



Craigmount High School Parent Council – Meeting of Council on 6 March 2023 at Craigmount High School

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CRAIGMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Agenda 05/03/23, 7pm- 8.30pm at Craigmount High School (Staff Room)

1	Apologies, Welcome, Minutes and Matters Arising	AT	19:00-19:05 (5 mins)
2.	Craigmount Update	CM (and pupils)	19:05-19:15 (10 mins)
3.	Staff Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- West Edinburgh Development Update- Learning and Teaching	CM Ali Clark	19:15-20:00 (45 mins)
4.	Issues Raised by PC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Out of Classroom Policy- Study Support during Easter break- School Meals		20:00-20:15 (15 mins)
5.	Treasurer's Report	DG	20:15-20:20 (5 mins)
6.	Fundraising Report	GH	20:20-20:25 (5 mins)
7.	AOB		20:25-20:30 (5 mins)
			90 mins

CRAIGMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023

PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Alistair Turnbull (Chair), John McLeod, Nicola Currie Mullen, Jane Crewe, Lucy Hunter, Claire Labelle, Jeanette Ross, Alison Thomson, Mark Bingham.

PARENT FORUM MEMBERS

Kate Sher, Julie Gardner, Melissa Wilson

STAFF

Colin Meikle (Head Teacher), Alison Clark

GUESTS

None

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Gilly Herbert, Dale Graham and Ian Batty

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MATTERS ARISING AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The minutes of the previous Meeting were approved. No action points were identified other than those noted elsewhere on the agenda.

Matters arising and updates noted as follows:

- Fundraising - noted that arranging a mini-meeting is proving difficult. May be dealt with over WhatsApp.
- West Edinburgh school plan – see below.
- There are still vacancies for a Secretary, Treasurer and Minute Taker – no expressions of interest received since the last meeting.

3 CRAIGMOUNT UPDATE

CM noted that Miss Campbell and Mrs Ramsey have returned from maternity leave.

Pupils (Rebecca and Shivraj) updated the Parent Council on a wide range of matters, including:

- A visit from Iranian author Dina Nayeri, which had attracted television coverage
- Charitable fundraising activities which had raise in excess of £3,000
- The success of the relaunched breakfast club. (which may be looking for some PC funding in due course)

CM updated the Parent Council on the roll out of the schools' anti-bullying policy and accompanying poster. Noted that the next, and possibly biggest, challenge was to move from policy to lived experience for 170 staff and 1350 pupils. Key points are the need to engender trust in the system, to ensure that there is always follow up when matters are reported and addressed (closing the loop) and making sure that the future is always regarded as more important than the past.

Work in relation to the Curriculum Review is ongoing with the school continuing to promote the curriculum pathways initiative.

4 STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(A) West Edinburgh Development Update

CM gave an update based on a meeting held in early February with Julie Dunn from CEC and other recent developments.

There will be a focused consultation after the Easter holidays which is expected to involve the PC, Parents (directly) and residents. This will involve bringing people into the school so they can appreciate the current and projected challenges.

The current estimate is that there will be an increase in the school role of c400 as result of new residential developments which are currently underway and approved. The timing of this growth is based on demographic modelling of the expected residents of the new properties. A new primary school is planned for a site close to Turnhouse Golf Club and this will be zoned to Craigmount.

It was noted that the school's and the PC's agreed priorities are:

- Not to end up with a 'Portacabin City' either as an interim or longer-term measure;
- To seek a reworking of the existing building footprint rather than simply a 'bolt-on' annex solution (as this could actually make things worse for heating, ventilation and the circulation of pupils); and
- To ensure that boosting social space (which is already in short supply) is a priority.

It was noted that the earliest any physical build would commence would be at the end of the 2023/24 session. S75 agreements with developers should mean that funding is in place.

It was noted that there are c6 years left on the PPP deal under which the current building was procured and this could add complications to the process. It was suggested that lawyers for the existing 'owners' of the building might seek minimal interaction with the existing structures.

(B) Learning and Teaching

AC delivered a presentation on learning and teaching at Craigmount and current improvement initiatives. Key points noted were

- ensuring that pupils understand what they are learning, and why.
- supporting staff with relevant professional learning
- the concept of 'desirable difficulty' ensuring all pupils are stretched in lessons, but not to the extent that they may become disillusioned with the subject.

The evaluation of learning and teaching within the school is done via 'asking, observation and data (e.g. exam and test results)'.

The School leadership hopeful that they may achieve a Digital Schools Award this year.

5. Parent Council Items

Out of Classroom Policy

CM advised that work in this area is ongoing. Particular problems identified were in relation to younger boys reporting being scared to visit toilets during break time, pupils arranging meet-ups during the school day and an overall unmanageable number of pupils being out of class at points in time.

It was noted that there was still a consistent problem with groups 'hanging out' in the toilets at break times. The senior team are investing time in trying to break up such groups and clear the space for other students.

