

Castle Douglas High School



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Welcome to our school website.

We are delighted to launch this new platform and to share it with our pupils, families, staff, partners, and the wider community. We hope it will become a valuable window into the life of our school and a place where information, achievements, opportunities, and celebrations can be shared with everyone who has an interest in our journey.

At the heart of our school are four values that guide everything we do: **Honesty, Ambition, Community and Kindness.**

These values shape not only our relationships and our culture, but also our aspirations for every young person who walks through our doors.

We believe in being **honest** about where we are and where we need to improve. Education is a journey of continuous learning, and this website will help us share that journey openly with our community.

We believe in **ambition**. We want every young person to leave our school equipped with the knowledge, skills, qualifications, and confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world. Ambition is about striving to improve every day and never placing limits on what is possible.

We believe in **community**. Our school does not exist in isolation. It is part of a wider network of families, local organisations, employers, partners, and residents who all play a role in helping our young people succeed. This website will help strengthen those connections and celebrate the many contributions made by people across our community.

We believe in **kindness**, creating an environment where every young person feels valued, respected, and supported to be their best. Schools are about people first, and we want this website to reflect the warmth and care that exists within our community.

This year, our improvement priorities continue to focus on three key areas.

Firstly, we are committed to enhancing **learning and teaching**, ensuring that every classroom experience challenges, engages, and inspires young people to think deeply and achieve highly.

Secondly, we continue to prioritise **health and wellbeing**, recognising that young people learn best when they feel safe, included, respected, and supported.

Honesty

Ambition

Community

Kindness

Thirdly, we remain focused on **raising attainment and achievement**, ensuring that every learner is supported to fulfil their potential and leave school with pathways that enable them to succeed in further education, employment, training, and life.

Through this website, we hope to give you a clearer insight into these priorities and the many ways in which our staff, pupils, and partners work together to bring them to life each day.

Most importantly, we want this website to celebrate our young people. Their achievements, talents, creativity, determination, and contributions are the true measure of our school's success. We are incredibly proud of what they accomplish, both inside and outside the classroom, and we look forward to sharing many of those stories with you.

Thank you for taking the time to visit our website. Whether you are a current pupil, parent, prospective family, former student, community partner, or simply someone interested in our school, you are very welcome here.

Together, through honesty, ambition, community and kindness we will continue to create a school where every young person can learn, thrive, and achieve their full potential.

Welcome to our community.

Welcome to our story.

Stephen Foster

Headteacher