



# Castle Views

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## Safer Internet Day

Students took part in a range of activities to recognise Safer Internet Day 2015. Students made pledges about how they were going to make the internet a better place. Pledges were shared with students and staff on our plasma screens. Tutor groups delivered assemblies to their year groups linked to the Safer Internet Day 2015 theme of 'Let's create a better internet together'.



Students designed their own 'safe-bots'; a robot with a safer internet message. The best designs from Abbey, Year 7, and Laura and Charlotte, Year 8, won tickets to a Sunderland football game. It was great to see so many students getting involved and thinking about how to make the internet a better place.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 19 December Year 11 arranged a fundraising event and encouraged all staff and students to wear a Christmas Jumper and donate to the 'Save the Children' charity.

The Academy was full of reindeers, Christmas puddings, penguins, polar bears, snowmen and Santa himself, we definitely helped to make the world better with a sweater! We raised a fantastic £523.00 contributing to the staggering £3,925,254 raised by the charity to date.

The money raised helps to save lives with only £2 paying for potentially life-saving antibiotics to treat three babies with infections.

When Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, eight-year-old Justin's home was one of more than 300,000 houses that were destroyed. His family received clean, warm blankets, a collapsible water container and purifiers to make water safe to drink.

Save the Children work in 120 countries including the UK to tackle child poverty, so children, whatever their background, have the chance to fulfil their potential.



## Castle View Students Thriving at Sunderland City College

# Sunderland College

Sunderland College has strengthened its position as the top performing college in the region for both A-Level and vocational courses. Recently published performance league tables show that students who study at Sunderland College achieve higher grades than any other college in the region.

The college is well-known as a top-class A-Level provider and also delivers over 100 professional and technical vocational courses in a range of areas from engineering, digital software through to science and sport.

In addition to this, a new multi-million pound campus is being built in the heart of Sunderland. Built on the on land opposite Park Lane bus station, it will span 12,000 square metres and host vocational courses, including advanced engineering, manufacturing, construction trades, automotive trades, travel and tourism, and catering and hospitality.

The well-equipped campus will also be accessible to the public. It will feature a manufacturing and engineering facility; hair, beauty and barbering facilities; a spa; a bakery; a travel agency; restaurant and a car repair service.

**Castle View Enterprise Academy works in partnership with Sunderland College and we caught up with some former students of ours to find out about life after school...**

### **Curtis Liddle – Mathematics, Psychology, Physics, Further Mathematics**

*"I chose Sunderland College because it's a convenient distance from my home and I knew many of my friends were going. I enjoy focusing on a smaller number of subjects; my favourite, Further Maths, is more interesting because it's linked to real life situations. I hope to carry on studying Maths at university."*



### **Anna Watson – Mathematics, Psychology, Physics, Further Mathematics**

*"The best thing about Sunderland College is the independence; you make all the decisions and have to manage your own time. I enjoy the faster paced learning and the opportunity to meet new people. Sunderland College has helped me become a much more confident person."*

### **Matthew Wilson – Film Studies, Graphics, Geography**

*"I really enjoy the atmosphere, everyone is really friendly and they treat you like an adult. It gives you the space to learn in your own way. My tutor is very supportive and fair with constructive criticism, while the lessons are engaging and interesting."*



## Work Discovery Events

Students in Key Stage 4 have been finding out about a range of different employment sectors thanks to Work Discovery Sunderland.



Students participated in a Health and Care Sector Discovery day. Students were able to follow the journey of two patients exploring the different roles of health and care. Students also had the opportunity to discuss careers with current practitioners and explore the skills, aptitudes, attitudes and qualifications required to work in Health and Social Care.

The Hospitality and Catering day was full of food glorious food! Students were able to sample the culinary delights of a range of businesses and concoct their own fruit smoothies whilst finding out about career paths in the catering sector.

For more information on careers events, please contact Mrs McDermott at the Academy.



## Energy is our Business

Year 9 GCSE Business students visited EDF Energy, Doxford International Business Park, to find out more about sustainability and reducing CO2 emissions from the energy experts at EDF.



The group of 16 students participated in a video conference with an EDF employee in Crawley and discussed EDF's strategy to meet emission reduction targets.

