



Castle Views

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Outstanding Performance Castle View Enterprise Academy



Students at CVEA have achieved the best ever GCSE results of 94 per cent, with just a few students out of a cohort of 153 missing out on the benchmark five or more A*-C grades. The results included some record-breaking performances including 46 per cent of students obtaining at least one A or A*.

Head Girl Bethany Hollinshead achieved outstanding results in the subjects of English, English Literature, Geography, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), History and Mathematics with A/A*. In the national benchmark of five or more A*-C grades including English and Mathematics, CVEA scored exceptionally high results of 54 per cent which is up ten per cent on last year, boosted by an English pass rate of 63 per cent and Maths of 66 per cent which is the best the community of Castle View have ever seen.

The results arrive in the same year as OFSTED judged that the Academy was making GOOD progress after only opening in September 2009. These results are the worthy achievement of many hard working young people and many dedicated teachers and support staff. I am so proud of our students and all that they have achieved during their time here at Castle View Enterprise Academy.

At Castle View Enterprise Academy we always believe that character comes first. This is what we seek to instill through a caring, disciplined ethos and by encouraging students to take the broadest possible part in community life. So in celebrating these outstanding academic results we proudly highlight the achievements of all our young people in this magazine. Our students have worked exceptionally hard and credit must also go to our dedicated teaching staff, who have given many hours outside of normal school time to support students to achieve these results.

Mrs J. Bridges
Principal

Battlefields' Trip 2011

Earlier this year, 42 year ten history students visited the battlefields of World War One. It was a new, exhausting and emotional experience for everyone and I do not think that any of us will ever forget what we witnessed.

We spent a full day in Ypres (The Salient) and made an educational visit In Flanders Fields Museum where the students tracked the terrible destruction of that lovely Belgium town. We went to the Essex Farm Cemetery, which was a casualty clearing station through the worst of the fighting and listened as the evocative poem, "In Flanders Fields" was read on the very spot where it was written in 1915.

The visits climaxed at Tyne Cot cemetery, the biggest of all the British Commonwealth War Cemeteries. We stood and looked at the row upon row of headstones and realised that each one represents a young life ended before



it had properly begun. We saw the thousands and thousands of names on the plaques on the back walls that represented those whose bodies that were never found in the mud and the filth of the western front. We appreciated the total futility and waste of war.

The day ended with one of the most emotional of all experiences; a night visit to participate in the Menin gate ceremony. Every night of the year, the people of Ypres shut down their town at eight o'clock and hold a moving tribute to the British war dead commemorated on the walls of the gate. Miss Bell, Craig Richmond and Jessica Burke laid a wreath of poppies on behalf of the Academy and the local British Legion.

Another day was spent on the Somme, that infamous battle where on the 1st of July 1916 the British fourth Army suffered 60,000 casualties, 20,000 dead and nearly 40,000 missing or wounded. all in one day! The battle raged for four months, ending up with nearly half a million British casualties and was spread over miles of country.



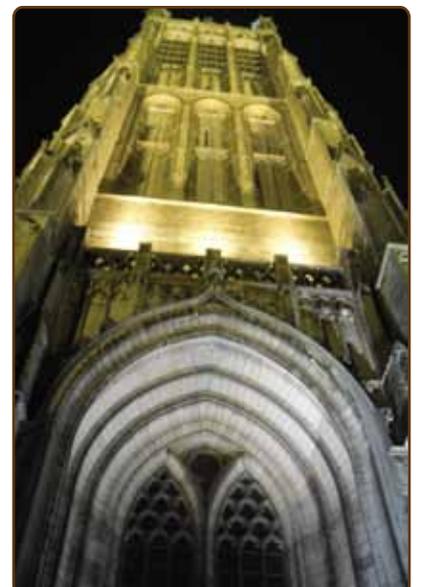
From the Lochnagar Crater where a massive British mine has caused the biggest man made crater in western Europe to front line trenches of Beaumont Hamel, the students were able to piece together how this incredible destruction of a generation of British manhood took place. For the first time on these trips we were able to include Sheffield Park, where the Northern Pals Battalions were massacred in their attack on Serre.