Noted that issues have been discussed at Pupil Council and with year team ambassadors. It was agreed that placing phones in a box before leaving the classroom and recording requests to leave the room on Class Charts would be appropriate.

Study Support during Easter break

CM confirmed that Easter holiday study support would take place on the Monday to Thursday of the first week of the holidays. It is hoped that all subjects will be covered.

There is also an online e-sgoil Easter study programme, to which pupils can sign up via Glow.

It was requested that, even if the precise timetable was not available, the school issue a 'save the date' notification so that pupils and families do not make conflicting arrangements.

School Meals

Concerns over the standard and availability of school meals were raised once again. Key points noted included

- key offerings running out before many pupils have been served
- poor standard of preparation and serving (uncooked pasta, pizza served in bags to which the cheese becomes attached)
- small quantities.

There was a perception that this was a relatively new problem as no-one could remember the kind of complaints made recently arising in past years.

CM noted that specific concerns raised by S5 pupils had been taken to Amey (the contractor) but he could not recall whether any response had been received.

It was agreed that Carol Bryce would follow this up and give a response to the Parent Council.

7. Treasurers' Report

Due to time constraints, the Treasurer's report was taken as read.

It was noted that the 200 Club was now closed and all standing orders cancelled. There is a residual pot of £1,200 available for distribution as part of the 2022/23 funding round.

8. Fundraising

Nothing new to report at this time.

A suggestion was made that a sponsors' event should maybe be organised at the school. This was agreed in principle.

CM noted that the new benches had now been delivered and built and would be placed outside during the Easter break.

9. AOB

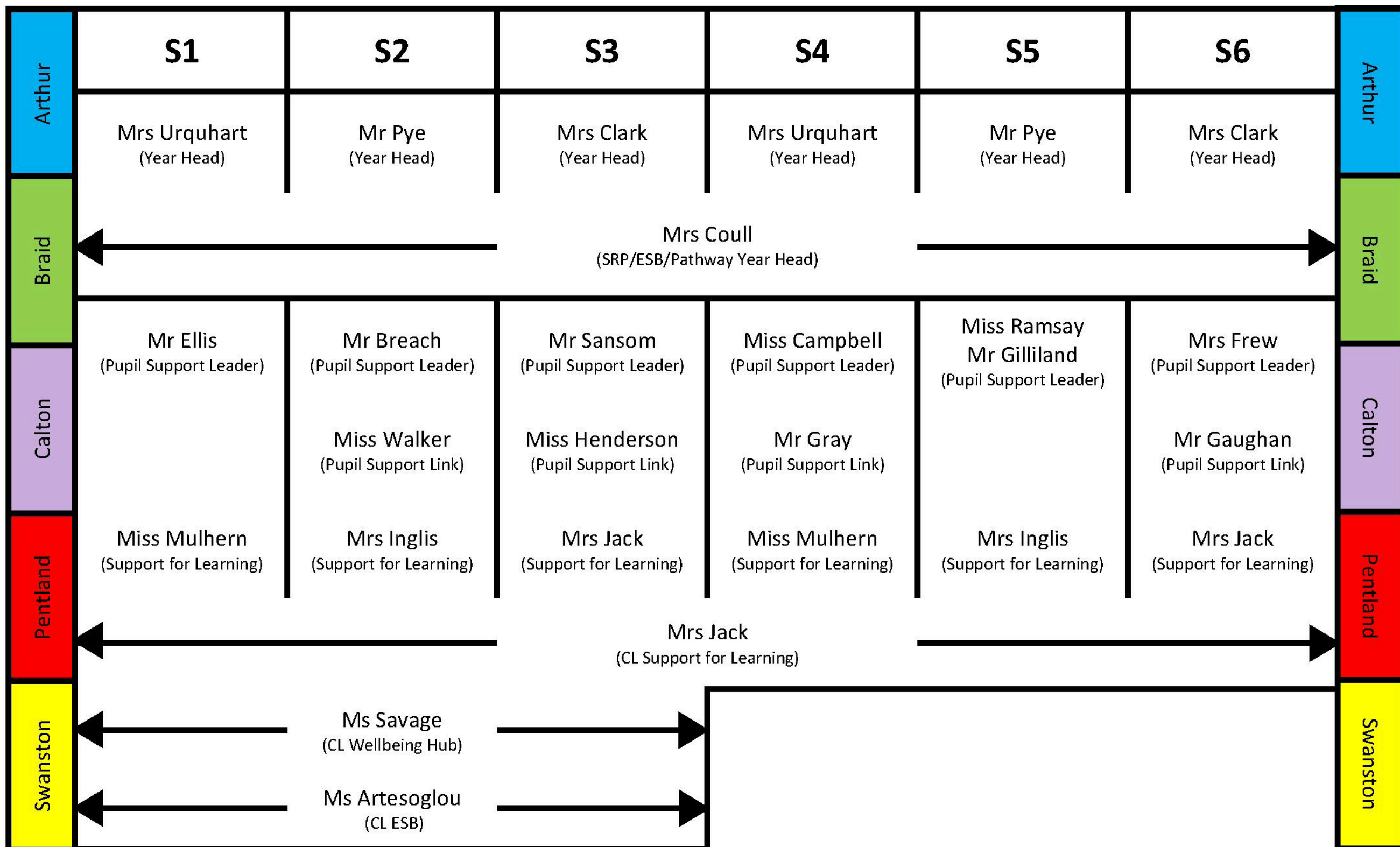
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Update*

