

# Castle Rushen High School

## Welcome Back!



### 2016/2017 Term Dates

Wed 7 September—Friday 21 October

Monday 31 October—Friday 16  
December

*Bank Holiday—Monday 2 January*

Tuesday 3 January—Friday 17 February

Monday 27 February—Friday 7 April

Monday 24 April—Thursday 1 June

*Bank Holiday—Monday 1 May*

*Bank Holiday—Monday 29 May*

*INSET Day—Friday 2 July*

*Bank Holiday—Wednesday 5 July*

Monday 12 June—Friday 21 July

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year, another exciting and inspiring school year lies ahead. An extra special welcome to the new Year 7 pupils and any other older students arriving as new members of the school. We are sure you will be happy at Castle Rushen High School and will quickly feel part of our community. I wish you all the very best on your Castle Rushen journey. I know that for all, the start of a new term brings great anticipation and expectation; by supporting each other we can ensure the very best progress for all.

As always, the summer period gives everyone an opportunity to recharge their batteries and prepare for the new year ahead, reflecting on successes of the last 12 months, while at the same time identifying areas of focus; we hope that everyone has arrived back at the start of term with clear goals to achieve

and with excitement about the challenges ahead.

Congratulations go to all those students who achieved some outstanding exam outcomes over the summer; it was a privilege to share in the joy of results days and speak to many of the students and parents about their personal achievements and future direction, we are proud of each and every one of them. Overall school performance shows provisional results with an increase in our headline GCSE exam figure for 5A\*-C (including English & Maths), equating to the best figure the school has achieved for this benchmark.

In addition, I would like to congratulate the A-level class of 2016 who also achieved some record-breaking grades, as a result more than 90% of them are now heading towards their university courses.

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## Who's New and Who's Who?

This term we welcome some new colleagues to Castle Rushen High School—

<b>Mr K Edwards</b>	Subject Team Leader for Art
<b>Mr G Swinhoe</b>	Teacher of Science
<b>Mr C Keelaghan</b>	Teacher of English & History
<b>Miss I Crispe</b>	Teacher of English
<b>Miss E Callow</b>	Teacher of English

As students progress through the school, they move through the Key Stages from 3 to 4 and eventually 5 if they decide to stay for 6th Form. For 2016/2017 the CRHS Pastoral Team is as follows—

<b>KS3 Student Progress</b>	Mrs C Preston
<b>Year 8 Progress, Skills and Behaviour Manager</b>	TBC
<b>Head of Year 9</b>	Mr T Williams
<b>KS4 Student Progress</b>	Mrs G Kneen
<b>KS4 Creativity &amp; Skills</b>	Mr S Moss
<b>Head of 6th Form</b>	Mrs E Wood
<b>KS5 Manager</b>	Mr J Danielson

### Establishing routines

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in the school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines and to set expectations of behaviour and working well together. Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 8.55 at the latest (in preparation for an 9.00am registration), wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn. On the school website you will find detailed information about the school day including school uniform information and what they need to bring for games and PE. We know it takes a day or two to get used to going to bed on time and settling back in and this is key to helping our young people do their best.

### Updating information

At this time of year, we need to update the information we hold in school about your child. We try to keep the number of requests to a minimum however it is important for the safety of all children that we have up to date and accurate information. I thank you for a timely response to any such requests, and ask that you inform us of any changes throughout the year.

### Caring for your child

We consider the care and happiness of your child to be prime importance and fundamental to all we do. If anything has happened over the summer that you need to tell us about, please contact the school or speak with the class teacher urgently. Although we do not currently have a Head of Year system this is something I am going to look at this year, however in the interim we have key personnel attached to each year group, see first page for details. We know from experience that having a consistent point of contact for each year group is an important part of maximising achievement.

### Forthcoming dates

Below is a brief date list. In a busy secondary school like ours, dates are subject to change and we would encourage parents to keep up to date by liking our Facebook page and/or checking on our website.

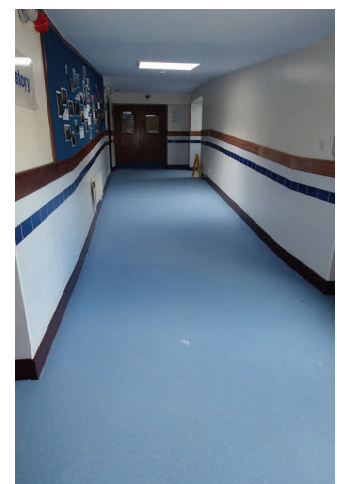
- Year 11 Work Experience: 12-23 September
- Awards Evening: 15 September
- Year 12/13 Introduction to 6th Form: 29 September
- Year 7 'Meet the Tutors' evening: 1 November
- Year 12/13 Parents' Evening: 9 November
- Cross Country Week: 21-25 November
- School mock exams for Yr 11 & 13: 28 Nov-9 Dec

**The CRHS team and I look forward to the year ahead and to working with you and your children.  
With best wishes**

*K. Winstanley*

## During the Summer

Things have been busy in school, I'm looking forward to seeing students reactions to the extensive refurbishment work undertaken in the PE and Science areas. Our wonderful site and office staff, together with the school business manager have been incredibly busy over the summer holidays providing many improvements to the school environment. In addition to the upgrades mentioned above we also have new windows and lights in some Maths classrooms, a new ceiling in DT2, new flooring, windows, lights and ceiling in Rural Science, new vinyl flooring near the entrance to the Languages block, and new tiling along the C corridor. You might also notice two enormous new pictures celebrating our sporting successes on the outside wall of the school sports hall.



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[www.crhs.org.uk](http://www.crhs.org.uk)



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