We were staying at a wonderful French chateau in the middle of the countryside and the students were able to enjoy their down time here in safety and comfort. From the Ghost walk on the first night to the wonderful party on the last. Everyone had a fantastic time and as we were there during comic relief raised over seventy pounds for this good cause by throwing water balloons at the chateau staff.



We were able to find the grave of a relative of Bethany Stoker and she was able to place a cross of remembrance and take some photos at this grave which none of her family have visited before. We found and laid a cross also for a relative of Robyn Elvidge who is commemorated on the towering Thiepval memorial. Throughout the trip we were so proud of our students in the way they conducted themselves with respect and understanding.



Courmayeur 2011

In March 2011, thirty students and four staff travelled to the beautiful ski resort of Courmayeur, Italy. Courmayeur is an extremely popular resort in the shadows of Mont Blanc.



The students endured a 24-hour coach journey, on Saturday 5th March travelling down to Dover Ferry Terminal then driving through some very picturesque French countryside into Italy through the Mont Blanc tunnel, finally arriving at the Telecabine Hotel, Courmayeur.

In addition to the skiing, students took part in a whole range of activities throughout the week, including, ten pin bowling, ice skating, disco, quiz night and, at the end of the week, a presentation night to award the students for their progress on the slopes. A special mention must go to Jack Little, who gained a rarely given 5-star award for his skiing progress. Our students were fantastic all week, doing the Academy proud, as always!

Take That and Thank you!



Head Boy, Sam Grewcock and Head Girl Bethany Hollinshead are pictured with Northumbrian Water CEO, Heidi Mottram, receiving their tickets for the "Take That Concert" at the Sunderland Stadium of Light.

The tickets were presented in appreciation of their commitment and contribution to the Academy over the last academic year.

Student Librarian Awards' Evening 2011



Six Castle View students have received awards to mark their contribution to the Academy library.

Toni Meek, Ben Grant, Adam Cottrell, Bethany Copeland, Sam Jordan and Morgan Ozuzu have all worked hard, this year, to complete the "Pupil Librarian Training Scheme."

This scheme is run by Sunderland's public library service and aims to show the librarians how to find information in the library so they can pass their skills on to others.

The students and their guests attended an awards evening at Thornhill School in May where their certificates were presented by award-winning author and library campaigner, Alan Gibbons. Fifty students in Year 7 were also lucky enough to meet Mr Gibbons as he visited the Academy the following day. He spoke to the group about his books and life as an author.

Sunderland Schools' Triathlon



On Wednesday 29th June, some of our sporting students competed in a Sunderland Schools' triathlon competition at the Puma centre in Silksworth.

The students worked in teams with each athlete completing the tough course of swimming, cycling and running. Each student worked very hard and achieved some fantastic times which were collated for their team score.

The Year 8 boys' team narrowly missed victory but achieved a very respectable 2nd place. The girls team, consisting of year 9 and 10 girls, gave an amazing performance and were winners in their category finishing over a minute faster than their rivals.



Well done to all teams for being a credit to the Academy and taking part in such a brilliant event.

Pictured left are the year 8 boys and the year 9 and 10 girls team who finished top in their category.



BBC School News Report

Castle View Enterprise Academy makes the news with help from the BBC. Students from Castle View Enterprise Academy will be joining up with around 800 schools across the UK, making the news.

Ex-teacher and BBC News presenter, Huw Edwards, is lending his support to the project. He stated: "I'm involved because I want to give young people the chance to make the news themselves, and I want to share the principles of good journalism."

Over the past few months, the students have been working hard, training to be journalists, carrying out interviews and producing reports.

Mr Bell said; "The students have worked exceptionally hard with their news reports. The attention to detail and the final quality of reporting has been outstanding."

