



# Mearns Castle High School

P7 Parents' Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> May 2012



# P7 Parent's Meeting

- Welcome
- Introductions
- About Mearns Castle
- Support
- What your Child Will Experience
- Parental Support
- Uniform
- Any Questions



# Pupil Support - Pastoral

- Pastoral Support Principal Teachers



Mrs Crilley – Balmoral - Surnames B, D, E, F



– Mrs Oram – Sutherland – Mc, S



– Mr Cairney – Caledonia - A, C, J, Mac



– Miss Cartledge – Wallace - L, P, Q, T-Z



– Mr Gooch – Gleneagles - G, H, I, K



– Mr Giles – Ramsay - Surnames M, N, O, R



# Pupil Support - Learning

- Ms F McLauchlan – Principal Teacher



# Pupil Support - Behaviour

- Mr I MacFarlane – Principal Teacher



## Our Vision

- The Mearns Castle High School community will work together to sustain a safe, inclusive and high quality learning environment that enables us to develop fully our capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society



# Our Values

- **Respect:** show self-respect and be considerate of the needs, wishes and feelings of others.  
**Inclusion:** treat all people fairly and enable them to feel included.  
**Integrity:** be honest and sincere.  
**Responsibility:** be accountable for your actions and make a positive contribution to society.  
**Ambition:** show a pride in your school and have high expectations of what you can achieve.  
**Achievement:** be enthusiastic and show a determination to succeed in all you do.



# About Us

- A school that sets high standards and hold high expectations in:
  - Behaviour
    - In class, around the school, in local community
  - Work Ethic
    - Try your best, work hard
  - Uniform
    - Be proud to be a Mearns Castle pupil
  - The School Community
    - Give some thing back to the school





# About Us

- We are inclusive
- We support all pupils to achieve their potential
- We are successful
- We are a 'happy' school



# Support

- What support do we offer:
  - A Yeargroup Head
  - Class Teachers
  - Pupil Support – Pastoral
  - Pupil Support – Learning
  - Pupil Support – Behaviour
  - Academic Families
  - Peer Buddies



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# Pupil Support - Pastoral

- Pupil Support Teachers are the principal contact between home and school and one of their more important functions is to offer support to the pupil and to the parent.
- Each pupil is allocated the same Pupil Support Teacher throughout their time in the school.



# Pupil Support - Pastoral

- Pupils can come and see them anytime with any concerns they may have
- Contact home when necessary
- Monitor attendance and timekeeping
- Conduct S1 'Settling-In' interviews



# Pupil Support - Learning

- Miss McLaughlin - Principal Teacher



# Pupils Support - Behaviour

- Mr MacFarlane – Principal Teacher



# Classes

- Information from primary schools
- Test results many different sources
- Different groupings for Teaching:
  - English/Maths/Social Subjects/Modern Languages
  - Practical classes – Art, Music etc
  - PE/PSE/Tutor groups
- With someone else from primary class (where possible)
- Not with 'best friend'





# Timetable

- 33 period week
- Mon, Tues, Thurs – 8:45 am – 3:35 pm
- Wed, Fri – 8:45am – 2:45pm
- 50 Minute periods
- Registration in all classes



# Lunchtime

- 12:25pm – 1:05pm
  - S1/2 not allowed off campus
    - Except Basement Club/Astro pitch
  - Can bring a packed lunch
  - Can buy lunch in Dining Hall/Open Area
  - National Entitlement Card



# Getting To School

- By Bus – ERC
  - Organised by ERC
  - Waterfoot/Eaglesham
- By Bus –Private
  - Organised by Parents
- Buses supervised in Car Park
- By Car
  - Drop off in laybys – not in school grounds please



# How we keep in touch

- Newsletters- one per term
- Letters – as appropriate
- Reports S1 Report – May 2012
- Parents Meetings
  - Open Evening in September
  - Parent meeting in February
  - Curricular Evening in January
- Website
- Txting
- Phone Calls



# Support from Parents

- Homework log books
- Attendance/late coming
- Uniform
- Extra curricular
  - Wider Life of the school – Music, sport, debating, eco-school, drama, shows.....
  - Charities
  - House Captains and Prefects



## Do we do a good job?

- 99% of parents are very happy with their child's education at Mearns Castle High School