep understanding of our English Language and its Literature.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

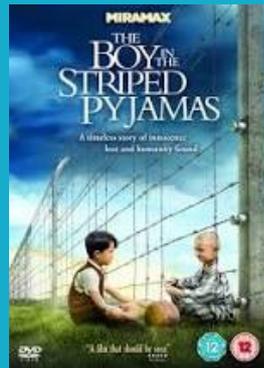
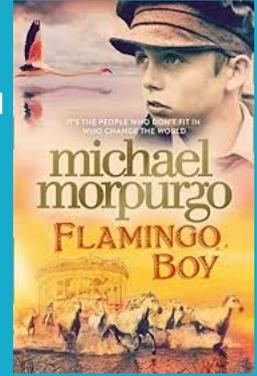
From Mrs Inman, Director of Literacy and the rest of the English Team



## Word Mania

How many words can you make from the word Carousel?

E.g. car



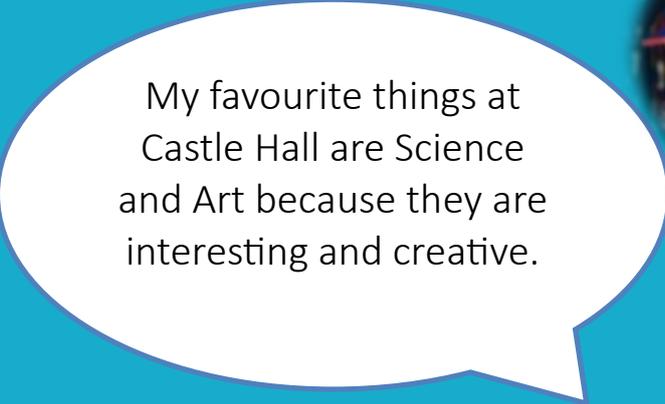
# MESSAGES FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

Dear future Year 7,

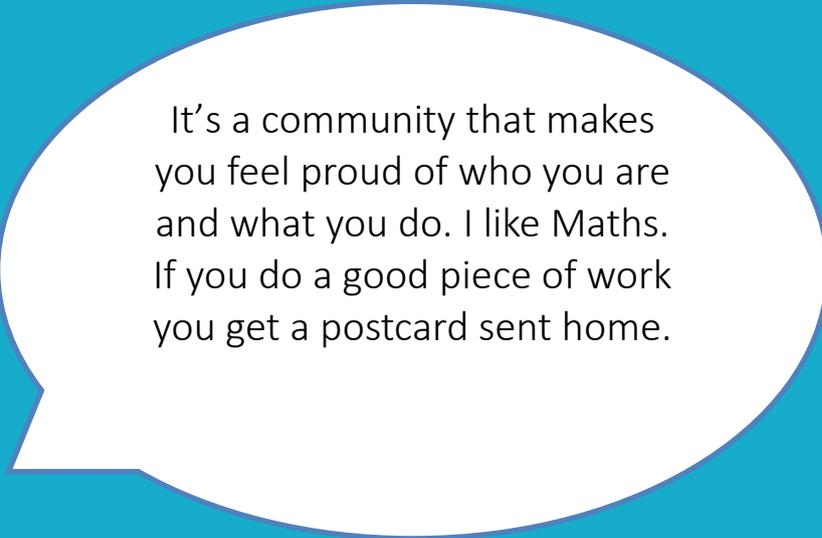
I came to Castle Hall Academy on my own and I was worried about getting lost and making friends. I thought I was going to be by myself for the first few weeks but that was not the case. I made a lot of friends and luckily for you most of the covid restrictions will hopefully have gone so you can experience Castle Hall Academy to the fullest. If you have any worries you can always talk to anyone at Castle Hall Academy, all staff are here to help and I'm sure if you ever get lost someone will help you find your way.

Best wishes,

Stephanie - Year 7



My favourite things at Castle Hall are Science and Art because they are interesting and creative.



It's a community that makes you feel proud of who you are and what you do. I like Maths. If you do a good piece of work you get a postcard sent home.

