

New competition!

Name the person you would most like to see opening the new academy.

If your choice is agreed (and we can get them) not only do you get to meet the person of your dreams, but you also win a brand new Wii Fit!

To enter simply complete the form below and hand it to your teacher or place in the box at reception.

Good luck!!!

Name of person and why you would like them to open the new academy:

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Your name:

Current school:

Hand into your teacher or place in box at reception in Castle View School.

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Castle Views

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New logo – new look

The branding exercise is now complete and the new school logo is shown above on our newsletter. The colours will also be presented across the whole academy, on the tinted glass, carpets, paint and furniture.

We hope you like the fresh clean, new look for the academy. Existing staff and students completed a marketing exercise with The Roundhouse our marketing company. It was unanimous that the castle was kept in some form to represent the roots and traditions of the school but re-branded in a fresh way to represent a new era and a fresh start.

We hope you like the results. The academy website is now up and running and downloads of the new prospectus and all our newsletters can be obtained through the website.

Atlanta is a winner!



Atlanta Austin from Bexhill Primary School has won our competition to name the restaurant in the new academy. Her winning entry Castle Cuisine swept the board with the academy trust members. Atlanta receives her £100 sports voucher from Northumbrian Water who sponsored the naming of the restaurant competition. A new sign with the name of the restaurant on will be provided by Balfour Beatty as part of the new build and all students will be able to see this as they eat breakfast and lunch in our new restaurant. Well done to Atlanta and good luck to everyone who enters the competition in this edition of our newsletter.

Road shows – want to hear more about your new academy?

We will be visiting each primary school to talk to parents about the new academy in the spring term. Provisional dates and times are below but we will write out to all parents in each school before the event takes place.

Castletown Primary School	Date: 02/03/09 and 08/06/09	Time: 3.30 - 5.30pm
Bexhill Primary School	Date: 19/01/09	Time: 3.30 - 7.00pm
Hylton Castle Primary School	Date: 09/03/09	Time: TBA
Town End Farm Primary School	Date: 21/01/09	Time: 3.30 - 7.00pm

Oh what a night!

Our open evening on 18 September was an amazing success. Parents and students turned out to hear about the new academy and to see the new facilities which are to be provided for students and the wider community.

The H2O gang from Northumbrian Water were there to greet the students and provide free water and 'goodie bags' for all. More importantly students and parents were able to hear all about the new academy and what was in store for their children when they join in September 2009.

Our Principal, Janet Bridges outlined the focus; ensuring all students are able to achieve their own personal best academically and in all areas of school life. A fly through video showed all the internal and external new facilities and Janet talked through the new areas under construction. Students from the existing school entertained the visitors with rock songs and delightfully sung solos.



John Cuthbert pictured with the H2O Gang and Castle View's band and singers



Castle View Enterprise Academy Trust Board
(left to right: Councillor Tom Foster, Louise Hunter, John Cuthbert, Janet Bridges and John Mowbray)

Staff forum

Staff from Castle View School met on 25 September 2008 to discuss how they would like to develop their new academy. Staff discussed new lunch arrangements particularly students staying in the academy over lunchtime. They also began to plan how they would like to develop their new curriculum areas inside the new building. Daily procedures for staff and students were among the main issues to be decided.

Student forum

Mrs Bridges has met with Paul Marsden to agree how and when students will represent their school. This group will focus on the existing school council and the group will look at the school uniform. Lots of samples will be presented to the students and they will be able to have a voice on their new school uniform. Rumour has it that Mrs Bridges favours straw hats – be assured this is just a rumour and we hope to give students something which is modern business like and up to date. Straw hats are NOT part of the plans!!!

Community and residents forum

The group were very enthusiastic about the new academy. Parents, local residents and community groups discussed how the academy would integrate into the wider community. The main issues arising from the meeting focused on the use of the academy facilities for the community at night and weekends, more activities and clubs for local children, links with the sponsor for local community members and current school governors. Existing governors and parents from Castle View School attended the meeting and requested Northumbrian Water look at ways they can be represented in the new academy. Northumbrian Water are delighted by this and will meet with parents and governors at the next meeting to agree a way forward. Various community groups and agencies discussed how they operated with the existing school and how they would like to develop their services in conjunction with the academy.

Ahead of schedule!

Construction is slightly ahead of programme with the structural steel frame, ground and first floor slabs all complete. The majority of the roof structure is in place and interior blockwork and partitions are nearing completion. The exterior brickwork and cladding is progressing as planned, along with fixing of windows and glazing.

The external drainage is complete, including the new outfall into the Hylton Dene for surface water run-off, and work has begun on the interior drainage, together with installation of the mechanical and electrical building services.



From small acorns



Pictured here are our Principal, Janet Bridges and John Cuthbert, Managing Director of Northumbrian Water, laying the first bricks at the new Castle View Enterprise Academy site.

Huge progress has been made on the Castle View site (as you can see on the picture above) and it only seems like yesterday when the first bricks were laid to celebrate work commencing on the new academy.

We are confident that the new academy will provide a sound and exciting learning environment for years to come and that parent's will be proud to send their children to the academy.

Staff training and development

Many staff from Castle View have taken the opportunity to become involved in academy development through visits to other parts of the country to participate in training and view other academies. Mrs Pauline Long and Janet Bridges visited Westminster Academy to look at English and Literacy development. Caroline McHale, Barry Fletcher and Janet Bridges visited David Young Academy in Leeds to investigate Maths and Numeracy. Ms. Anne Clifford visited Salford Academy in November to look at library developments. The science staff will be participating in training at another academy on 14 January 2009 and there are a number of training events which will focus on English and Maths which started with a launch event on 24 November 2008. These are excellent opportunities to develop an understanding of academies and to share expertise and resources with other staff working in academies across the country.