Craigmount High School

Integrated Pupil Support Team



Craigmount High School

Key Events



Dina
Nayeri

Curriculum
Pathway
Planning

Dance
Showcase

Charities

Breakfast
Club

Multicultural
Events

World Book
Day

Trips
and Extra-
Curricular

iPad
Showcase

Craigmount High School

Pupil Leadership



THE CHALLENGE

For those getting started in volunteering through team challenges



THE APPROACH

For when you've reached 10 and 25 hours volunteering



THE ASCENT

For when you've reached 50, 100, 200 or even 500 hours

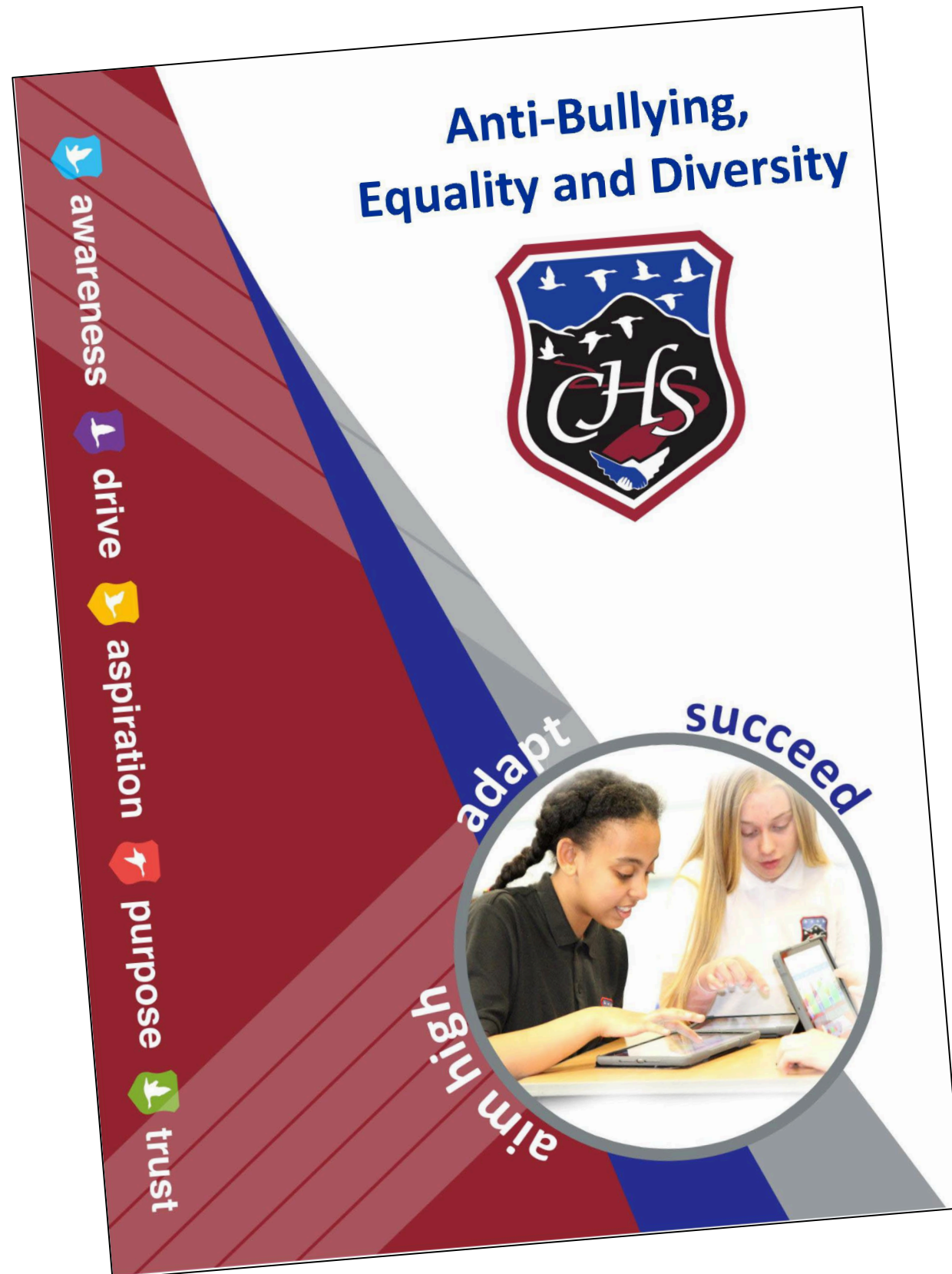


THE SUMMIT

For those that have made an outstanding contribution to volunteering

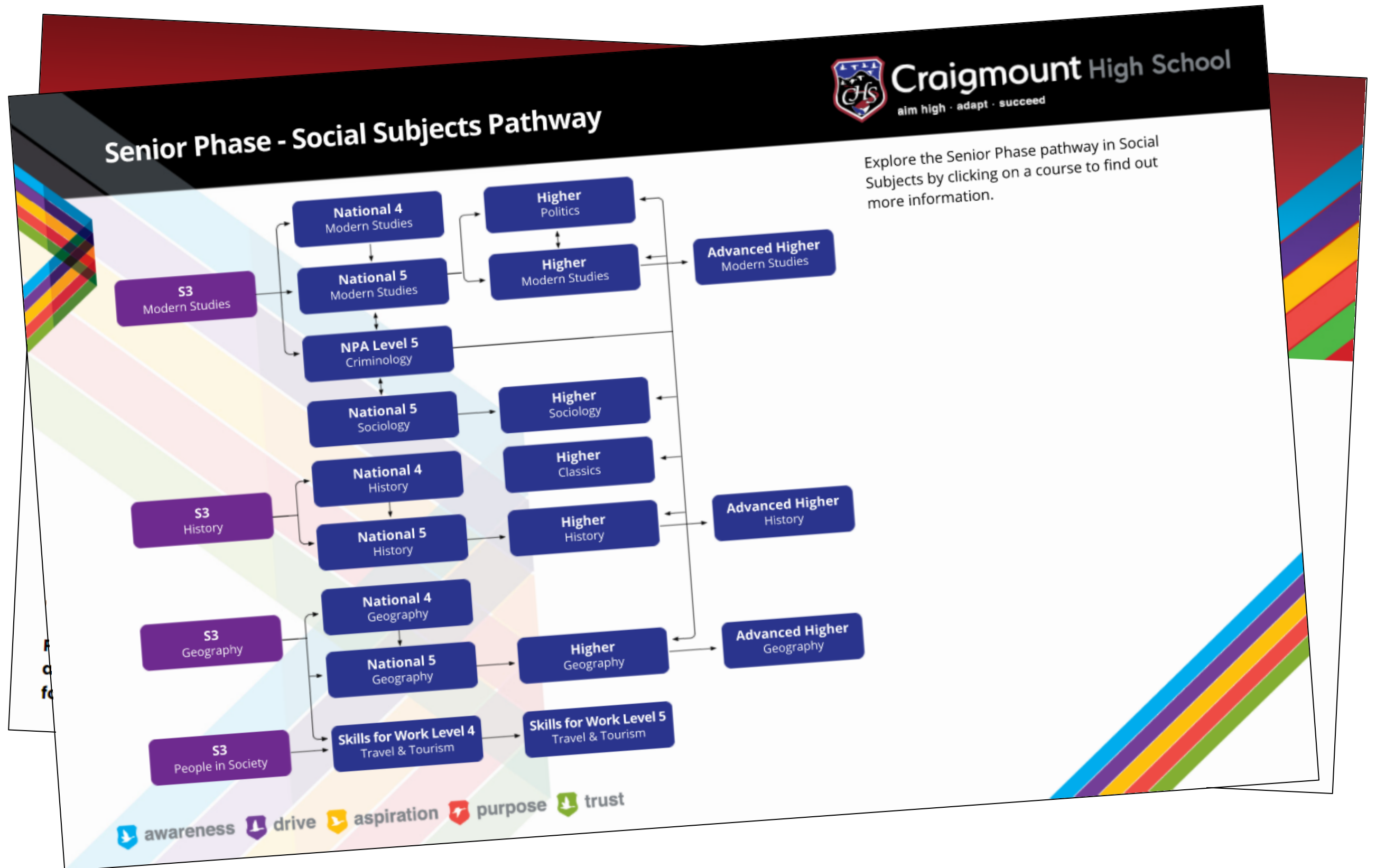
Craigmount High School

Anti-Bullying, Equality and Diversity



