



Castle Views

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Breaking GCSE Records...



...AGAIN!

Students at Castle View Enterprise Academy have achieved our best- ever GCSE results of 99%, with just three students out of a cohort of 172 missing out on the benchmark five or more A*-C grades. The results included some record-breaking performances including 59% of students obtaining at least one A or A*. Of every single student in our care, 100% gained a least 5 A*-G grades.

67%

5A*-C
Including
English &
Maths

In the national benchmark of five or more A*-C grades including English and Mathematics, CVEA scored outstandingly high results of 67% which is up 13% on last year and a massive 41% increase since the Academy opened. For the first time ever Castle View Enterprise Academy is above the National Average of 58%. Instead of a small minority, the vast majority leave us with English and Mathematics at grade C or above. These results were boosted by an English pass rate of 73% and Maths of 74% which is the best the community of Castle View have ever seen.

A number of students achieved outstanding results with A/A* in the core subjects of English, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The highest performing female student, Chantelle Bates, and the highest performing male students, Carl Brown and Ryan Mullen, gained 11 A/A* and 10 A/A* grades respectively.

99%

A*-C
Grades
Overall

The results arrived in the same year as OFSTED judged that the Academy was officially GOOD in all areas. We achieved this rating under the latest tough OFSTED framework that has seen many schools downgraded. 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.

59%

A* or A
Students gained
at least one
A* or A Grade

At Castle View Enterprise Academy we strongly believe in a 'hard work' ethic. Through this, all students can achieve their personal best, whatever it is. This is what we seek to instil 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.S. Bridges
Principal



Games Pastors at London 2012

This summer, our very own Mrs Roberts, Year 8 Student Welfare Officer, and her husband, had the opportunity of a life time; they became Team Heathrow Volunteers for the Thirtieth Olympic Games in London. For most of August, they worked at Heathrow Airport in Terminal 4 as Airport Meeters and Greeters. Their job was to ensure that arriving athletes knew where to go and that they were directed to the correct coaches in order to get to the Olympic Village.

Mrs Roberts said, "Meeting the athletes was an amazing experience; really interesting and very rewarding. We were often given pin badges from the countries the athletes were from.

We also worked as Games Pastors at Paddington Train Station, and also outside Buckingham Palace and in Hyde Park. The icing on the cake was when we won tickets to attend the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games. What an amazing experience! The arena was spectacular, the atmosphere was electric and the performances were amazing.

All the volunteers received a personal thank you letter and a replica London 2012 baton from Prime Minister David Cameron for all their hard work and efforts.

Let's Get Cooking

Let's Get Cooking is available to students from all year groups. Every week there is a new surprise recipe and everything you need is provided by the club, which includes ingredients and cooking utensils. You can also take the finished product home to eat!



Let's Get Cooking is a National Lottery funded organisation. The Academy receives funding every year and is able to access recipes at www.letsgetcooking.org.uk. The Academy currently has a waiting list of 24 students wishing to join the club. Due to funding, the club can only take on 10 people at a time; however, anyone is welcome to add their name to the waiting list. Each member receives their own password for the website to view and download recipes.

The club not only helps students brush up on their culinary skills, but also gives it members a chance to work on their team work skills. When the cooking is finished, the groups of students are given tasks, such as washing dishes and cleaning work surfaces. No one can leave until they've finished all of their tasks!

If anyone would like to join this club please see Mrs Robson or Mrs Meek for information.

Sunderland Schools Triathlon



For a second year running, Castle View Enterprise Academy entered the Sunderland Schools Triathlon held in Silksworth in June. This year saw a record number of entries from schools and teams and the decision was made to allow Gateshead and North Tyneside schools to enter as they had heard about the success of the triathlon.

The competition involves swimming, cycling then running and team scores are collated on the overall time of each student in a team of four. We entered four teams of students from Years 7 to 10 and for some this was a new experience, as for the Year 7s, this was a big step up in distance from the previous years primary school competition.

All students were a credit to the Academy showing excellent team work, which was also encouraged by family and friends who turned up to support Team CVEA. Although we did not win any races, the year 9 and 10 girls came a well deserved 3rd place up against such strong talent. Well done to all students who participated.

Paris - C'est Magnifique!