Andy Tomkins, sustainable business partner for EDF Energy, said: *"Having Castle View Enterprise Academy students involved with EDF Energy is fantastic. We hope that we can help inspire the next generation to be more sustainable and energy aware."*

## Business Breakfasts

Each week we invite a different business guest into the Academy. Our guests host a Business Breakfast to help students find out more about possible job roles, careers and local employment opportunities.

Recent sessions have included sports coaching (SAFC), being an entrepreneur (KidzrFit), pharmacology (University of Sunderland), computer gaming and catering (City of Sunderland College).



## Street Art Heroes

As part of The Cultural Spring 'Street Art Heroes', we had New Zealand street artist, Bruce Mahalski come into the Academy and work with forty of our Year 10 GCSE Art students. The students looked at Street Art Identity and created their own tags, cut stencils and created a fantastic body of work over a two day workshop with the Artist. The pieces were then on display at Monkwearmouth Rail Station as part of the Street Art Heroes series of events in the City of Sunderland as organised by the Cultural Spring. Four students were selected to win a signed book by the Author, winners were Andrew Dawson, Mario Silva, Liam Million and Andrew Chapman.



Year 9 GCSE Art students have also been working alongside artist, Theresa Easton and the education team at the Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art .They have been exploring 'What is the purpose of art' through a two day workshop. Funded by the Seed Award, all students in Year 9 in small groups of 15 students, have visited a variety of locations in Sunderland and been introduced to people who work in the arts from architects to community artists and have explored why people need art in their lives through a series of printmaking activities, combining their work into their own hand stitched book.

## Combined Cadet Force

The first of our planned Combined Cadet Force 'Cadet Experience Days' went ahead prior to the half-term break: Four of our budding cadets spent the day Go-Karting and Shooting; fuelled on a lunch of Army ration Packs cooked by the boys themselves.

Competition was fierce with Tyler Dodds, Michael Douthwaite, Lewis Conlin and Liam Hardy all vying for top spot, but in the end the honours were split. Lewis won the Go-Karting in a close fought affair and Michael proved just too good a rifle shot for the rest with an impressively accurate display.

Cadet Experience sessions will now take place every week until the end of term and will be open to all Year 8-11 pupils who may be interested.



## Year 7 Sponsor A Guide Dog

After an inspirational visit from Mavis and her guide dog Amy at the start of the academic year, Year 7 decided they would like to raise money for 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. The year group worked really hard organising raffles and events to raise the £104 required to sponsor a guide dog puppy through its training. We are pleased to announce that due to their commitment and kind-heartedness, Year 7 have been able to sponsor Hudson the Labrador puppy. The year group are looking forward to receiving regular 'pupdates' from Hudson.



## Read2Dogs

This term we launched our Read2Dogs project in partnership with the charity Pets As Therapy (PAT). The programme aims to develop students' confidence when reading aloud and encourage students to read more books for pleasure.

Julie and her dog Padraig, an Irish soft-coated Wheaten terrier, visit the Academy each Wednesday. They are currently working with a Year 7 reading group, Padraig loves listening to the students stories and the students really look forward to reading to their new furry friend.



## Community Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 3rd December the Academy hosted its annual Community Christmas Lunch for the local residents of St Margaret's Court and neighbours of the school.

Duke of Edinburgh students Shannon Cummings, Chloe Errington, Sophie Mills, Daniel Ferry, Shannon Davison, Reece Foster, Ellie Atkinson, Andrew Dawson, Erin Mackey, Rebecca Brown and Hannah Smiles took charge of the event and provided a beautifully decorated room and first class service of a three course Christmas Lunch.

The choir along with Mrs Waite provided festive entertainment that was enjoyed by all. The Design & Technology department worked with Year 8-10 food technology students to produce sweet mince pie and chocolate truffle tasty treats for every guest to take home. We even had a visit from Santa who, aided by Sainsbury's staff, presented the raffle prize draw.

Everyone had a wonderful afternoon and gave meaning to Christmas and our core values;

**HOPE**, Joy, **Share**, Give, **SMILES**, Love,

**COMPASSION**



## New Cricket Academy Students 2015

On Thursday 22 January, a further seven students, including our first female cricketer, were inducted into Castle View Cricket Academy, following an interview process. The students were granted interviews on the back of commitment and performance over a four-month period since the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year. Ties were presented by Cricket Academy Captain, Elliott Campbell. We would like to congratulate the seven students, named below, on their achievement.