Craigmount High School

Pathways Website





Craigmount
High School
aim high • adapt • succeed

Learning & Teaching Parent Council 6th March 2023

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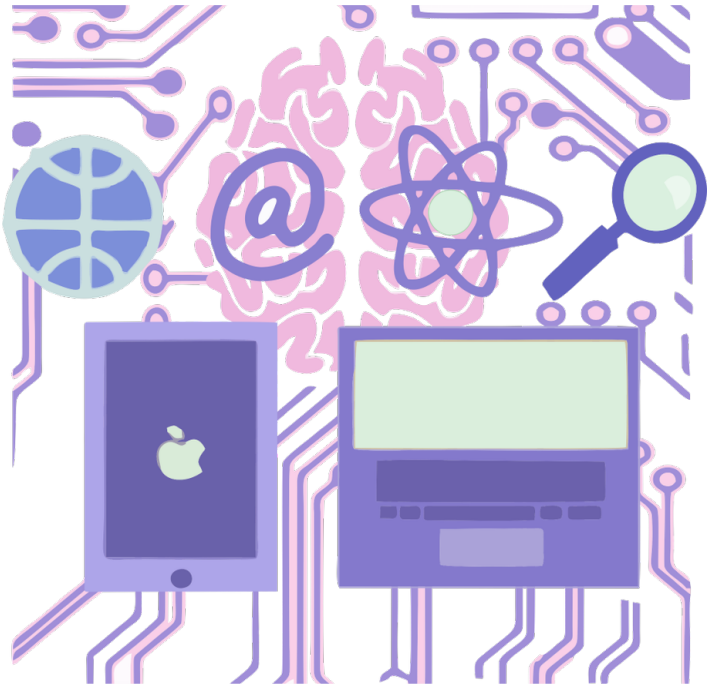
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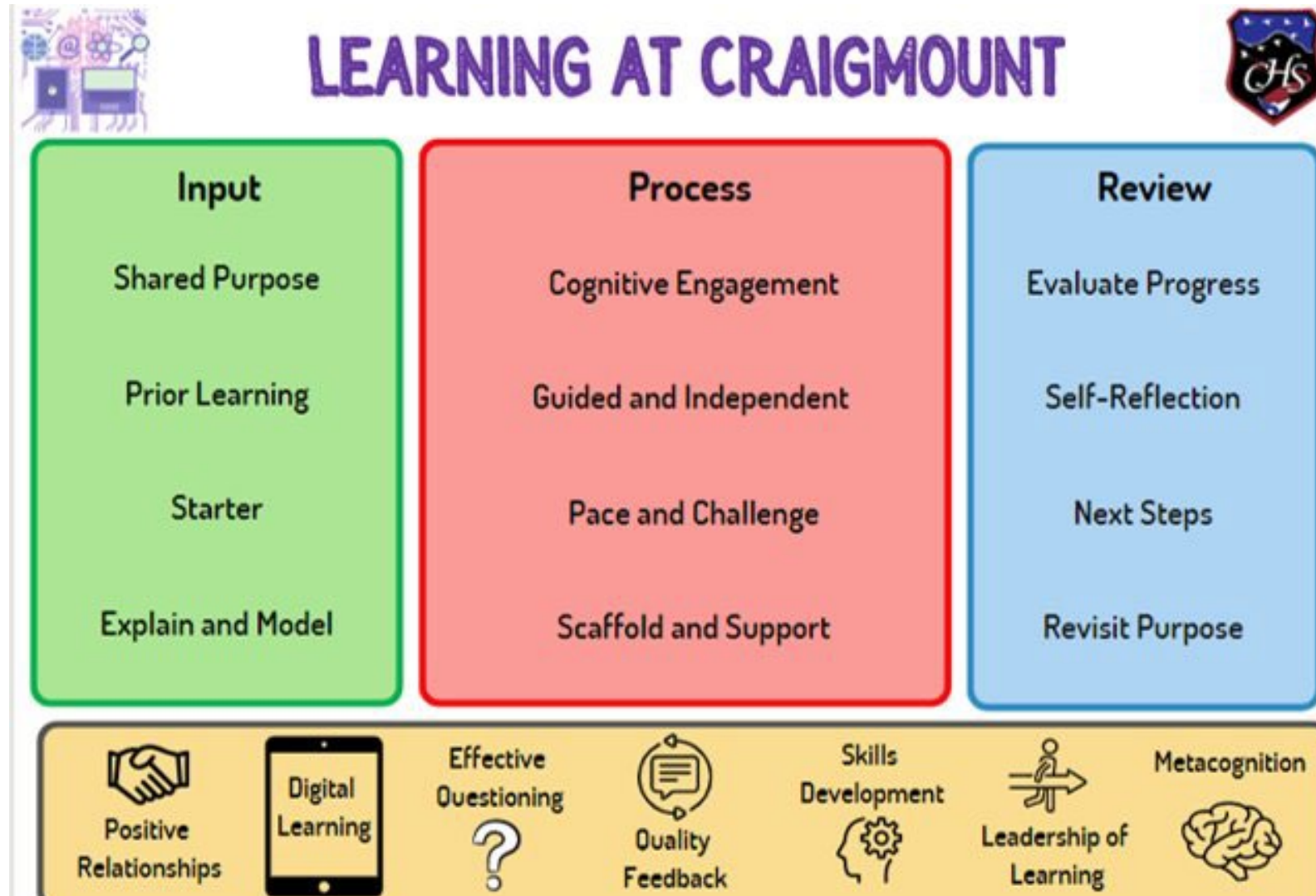
Learning & Teaching at Craigmount



