

CASTLE RUSHEN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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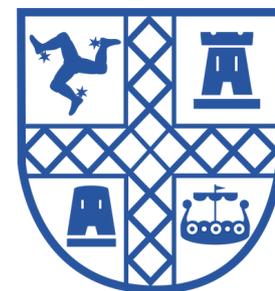
60 Over 60 Project

As part of the Isle of Man Arts Council's 60th anniversary celebrations, just before the summer holidays our now Y13 Art class took part in their '60 over 60' Portrait Project, creating this fantastic portrait of Beach Buddies' Bill Dale from objects found on the beach!



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the new term is now well underway, we hope that your child or children have settled well into the new term and are getting used to their new timetables, new teachers and new routines.



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A big change for us as a school is our move to **Arbor**, our new management information system. You should already have received your individual log in details and information on how to access the **Arbor Parent Portal**. You can access the Portal via <https://login.arbor.sc> or you can download the Arbor app on your Android or IOS device by searching for 'Arbor' in the app store. The Parent Portal allow us to share more easily with you information about school events. You will be able to see your child's timetable, attendance record and behavioural incidents as well as their achievement points. The Portal is already being widely used by our parents which is great – it allows you all a way to make school life more accessible, transparent and manageable.

If you have a child in **Year 11**, you should have already been able to book appointments using the Arbor Parent Portal with your child's teachers for our upcoming **Parents' Evening**.

We are intending to use this system for **all of our parents' evenings this year** – information about each evening, including instructions on how to book, will be sent out approximately two weeks before hand. As a school we see a real value in having face to face contact with our parents at such events, and we hope that all of you will be able to attend the parental and pathways evenings which take place throughout the year. Parents in **Year 7** will have an additional opportunity to have an initial meeting with their child's tutor in the next few weeks.

FIRE DRILLS AND INVACUATION



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We want to ensure that our school is a safe place for our students, which is why we hold regular fire evacuation drills. We held our first fire drill last week; upon hearing the fire bell, students walked calmly out of the buildings onto the school tennis courts where a full school roll was called. We are intending to hold an 'invacuation' practice on Tuesday 30th September, next week. Invacuation in a school is a safety procedure used when there is a potential threat inside

or near the school premises which requires students and staff to remain safe and secure inside. The invacuation alert is sounded by the sustained ringing of the school bell. Students and staff will be asked to remain inside classrooms or other internal safe areas until the 'all clear' is indicated to staff members via our email system. All students and staff are aware this practice will be taking place and have been briefed on how it will work.

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring every student reaches their **full potential**, and **regular attendance** plays a vital role in this. Our goal is for each child to achieve at least 97% attendance this academic year.

Every missed day equates to lost learning hours, which can significantly impact progress, confidence, and long-term outcomes. By attending school consistently, students benefit from high-quality teaching, peer interaction, and the full range of opportunities we offer.

Care • Quality • Opportunity

As a school, we take pride in the fact that our guiding principles of care, quality, and opportunity continue to shape everything we do. These values remain at the heart of our school community, shaping the experiences we provide for every student and ensuring that each child feels supported, challenged, and inspired to thrive.

Key Dates

Year 7	Meet the Tutor Afternoons – Wednesday 8 th & Friday 10 th October Parents' Evening - Wednesday 10 th June 2026
Year 8	Parents' Evening - Wednesday 25 th March 2026
Year 9	Parents' Evening - Thursday 22 nd January 2026 KS4 Pathways Evening - Wednesday 1 st April 2026
Year 10	Parents' Evening - Thursday 14 th May 2026
Year 11	Parents' Evening - Thursday 2 nd October 2025 KS5 Pathways Evening - Thursday 5 th March 2026
KS5	Parents' Evening - Wednesday 10 th December 2025

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We firmly believe that a **broad education** opens up **broader horizons**. That's why we offer a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs designed to inspire, challenge, and engage every student.

From music, sport, drama, and dance to craft, board games, Pokemon, ICT, and computing, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy. These opportunities not only enrich learning but also help students build confidence, friendships, and new skills. We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of everything on offer and I would like to thank our dedicated staff who give up so much of their free time to ensure these clubs can run and be successful.

Many of our clubs take place during the lunch break; please note that if your child is in Years 7-9 we expect them to remain on site at lunchtime. If your child leaves site for lunch, we need to know that you, as parents, are taking responsibility for them. If you would like your child to leave site during the lunch break please let us know via email so that we can update our records.

Almost all of our students do remain on site during the lunch break, and we expect them to adhere to our behavioural expectations as they would during lessons.

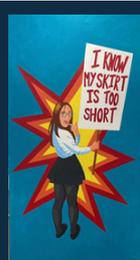
Sovereign Art Prize



Ffion Oliver



Coral Heginbotham



Lula Quirk



Jenna Gelling



Amy Potts



Rosabel Cardy



Jacob Swales



Lula Brown



Poppy Irving

We are proud to announce that 8 of our Art A-Level Students and 1 Textile A-Level student have been shortlisted for the **Sovereign Art Foundation Student Prize 2025**. There is a public online vote ([vote here!](#)) and a live vote when the work is displayed. The winner will receive a cash prize and money for the school. The exhibition will take place between the 1st and the 30th of October at the Hospital. **Please cast your vote for your favourite!**

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