



# Castle Views

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This summer saw improved exam results for most departments at Castle View Enterprise Academy as well as some outstanding individual performances from students. Here are some brief highlights:

- Once again all students got five or more good qualifications with over half getting them at A\*-C including English and maths.
- The Maths Department excelled with over 70% of students getting a grade C or better.
- 43% of all students got an A or A\* grade in at least one subject which shows really clearly the calibre of students coming into the Academy.
- Over 90% of students gained an ICT qualification that should stand them in good stead in the technological world we live in.
- The History Department got its best-ever figures with 88% earning a grade C or above and over 50% of them at A/A\* level. Newly appointed Mr Murphy was 'over the moon' with the History team's efforts.
- Many departments, such as Geography, PE, Science, English Literature and Art saw improved results again this year.
- Other departments kept up the already high standards from last year, such as Performing Arts, Business Studies and French.
- Castle View students showed how much they enjoyed the new-look RE curriculum which focuses on morals, points of view and modern life issues: Over half of them gained a grade C or better.



We are really proud of all our students but here are some individuals who really stood out:

- Sarah Champken shone bright with 8 A\* and 4 A grades.
- Anna Walton also performed magnificently with 7 A\* and 5 A grades.
- Ryan Scott was the best performing male student with 2 A\*, 6 A and 2 B grades.
- Emily McCully worked really hard and gave up lots of her time for her 3 Bs, 5 Cs and 2 D grades.
- Karl Parker attended all study support lessons and residentials to earn his 2 As, 4 Bs and 3 C grades.
- Matthew Moon shone through with 2 As, 4 Bs and 3 C grades.

A special mention must go to Brandon Barker who overcame significant difficulties to achieve 3 Bs, 4 Cs and 1 D grade. We will miss all last year's Y11 but none more so than Brandon whose positive outlook rubbed off on everyone who knows him.

This year's Y11 are already preparing for their final hurdles and look forward to beating these impressive results.

# FAMILY FUN DAY 2014

The Academy was delighted to host its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Family & Community Fun Day in September 2013. The day offered a fun-filled time for all of the family with a variety of activities, light refreshments and pocket money stalls available.

Childrens Fun Fair Rides	Bouncy Castle	Gentoo
Making Kites	Mini Golf	Jewellery Making
Chinese Arts & Crafts	Pony Rides	Fitness
Wii Games	Archery	Freddy Fit
Music Workshops	Face Painting	Aqua Fun
Let's Get Cooking	Tattoo Artist	Roller Disco
Climbing Wall	K'Nex	Circus Skills
Giant Games		Hair & Beauty

## Health Awareness

### Design a House Competition with Gentoo



New additions to the event were the funfair and pony rides. We hoped for good weather and we were not disappointed; although cold, it was dry and all of the outdoor activities were busy throughout the day.

Marko Circus Skills (Mark Taylor) delivered a circus skills workshop and children and grown-ups had the opportunity to try out stilt-walking, unicycle, juggling, balancing acrobatics and more. Marko has always loved the circus from an early age; the clowns the acrobats and the circus skills.

Marko says "there's no greater job satisfaction than seeing young people smiling and laughing when I teach them circus skills. When a child throws a diabolo in the air or juggles a bean bag for the first time, the excitement on their face is electric. I don't think I will ever grow old of enjoying what I do."



Academy staff who run the 'Let's Get Cooking' after-school club worked with children, parents and grandparents to prepare a variety of cookies. The sessions were busy, hot and a lot of fun. Everyone had a great time and made some very tasty treats.

A music workshop was also held.

The day was a huge success with over 500 visitors and offered something for everyone, young and old. The support from the community and business partners was overwhelming and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



# Castle View Enterprise Academy Sports Week 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Both staff and students were encouraged to participate in at least 60 minutes of exercise per day during the week. Lots of sporting activities were made available before, during and at the end of the Academy day. There were individual and group competitions with lots of prizes on offer. On the Friday there was an Inter-House Superstars competition with some of the elite athletes from the Academy.



On the same day there was also free fruit at break to continue the healthy theme.

The week was a huge success and lots of fun was had in the process.



# House News



## Talent Show

In front of a sell-out audience, Year 10 student Ellie Booth won for Kielder House.

She sang her own version of "Radioactive" whilst playing acoustic guitar.