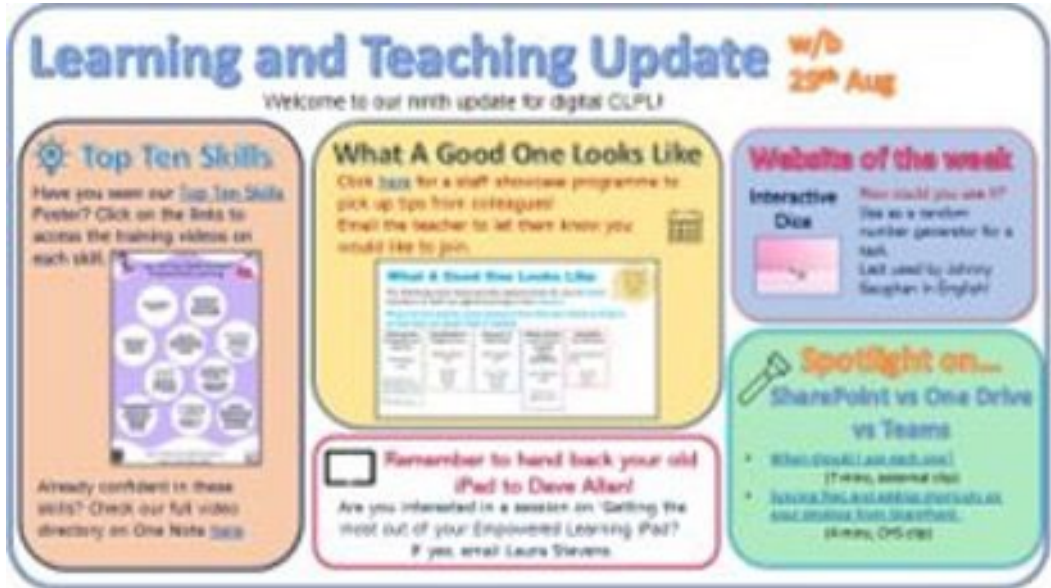
1. *What are the features of high-quality learning and teaching?*
2. *How can we support staff 's professional learning to ensure high quality learning & teaching?*
3. *How do we evaluate the quality of learning and teaching in our school?*
4. *How do we support pupils to understand what high quality learning looks, sounds and feels like?*