The students broadcast their news, covering the stories of the day as well as their special report on various subjects, including; Castle View Enterprise Academy's Second Anniversary, Teenage Peer Pressure, The Dangers of Passive Smoking and a report on the Japanese Earthquake.

To coincide with the Census this year, over 24,000 pupils from more than 300 schools have taken part in the School Report survey, answering questions on everything from how they travel to school to what they think about the Royal Family.

You can find more reports from "School Reporters" on the BBC website at www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport

House Competitions 2010-2011

The House Competitions have proved to be as popular as last year. However, unlike last year, it was a very close competition but Derwent House managed to win the cup with just 2 events remaining.

Cross Country



Derwent House showed its strength and stamina during the Cross Country competition held during "Healthy Living Week." The final scores were; Derwent (46), Kielder (39) and Fontburn (29).

Ready, Steady, Cook



Jordan Liddle and Miss Temple are the 2010 Champions. They beat off competition from Mr Geddes and Ben Grant (Kielder) and Mr Dugdale and Olivia Wrathmall (Fontburn). Jordan and Miss Temple won through the first round with a festive chicken pie, chocolate surprise and fruit meringue and won the "Final Challenge" by producing a festive scene from marzipan.

7-a-side Football



The 7-a-side football was won by Kielder. Year 10 students were brilliant in their 5-1 win over Fontburn, a victory that clinched the league for Kielder. The final league table ended; Kielder 18pts, Fontburn 16 pts and Derwent 10 pts. Pictured are players Gareth Askew and Jack Little.

Swimming Gala



Under the amazing leadership of Jill Watson, Fontburn House won the Swimming Gala with an emphatic victory. The final scores were; Fontburn (69), Kielder (58) and Derwent (42.5).

The Big Quiz



The Big Quiz was eventually won by Fontburn in the final music round. Team Fontburn were; Jill Watson, Evan Hooper, Kay Taylor, Abby MacKinnon, Olivia Ainsley & Mr Marshall. Well done to all who participated.

Talent Show



Chess



Morgan Ozuzu, in Year 7 won the House Chess Competition. He beat last year's winner, John Sampson, Year 9, in the final with Stefan Tokes finishing third.

Business & Enterprise



Derwent House win again! In a very close competition they beat Fontburn and Kielder by a single point in a Team Challenge. All teams had to work out how to get through a spider's web.. The three teams were marked on their skills of team work, cooperation, methodology and accuracy. Derwent gained 42 points with Kielder and Fontburn gaining 41 points. Staff from the RAF were highly complimentary of the students.

Creative Writing



Charlotte Simpson (pictured) won the 'Big Write.' All students in Key Stage 3

they were asked to write a narrative titled 'The Visitor.'

Sophie Golden produced an awesome singing performance to win the Talent Show for Derwent. Danika Mitchell and Danielle Cray came second with a wonderful dancing duet for Fontburn. Laura Hale came third for Kielder with another fantastic performance. The standard of competition is improving every year. We're all looking forward to next year's Talent Show already!

Netball



Derwent were the winners of the House Netball competition winning both the Key Stage 3 and 4 competitions. Staff and students took part in the event which saw Fontburn as runners up in both Key Stages. Pictured is House Captain, Alex Owens, with some of the victorious students.

Photography



Derwent won maximum points in the Photography competition. Michaela's stunning picture (shown above) was the overall winner. Bethany Copeland (Year 7) came a close second for Derwent and Kate Walmsley (also Year 7) was third. The standard of entries was fantastic. A special mention has to go to Demi Gilby for her competition entries. All entries can be seen on display in the restaurant.

Ten Pin Bowling



Derwent House are the Champions at Ten Pin Bowling. They stormed to victory with 5 points to spare from Fontburn House with Kielder House in third. The final scores were as follows; Derwent 26 points, Fontburn 21 points and Kielder with 11 points.