All the acts were incredible under such pressure but Ellie topped the other acts and was overjoyed with her win.

## Enterprise Event

This year the teams were asked to complete four survival-based tasks; fell a tree, build a campfire, archery and a busstucker trial.

All three teams demonstrated superb enterprise skills during the event with fantastic teamwork, problem solving and communication.

The winners were Derwent, with Kielder and Fontburn sharing second place.



## Bright Futures Project (2013-2014)

Our four Bright Futures Students attended a celebration lunch in recognition of the completion of their year-long internship at Barclays, Doxford Park.

"The students are a credit to your school; they have shown maturity beyond their years as they have fitted in to life at Barclays. Their attitude has been outstanding. They have all completed tasks which would have normally been given to my more experienced staff and they have completed them all to a high standard. All have had to step out of their comfort zones in some tasks."

"I took the opportunity to interview the students at the end of their internship. I was pleased to see how much their confidence had developed and how their communications skills had improved. They all had a better understanding of how school linked in with work." (Scott Gibson, Vice President, Premier Telephony)



## WEAR IT PINK

Students and staff had the opportunity to wear something pink on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and to donate £1 to the Breast Cancer Charity. Students also decided to raise more funds for the charity by running a name the bear competition and guess the weight of the sweet jar competition. The winner of the name the bear competition was Chelsea Burns in year 11 and Maya Jach in year 9 won the weight of the sweet jar competition. We raised a total of £255.00.



## Work Discovery Week 2014

On Monday 30th June, a group of Year 10 students attended the launch of Work Discovery Week at the Stadium of Light. Fourteen of our students were chosen to star as models in a 'How To Dress For An Interview' fashion show. To help perfect their catwalk skills, they were coached by Lesley Lister of Tyne Tees Models.

The aim of the day was to allow students to engage with a wide range of local employers. During the event, students participated in a range of workshops and practical demonstrations including welding, bricklaying and negotiation skills.



## Children's University Graduation

Seventy of our year 7 students attended a graduation ceremony at the University of Sunderland. The graduation was a celebration of our students' involvement in extra-curricular activity. Overall, since September, the graduating students have attended over 4465 hours of clubs and activities at the Academy.



# Castle View Sport

## Silver Award 2013/2014

In the summer term of last academic year, a Youth Sport Trust representative came into the Academy to visit the PE department to observe the sports provision that is offered. After viewing our facilities, curriculum and our commitment to extra-curricular sport the PE department was awarded Silver Partner Status with the Youth Sport Trust.



As a partner school we demonstrate how to deliver high-quality school sport, improving the PE experiences of young people across the Academy.

Annette Montague, Education Director at the Youth Sport Trust, said:

“Youth Sport Trust Partner Schools share our belief that sport changes lives and understand how it can be used across the curriculum to improve attainment. PE and school sport can be a catalyst for young people to live healthy, active lives and we are delighted to be working with schools across the country to support them to develop this provision.

We have an increasing number of schools applying for our partner school status, which is a testament to the ongoing commitment that schools have in making a difference for young people and creating a world class system for PE and sport.”

## Girls' Rugby Tournament

Some year 10 girls took part in a beach rugby tournament as part of National Schools Sports Week aimed at getting more girls involved in rugby.

The girls were a credit to the Academy and performed very well. The girls were also chosen by the Evening Chronicle paper for a team photo.



## New half-a-million pounds facility opened at Castle View Enterprise Academy by Kevin Ball (SAFC) to boost grassroots sport in Sunderland

A state-of-the-art half-a-million pound facility was officially opened at Castle View Enterprise Academy in Sunderland, thanks to a 54% grant from the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund, which provides grants towards developing new grassroots football facilities.

The grant has enabled **Castle View Enterprise Academy** to provide both its pupils and the local community with a much-needed world class training facility in the North Sunderland area. The new 3G facility will not only help develop the skills of talented footballers, it will also help increase participation levels in football ; from grassroots through to senior level.

The new facility comprises a full-sized 11-a-side 3G pitch, which can be split into three playing areas suitable for small-sided games and training sessions. Furthermore there are also high-quality male and female changing facilities as well as onsite parking.