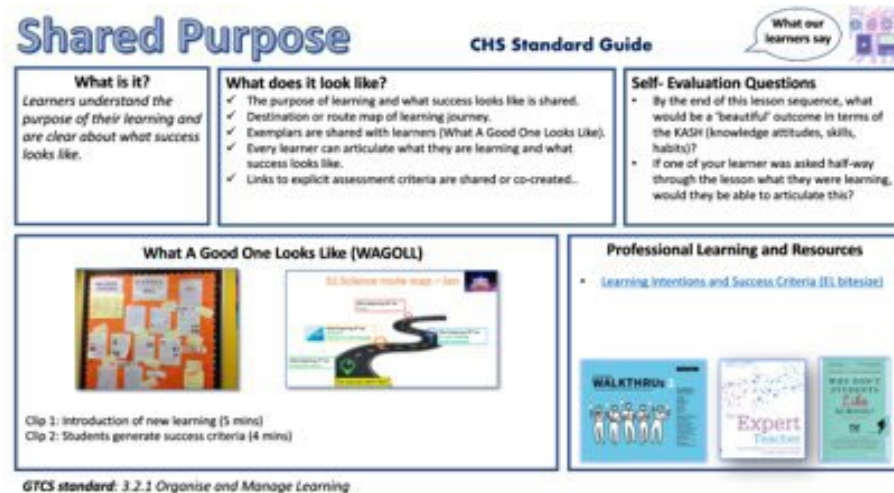
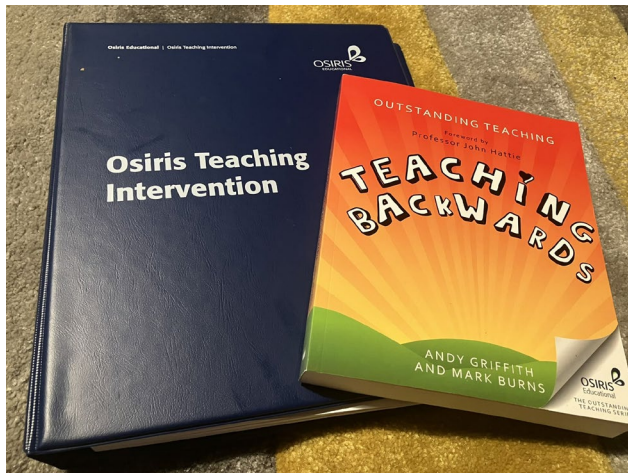
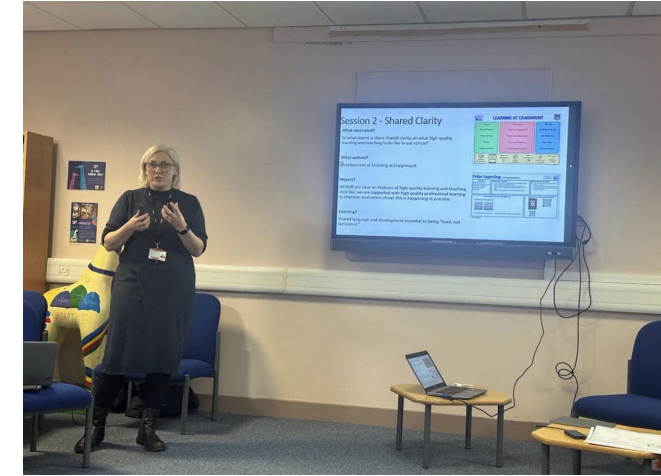
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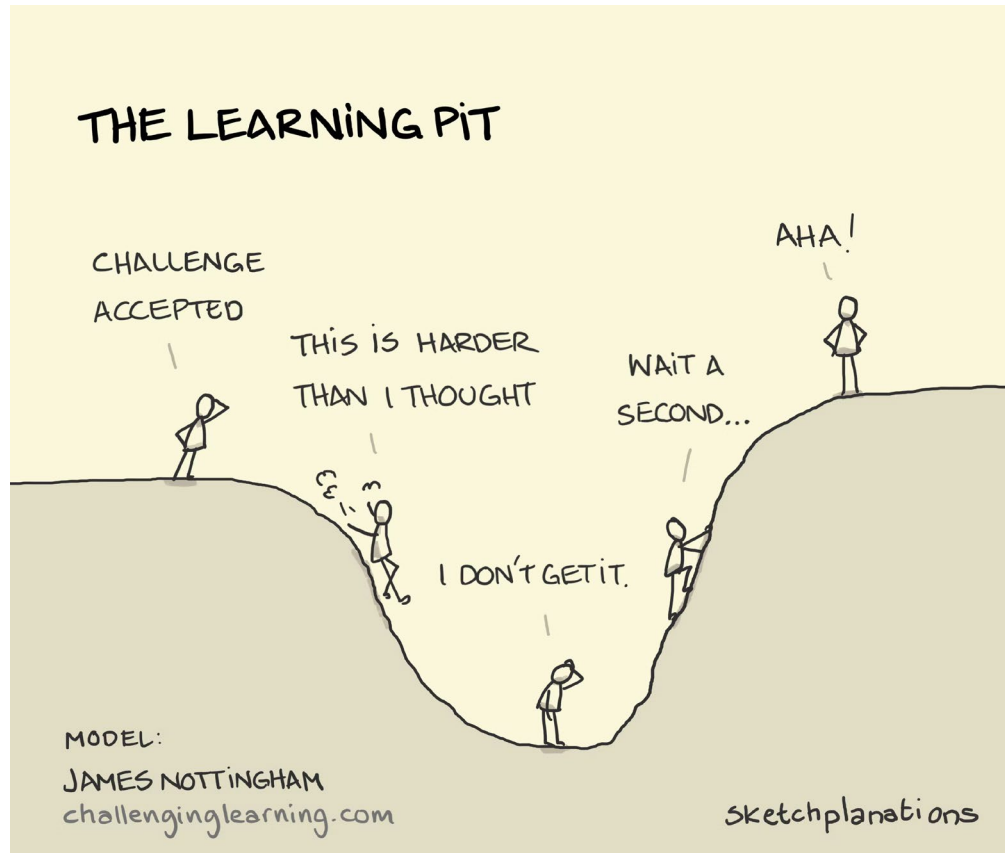


"Empowered learning updates very useful, tangible and practical ways to use tech in the classroom that have a swift impact"

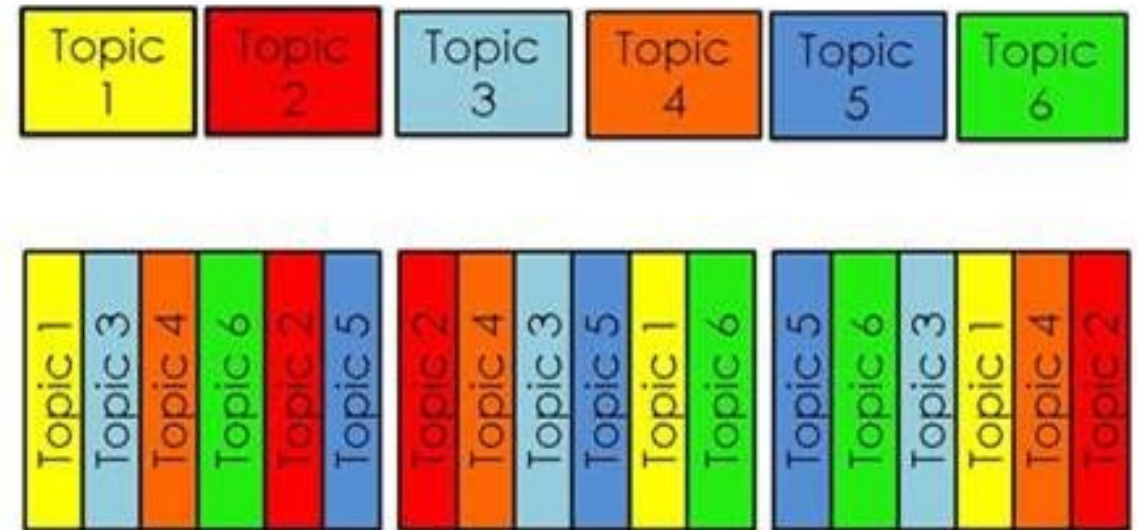


"The video demonstrations and step by step guides are very helpful. Thank you for developing these."