Golden Merits



Kielder win the Golden Merits' competition with a staggering total of 231! Pictured are the members of Kielder with the most Golden Merits. The totals for each House were as follows;

KIELDER	231
FONTBURN	218
DERWENT	215

Rounders



Derwent came out on top yet again in the Rounders' competition. Kielder came a very close second followed by Fontburn in third place. There was some very competitive play involved.

Cricket



Fontburn won this year's Cricket competition by winning both of their matches in an extremely hard fought tournament. Notable performances came from Abhiram Sajeev who scored 52 not out. Kieran Ramsey played well but had to retire on 25 in the second match and Kieran Stoker conceded only 1 run in his two overs.

Well done Fontburn.

Superstars



Fontburn came out on top in the 'Superstars' event in yet another close and very competitive activity. To make the event extra special, Tony Blair visited the Academy on the same day. He is pictured above alongside Fontburn House Captains, Jack Marley and Abby Colclough, Mrs Bridges (Principal) and Northumbrian Water's CEO, Mrs Heidi Mottram.

Tennis



Kielder finally broke the domination of Derwent with a fine win in the Tennis. After a very close event, Kielder won the day with some brilliant individual performances. Fontburn finished a close second with Derwent coming third.

House Boards



Alex Owens has kept the Derwent House Board up to date, throughout this academic year. The board has been adorned with colourful images, current news and events.

Sport & House Awards 2011



The evening opened with a short film of memorable sporting moments accompanied by Rudyard Kipling's poem 'IF'. Dinner followed and was expertly served by our students. Many people commented on their professionalism.

A total of nineteen trophies were awarded. A full list of all categories and winners are shown below. During the Awards, a special section to highlight Olympic Torchbearer nominations was introduced by Ms Scott. Nine students were congratulated on their commitment to the community.

The evening also included some fantastic entertainment provided by some of our very talented students. Jordan Dolding and Sophie Golden sang just after being awarded the 'John Cuthbert Special Award' for her dancing achievements.

Castle View Enterprise Academy hosted its second annual "Sport & House Awards Evening" on Thursday 14th July 2011. The Main Hall was transformed into a conference facility and restaurant, for the event. The academy Governor's, students, parents and teaching staff were in attendance to take part in the awards' ceremony.



Category	Winner
Sportsman Of The Year	Paul Stockdale
Sportswoman Of The Year	Natasha Mooney
Most Improved Male	Dylan Rush
Most Improved Female	Lauri Richardson
Girls' Football	Amy Reid
Boys' Football	Sam Pattison
Netball	Danika Mitchell
Cricket	Jordan Charlton
Most Valuable Person - Derwent	Alex Owens
Most Valuable Person - Fontburn	Sheila Begg
Most Valuable Person - Kielder	Caitlyn Owens
John Cuthbert Special Award	Sophie Golden
Special Achievement Award	Bradley Million
House Winners	Derwent
Ready, Steady, Cook	Jordan Little & Miss Temple
Talent Show	Sophie Golden
Photography	Michaela Lowery
Creative Writing	Charlotte Simpson
Chess	Morgan Ozuzu

Year 11 - City Football Champions!



The year 11 team arrived at Monkwearmouth knowing a win would assure them of the title.

Walking onto the pitch one could feel the tension in the air, could the boys hold their nerve in their last ever game for CVEA?

CVEA certainly looked hungry for goals and after more missed chances the breakthrough came in the 13th minute. A throw-in on the right was met by Pattison and he dribbled unopposed into the box and fired a low shot into the far corner to give

CVEA the lead. Monkwearmouth were spurred into action and upped the pace; they certainly weren't just going to lie down and give the league title up easily. A sustained spell of pressure, which lasted about 10 minutes, eventually brought a reward for the home side when a certain goal was saved on the line by Johnson, unfortunately he wasn't in goal and the deliberate handball meant a penalty was conceded. However, just as on Tuesday, the taker couldn't hold his nerve and the ball crashed into the bar and over to the relief of CVEA.