The funding by the Premier League, The FA, and the Government, via Sport England and the FA Facilities Fund is delivered by the Football Foundation. This is the country's largest sports charity. Since it was launched in 2000, the Foundation has awarded around 13,000 grants, worth more than £500m towards improving grassroots sport. It has used this to attract additional partnership funding of more than £700m – over £1.2bn of investment into the grassroots game.

By providing more high-quality facilities, coupled with coaching at the appropriate age group, the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund aims to improve the experience for regular players as well as attracting new players to the game.



Many of the new state-of-the-art facilities will serve to strengthen the connection between professional football clubs and their local communities, particularly in the most deprived areas of the country, through the professional clubs' community trusts' outreach work.

Mrs Janet Bridges, Principal at Castle View Enterprise Academy, said "we are thrilled to be able to offer our world-class facility to our students and the wider community. The pitch is outstanding and we are very excited to see The Football Academy at Castle View Enterprise Academy develop into a major hub for football development and coaching in the North East."



Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, added: "The Football Foundation is responsible for managing and delivering the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund, which is funded by the Premier League, The FA and the Government, via Sports England. This new facility at Castle View Enterprise Academy is an example of the positive impact that this funding is having on our grassroots game. First-class facilities like this are crucial to creating more opportunities for local people to enjoy regular sport."

Aided by Durham County FA, Castle View Enterprise Academy deserves huge credit for taking a vision and turning it into a reality, using funding provided by the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund. Sport has the power to make a positive impact on the health of communities and this wonderful new facility will improve the sporting experience of local people and encourage them to be more active."



# CASTLE VIEW ENTERPRISE ACADEMY ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING 2014

On Thursday 9th October 2014 Castle View Enterprise Academy held its annual Academic Awards evening.

Our special guest, Lieutenant Corporal Karl Mace, Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, addressed the packed main hall with a motivational speech, also outlining the plans which the Academy has to



introduce a Combined Cadet Force. Yvonne Reay, who had completed a sponsored two-mile swim, presented a cheque for two thousand pounds to Principal Janet Bridges, to be used in the setting up of the new initiative.

Students were recognised for their achievements in individual subjects as well as for their wider contribution to Academy life.

Castle View Enterprise Academy would like to thank the significant number of award sponsors for their generosity and support.



## CRICKET ACADEMY AWARDS DINNER 2014

On Thursday 3rd July Castle View Enterprise Academy hosted its inaugural Cricket Academy Awards Dinner for Cricket Academy players and their parents. Also in attendance were students and parents from partner primary schools across the region, to celebrate their commitment to Castle View Cricket Academy's unique Talent Identification Programme.



Castle View Cricket Academy welcomed special guest Gordon Muchall, ex England Under-19 captain and current Durham County Cricket Club player.

An entertaining evening was complemented with first-class in-house catering as the guests enjoyed a three-course meal, with wonderfully attentive service from

our newly-appointed Lead Students. Awards were presented for batting, bowling and for the Players of the Year, together with scoring and umpiring awards presented by Mr Keith Sutherland (English Cricket Board Regional Educational Officer) and Mr Peter Connolly (Durham Cricket Board Secretary).

The evening ended with a question and answer session, during which Gordon gave his thoughts on English cricket, his own career and how the Cricket Academy students can look to improve their personal performances.



# Farewell Year 11

## We will miss you all!

It was that time of year again when, after five years of hard work, year 11 students left the Academy. Before students leave, they are asked to reflect on their life at Castle View in the form of a questionnaire. It is always an emotional and poignant time for both students and staff. Students reflect on how they have matured and developed since they joined as 11 year olds and leave as young adults. Some of the comments that students made this year included:-

*"It's been a stressful yet enjoyable year."*

*"Best year of school years."*

*"Teachers have been great; great teaching in and out of the classroom, always supported me when I have struggled."*

*"All the way through school I couldn't wait to leave and now I have to I don't want to. Thank you to all the staff that helped me."*

*"I am sad to leave such a wonderful school."*

*"Had a great time and I wish the best for other years and other teachers. I'll be back soon."*

*"Definitely a one to remember, going to miss the school a lot."*

*"The staff has gone to so much effort to help me achieve my best. They have been a great help."*

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our departing students the very best of luck for the future. We have had another record-breaking year, thanks in no small part to our wonderful staff and fantastic students. You can see a selection of our results on the front cover of this edition of Castle Views.

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