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**Head Teacher: Mr J Smith**

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Parent Information Evening**

The global events that have impacted on schools over the last few sessions, have left us very aware that many parents have not had the opportunity to physically visit Castle Douglas High School or to develop a partnership with the school staff to help us to work together to meet the needs of every young person.

To help improve our home/school partnerships, we would like to invite you to a parent information evening on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. At the information evening there will be a series of workshops to provide information on topics that, from a parental survey, many parents have told us they would like to have a greater understanding.

There will be six workshops available from which parents will be able to visit the three that they feel will be of most interest to their particular circumstance. Each workshop will last 15 minutes with the entire event taking no more than 90 minutes.

The evening will start at 6:30pm sharp for those parents who would like to have a brief tour of the school. This will be led by our S6 house captains. At 7pm we will have a brief introduction and then send you off to the workshop locations. At the end of your three workshops there will be an opportunity for you to provide feedback, suggestions and complete an evaluation.

The six workshops available will be:

### **Workshop 1 – Monitoring and Tracking in the broad general education and senior phase.**

Mrs Robson and Mr McNay will explain how we report, track and monitor progress both in the BGE (S1-S3) and in the senior phase (S4-S6)

### **Workshop 2 – Learning pathways and Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework.**

Discussion led by Mr Cathro and Mr Williams based around the options process, pathways available to pupils and an explanation of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework.

### **Workshop 3 – Learning and Teaching**

Mr Prentice, Mr Harris and Mr Courten will present this workshop. They will focus on three major themes, delivered through the structure of a 15-minute 'mini lesson':

- Starter
- What does excellent learning and teaching look like?
- What steps are being taken to meet these aspirations?
- How will we know we are making progress?
- Plenary

**Workshop 4 – The role of the Principal Teacher Support and working with partners.**

Mrs Cathro and Ms McQuade will describe the role of pupil support; highlight what pupil support teachers can do to support young people; explain what outside agencies pupil support work with and how they help us to support young people.

**Workshop 5 – Supporting 16+ pupils; UCAS, work experience, careers information, employability.**

Mr Ingram, Mr Kay and Mrs Clive will explain the process of supporting our 16+ young people as they prepare to leave school.

**Workshop 6 – Supporting learning, Additional Support Needs, Additional Assessment Arrangements, Support for learning Allocation.**

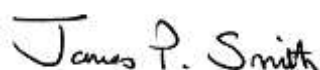
Mrs Irving and Mrs Cook will provide information on how we support learning for all young people and especially those who have an additional learning need.

**Overview of the event:**

6:30pm	Tour of school led by S6 house captains available to any parent interested
7:00pm	Brief introduction to the evening in the assembly hall
7:15 – 8:15pm	Parents attend three Workshops
8:15pm	Opportunity to provide feedback and evaluation in the assembly hall

To be able to organise this event please complete the workshop request form on the next page and return it to the school office no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Smith  
Head Teacher

I would like to attend the parent information evening on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Please print and return this workshop request form to the school office no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

<b>Child's Name</b>		<b>Year Group</b>	
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Please rank the workshops in the order that you would prefer with those that you are most interested in attending being ranked 1, 2 or 3, those you are least interested in attending being ranked 4, 5 or 6.

<b>Workshop</b>		<b>Rank</b>
<b>Workshop 1</b>	<b>Monitoring and Tracking in the broad general education and senior phase.</b>	
<b>Workshop 2</b>	<b>Learning pathways and Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework</b>	
<b>Workshop 3</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching</b>	
<b>Workshop 4</b>	<b>The role of the Principal Teacher Support and working with partners.</b>	
<b>Workshop 5</b>	<b>Supporting 16+ pupils; UCAS, work experience, careers information, employability.</b>	
<b>Workshop 6</b>	<b>Supporting learning, Additional Support Needs, Additional Assessment Arrangements, Support for learning Allocation</b>	

<b>Parent Name</b>	
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