Half Time: Castle View Enterprise Academy 1 - Monkwearmouth 0.

The second half started evenly, both sides creating half chances that weren't taken. Nerves were becoming apparent and mistakes were creeping in, although one player who wasn't showing any signs of them was Knox at the back, winning every header, making every tackle and marshalling his team, constantly shouting and organising as only he can. With 10 minutes left, and a tough call going against them what did the boys have left? The answer was plenty, and only two minutes after a controversial decision, the ball was played through to Simpson who kept his head when one on one and slid the ball past the keeper to allow the celebrations to begin.

The game was not over and the defence of Nesbitt, Knox, Johnson, Vasey and Stockdale wanted the clean sheet they deserved, and after the longest seven minutes of the season they got it and CVEA were crowned champions.

Full Time: Castle View Enterprise Academy 2 - Monkwearmouth 0.

A huge well done to the team, who have played all season long. It's been a real squad effort and its credit to the team spirit involved, that they are the City Champions in their final year at school.

Pictured top left are the victorious Year 11 team with former Sunderland AFC legend, Kevin Ball.

Michael & James - Lifesavers!



Learning a skill is one thing, putting it into practise in a life or death situation is something else. Michael Purvis and James Mavin, year 10 students here at Castle View, did just that! They were on their way home from school when they spotted a man who appeared to be in some distress. They told the bus driver to stop the bus and leapt into action. After carrying out emergency checks they realised the man had no heartbeat.

The carried out life saving CPR until paramedics arrived to take over. The paramedics praised the boys for their bravery and quick thinking, stating if it hadn't been for their actions the man may have died. The boys are St. John Ambulance cadets and fortunately for the man, knew exactly what to do. Both have been nominated to be Olympic Torchbearers for their service to the community.



Toni targets Darts success!

Before Christmas, Toni Meek (Year 9) won a competition at Riley's Snooker & Pool in Sunderland to play a match against professional darts' player. She won the competition and played her idol Terry 'The Bull' Jenkins (far right of picture). Her first three darts were 100 then 85 and then she went on to win the game. She received a signed dart board and is now sponsored by Riley's Snooker & Pool Club.

In February, she was in the Tyne & Wear Open which was held at the Rainton Meadows Arena. She was in the Youth and the Ladies' competition. She got through the first round and in the Ladies she started with a maximum of 180. She was, unfortunately, beaten in the second round. She played really well in both sections getting to the third round of the youth tournament.

Then, a fortnight later, she competed in the Scottish Open. She played extremely well and got through to the quarter finals in the ladies pairs knocking out two Scottish Internationals along the way. It turned out to be a very special weekend for Toni and her proud parents. For the past year she has played in a league on a Tuesday night, which consists of 19 men and Toni! The leagues are split into an A League and a B League; she is currently in third position of the B League after only 8 weeks.

For the last three years she has played Tyne & Wear Youth County Darts, which takes her all over the country playing against girls' up to the age of 21. She is also Tyne & Wears top female player.



Local school children clean up!

Maurice Bates of Durham Wildlife Trust, Breandan King, Neighbourhood Officer, Year 7 students from the Academy and Year 6 students from Castletown Primary along with their teachers went in search of litter in Hylton Castle Dene. The students successfully worked in their teams to collect bags and bags of litter and other discarded items such as kitchen units and a vacuum cleaner! The students understand the importance of keeping their community clean and tidy and would like to pass on the following message:

"Dispose of your litter correctly to help us keep our community clean and green!"



Grace House Children's Hospice Charity Night

In June, Castle View Enterprise Academy hosted its second annual charity night in aid of Grace House Children's Hospice North East.

The evening was hosted by Mr Geddes. Mrs Smith organised a raffle with the main prize of a cake incorporating the Grace House logo. The musical event was a huge success and we managed to raise a total of £925 to go towards the new hospice, currently under construction in Southwick.



Mrs Bridges is pictured presenting the cheque to Karen MacLennan, Senior Fundraiser from the Grace House Hospice charity.

