

# School Information

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**NAME OF SCHOOL** : Mearns Castle High School

**ADDRESS** : Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire, G77 5GU

**TELEPHONE** : 0141 577 2300

**HEAD TEACHER** : Dean Smith

**STAFF** : Teaching Staff - 99.6 FTE including

1 Head Teacher – 5.4 FTE DHTs  
12 PT (Curriculum)  
2 PT Development  
8 PT (Pupil Support)

14 School Support Assistants  
9 Clerical Staff  
5 Technicians  
0.5 Librarian

**ROLL** : 1290

## **BUILDING & CATCHMENT**

Opening in August 1978, Mearns Castle has now achieved the position where it is recognised as an outstanding school which provides an excellent education, in the widest sense, to its pupils. The school roll presently stands at 1287. The school enjoys a close relationship with its Cluster primary schools, Calderwood Lodge, Eaglesham, Kirkhill and Mearns and Hazeldene Nursery.

The school building stands in its own grounds overlooking Newton Mearns. It is a well resourced building which has seen continuing improvements in facilities with the support of East Renfrewshire Council. December 2005 saw the opening of a major extension to the school, which includes new Physical Education and Drama facilities, a new social area for pupils, a large number of new classrooms and a new Administration block and pupil support area.

## **GENERAL**

The school has an ethos of inclusion and achievement. Staff expect pupils to achieve to the maximum of their potential, both academically and socially. Pupils respond positively in the classroom, in their participation in school activities and in the school's charity programme. Mearns Castle's academic strength cannot be separated from the wide range of activities, sporting, cultural, educational, which the staff provide. The close rapport of staff and senior pupils is noteworthy. Pupils are happy in the school. This has enabled the development of a positive attitude in all areas of school life. Pupils and families want to be associated with Mearns Castle High School. This underpins the school's continuing success.

Mearns Castle is noted for its caring, inclusive ethos. Pupil support provision is strong. Strong staff teamwork is a feature. Support staff, office staff, technicians and janitors, are important members of the team and make significant contributions. Close working relationships within the staff are a strength of the school.

The ever increasing range of activities and the school's continuing academic successes underline the contribution of committed and hard working staff. The school is also fortunate in having strong parental support. Parents have high expectations of the school and provide encouragement and support for their children. The Parent Council provide sound backing to the staff. This backing includes advice, support for school projects, encouragement and financial support. East Renfrewshire is a progressive authority in which to work and supports and challenges its schools to evaluate and improve their performance. Mearns Castle is a successful school and one in which it is exciting to work.