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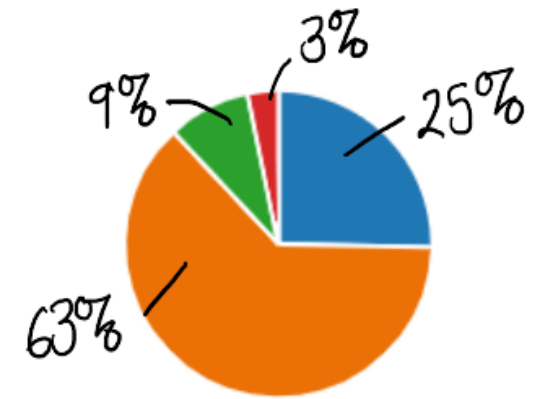
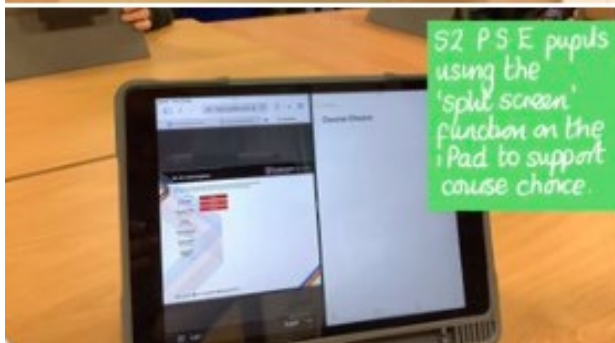
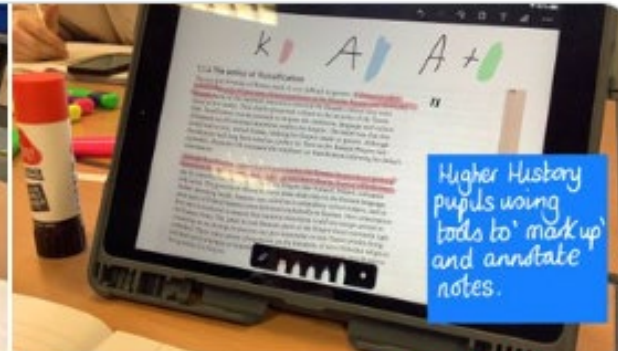
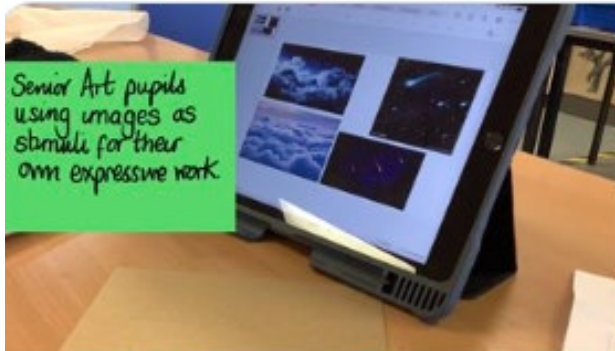


Blocking vs interleaving





DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARDS SCOTLAND



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awareness drive aspiration purpose trust



Treasurers Report, 6 March 2023

Treasurers summary & highlights:

- Overview of current funds balance
- 200 Club statement and balances are held by N Currie-Mullan, verbal balance update follows at meetings and Inc & Exp summary is prepared annually for accounts
- Final cash count is performed annually at year end 30 April

Balances at 5/1/23	£
Treasurers Account	4,014.36
200 Club	tbc
Petty Cash	0
Total	4,014.36

Grant Applications	Date	Purpose	Amount	Outcome
The Fundraising Committee shall confirm which applications are approved and the status thereof at each meeting	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Picnic Tables	11/7/22	School grounds	£4,100	Pd to school 28/7

Income to date	Date	Purpose	Amount	Notes
See detailed I&E statement that follows				
Total			£8,293.29	

Expenditure to date	Date	Purpose	Amount	Notes
See detailed I&E statement that follows				
Total			£8,467.00	

Committed spend	Amount	Date	Notes
CHS Wish List – other items for approval	c£tbc	Before end session 2023	Committee to confirm
200 Club spend – account shall then be closed	c£800	Before end session 2023	Committee to confirm
Total	£(tbc)		