International Links



In April, we received the International School Award Intermediate Level – Developing the Internationalism. The award values and recognises good practice within schools for work that is curriculum based with international links.

We are very excited about the international opportunities available to our students through our partnerships with schools in Japan, Ukraine and France.

Year 9 students have worked with our link school in Saiki City, Kyushu Island, exchanging information about our local history, the facilities available in school including the restaurant, photographs and letters.

Year 7 French students have set up pen pals with students in a school near Paris - Collège Ferdinand Buisson and are very eager to exchange information about their daily routines and life in the Academy.

11 – 18 April 2011 Mrs Bridges and Mrs Smith were invited to visit the Ukraine to set up a partnership with Pechersk Gymnasium 75 an Academy in Kiev. Mrs Smith said; "We had a fantastic time observing lessons in the school, talking to the students and staff and comparing the differences between both academies."

We had the opportunity to visit Pechersk Kiev Monastery Lavra originating from 1051, City Municipal Building, the Theatre one of the most beautiful Neo-Renaissance constructions in Kiev and The National Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War (of 1941-1945).



Performing Arts after school activities

Dance Club

Every Monday, Mrs Waite ran a dance club that involved learning routines from a variety of styles and undertaking choreographic tasks. The participants were mainly female so Miss Lacey organised four boys' break-dance workshops with the 'Bad Taste Cru' at the start of the autumn term to encourage boys to attend the afterschool dance activities. It was a huge success!

Hairspray

From September, Miss Lacey, Mrs Waite and Miss Watson worked with students on the musical Hairspray. They performed one of the numbers in the talent show at Christmas and another in the charity show in June. The performances were on the 6th and 7th of July with a matinee to the local primary schools on the afternoon of the 6th.

"Youth Inspires" Festival

Our students from the dance club were selected from an intense audition to perform at the Sage Theatre, in Gateshead on the 4th April. The project aims to increase the opportunities for young people aged 11-18 to participate in high quality dance opportunities.

Petrushka Dance Project

Miss Watson organised for her Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts class to take part in this project run by the Birmingham Royal Ballet at Portland School. The aims of the project is to offer a creative dance experience for up to 100 young people from four different schools, to create a dance performance based upon the ballet 'Petrushka'.

"Jumping all over the World" Project

Miss Helen Lacey organised for her Year 10 BTEC performing arts students to be involved in a film project ran by Tyne and Wear Museums. The 8 students worked every Friday afternoon to learn a dance piece to remake the music DVD "Jumping all over the World" by Scooter. The filming of this project took place all over Sunderland on the 9th of April and will be used to celebrate heritage in the North East.

Sing Up!

Mrs Waite worked closely with our feeder primary schools in a singing project recently. A professional CD is soon to be produced along with a live concert to show the results of their hard work and many hours of rehearsing. Also, a number of our GCSE singing students have taken part in the 'Sing Up' auditions at the SAGE Gateshead. They will be performing at the Olympics 2012 if they get through to the next stage.

West Side Story project.

Eighteen of our Performing Arts students who took part in a performance of 'West Side Story' in Newcastle are featured in a recently released DVD by Northumbria University. "Watching the DVD has reminded me how fantastic our students were on the night!" commented Mr McNally (Director of Performing Arts).

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2011-2012

Autumn Term Begins - Tuesday 6th September 2011

Half Term – Friday 21st October to Friday 28th October 2011 (inclusive)

Autumn Term Ends – 2.55pm on Thursday 22nd December 2011

Spring Term Begins - Monday 9th January 2012

Half Term - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2012 (inclusive)

Spring Term Ends – 2.05pm on Friday 30th March 2012

Summer Term Begins – Monday 16th April 2012

Academy Closed for Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May 2012

Half Term - Friday 1st June to Friday 8th June 2012 (inclusive)

Summer Term Ends – 2.55pm on Thursday 19th July 2012

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