- Nathan Cornish
- Charles Guthrie
- Luke McCartney
- Cameron Marshall
- Sophie Robinson
- Jack Scott
- Jack Smart



## Dance Academy

Inspire Stage School Opened its doors to Sunderland's finest budding young actors, dancers and singers last month. The Performing Arts school runs within Castle View Enterprise Academy on a Saturday from 10am-3pm offers children aged 2-16 years the opportunity to develop their talent, build confidence, meet new friends and most of all have a lot of fun.



The school is run by Gemma Waite, Castle View Enterprise Academy's Performing Arts Support Tutor, accompanied by 3 other highly experienced and qualified teachers. The school aims to nurture talent in Sunderland and provide the opportunity to perform in front of live audiences using the fantastic state of the art facilities we have within Castle View Enterprise Academy. The stage school currently offers dance, drama and singing between 10am-1pm for 6-16 year olds, followed by Baby Ballet, Vocal Tots and Mini Movers for younger children from 1.30pm-3pm.

For more information please contact [inspirestageschool@outlook.com](mailto:inspirestageschool@outlook.com).



## Ski Trip 2015

At the beginning of February, 21 pupils from Year 8, 9 and 10 took part in the annual ski trip to Italy in the Aosta Valley. An entertaining and challenging week was enjoyed by all. Activities included: skiing, ice skating, pizza night, disco night and presentation night.

There were two skiing groups and some of the skiing progression was outstanding but not quite as good as the pupils dancing skills at the disco. The Students' behaviour was outstanding and they were perfect ambassadors of the Academy. We are busy planning next years trip and if any pupils from Years 7,8, and 9 are interested they must see Mr Dugdale in the Maths Department.



## Football Academy Update

This year at Castle View Enterprise Academy we opened our brand new state of the art 3G football facility. This also saw the beginning of a new and exciting Castle View Football Academy. The aim of the Football Academy is to develop footballers with the discipline and determination to constantly improve in order to achieve excellence over the 5 years pupils spend with us in the academy. Pupils on the Football Academy programme benefit from specialist football coaching delivered by in house FA qualified coaches, links with Sunderland Football Club, access to state of the art football facilities and increased competitive opportunities to name but a few.

So far this year we have achieved significant success in football across all year groups within the Academy. Two of our Year 8 Football Academy players (Tom Green and Jamie Turnbull) were earlier in the year invited to trials to represent Sunderland Boys District team. As a result both boys worked very hard to secure places in the team where they compete on a regular basis against players of very high ability across the North East region.

This opportunity has given both pupils the chance to take the next step up in their football aspirations. As a Football Academy we are confident that this initial success story will be one of many in years to come.



## Year 10 Football

Competition: City Cup Semi Final  
Versus: Monkwearmouth (home)  
Date: Tuesday 27th January 2015

After losing to Monkwearmouth 3-1 in the league in December, Castle View knew they had a tough task ahead of them to reach their first cup final as a year group. The game started at a fast pace with both teams playing some good quality passing football. The first real opportunity came when Shae Quinn danced through a couple of challenges before attempting a chip, which the Monkwearmouth goalkeeper did well to tip over the bar. Five minutes later Niall Palmer broke through and going across the goal Calum Dobbs ran onto it and curled the ball just wide in what was the last chance of the first half. Half time 0-0.

The second half started and Castle View raised the tempo a notch and within three minutes had taken the lead as the impressive Palmer burst through and outpaced the Monkwearmouth defence and smashed the ball into the roof of the net to put CVEA 1-0 up. Five minutes later it was 2-0 as Palmer, again got into his stride following a swift counter attack from a corner and finished with a cool head to give CVEA one foot in the final. Monkwearmouth have only lost once this season and they weren't prepared to accept defeat however Kieron Gales and Christian Wheatley marshalled the back line excellently and Campbell in the CVEA goal was rarely threatened. With twelve minutes left the game was over as Calum Dobbs got the goal his hard work deserved lobbing the goalkeeper and defence to put CVEA 3-0 up. Joseph Mooney got in on the act with seven minutes to go as he fired into the top corner to put the icing on the cake and send CVEA into the SSFA city cup final for the first time for this team.

This was an outstanding performance from the Year 10 team who seem to be getting better and better with each game they play. The final will be held at the Academy of Light around Easter time with dates to be confirmed

Full Time: CVEA 4 - 0 Monkwearmouth  
CVEA Scorers: Niall Palmer (2), Calum Dobbs,  
Joseph Mooney



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