In October, a group of year 9, 10 and 11 students had the fantastic opportunity to sample French culture in the City of Light. The visit jointly organised by the Modern Foreign Language and Business departments allowed students studying GCSE French to practise their French speaking and listening skills whilst visiting French restaurants, shopping for souvenirs and travelling on the Metro

system. The Travel and Tourism students were able to research Paris as a tourist destination for their coursework. During their stay in Paris, students visited many of the key tourist attractions.

The tour started with a leisurely boat trip along the Seine and a visit to the Montparnasse Tower; the highest building in Paris with a breathtaking 360° view of the city. Students also got to see the most famous piece of artwork in the world, the Mona Lisa, during their tour of the Louvre museum. Other cultural highlights included visits to Sacre Coeur, Montmatre and Notre Dame all led by our fantastic tour guide, Mr Marsden. The tour concluded with a fun-packed day at EuroDisney; with the fearless among the group (again led by Mr Marsden!) taking on Space Mountain and Indiana Jones' Temple of Peril watched from the sidelines by Miss Binyon and Miss Heslop – well someone had to look after the bags!

Students interested in taking part in the Paris trip in October 2013 should see Miss Binyon or Mr Marsden for further details.



Fundraising 2011-12

Castle View Enterprise Academy is renowned for its charitable work in the local community. Since the Academy was opened back in September 2009, we have supported over 20 separate causes from Help 4 Heroes to Breast Cancer Awareness. Here are the charities that the Academy has supported during the 2011-2012 Academic year.

Grace House Children's Hospice	£920
Help 4 Heroes	£572.16
Diabetes UK	£240
Tickled Pink Day	£640
WaterAid	£570
British Legion Poppy Appeal	£183.52
'Get Jamie to Japan' Charity Night	£500
Macmillan Cancer Research	£673.50
Samaritan's Purse (Shoebbox Appeal)	£27.50
SAFC Foundation	£241.50
Children's Cancer Run	£1,007

GRAND TOTAL £5,575.18

Cracking Cholera

In June, 29 gifted and talented students, along with Miss Watson and Mrs Smith, attended a 'Cracking Cholera' day at Newcastle University.

Sara Bird, Historian and Archive Librarian at the University, talked to the students about her passion for history and what her role at the University entails. The students had the opportunity to explore some very special and ancient publications; Morgan volunteered to exhibit a huge history book and Ryan Evans showed the group a hand drawn illustration from a very old medical journal.

The students then worked in teams to investigate the causes and treatment of cholera. The first incidence of cholera in England occurred in Sunderland in October 1831 when a ship, carrying sailors who had the disease, docked at the port. The ship was allowed to dock because the port authorities objected to, and therefore ignored, instructions from the government to quarantine all ships coming from the Baltic States.



From Sunderland, the disease made its way northwards into Scotland and southwards towards London. Before it had run its course the disease had claimed 52,000 lives. Cholera is caused by unsanitary conditions polluting the water, and affects areas recovering from emergency situations. Disasters such as floods and earthquakes often disrupt the water and sanitation systems, thereby increasing the likelihood of water becoming contaminated. In the afternoon the students worked in the medical labs with the degree students; using various ingredients including brandy, ginger, cayenne pepper, mustard seeds and oils. They made their personal herbal 'tinctures' (a form of medicine). The students were then given a host of diseases to investigate under the microscopes and challenged with identifying the patients suffering from cholera. Well done CVEA, you found all three!

Seahouses Field Trip

On Thursday 13th October, 26 students studying GCSE Geography visited Seahouses, Northumberland. This is a popular location with tourists and it is said to be the 'Gateway to the Farne Islands'. Famous for its outstanding natural beauty, superb attractions and boat trips to the islands, this small seaside town is the most popular holiday resort on the Northumberland Coast, catering for large numbers of both day-visitors and longer-stay holidaymakers each year.



Seahouses has an interesting harbour, magnificent beaches and sand dunes. Seahouses Harbour, also known as 'North Sunderland Harbour', is a bustling place with fishing boats, diving boats and pleasure craft taking visitors to the Farne Islands. It is also a stop-over for yachts cruising around the coast, or beyond.

The students spent the day collecting data for their GCSE controlled assessment piece. With the focus of the piece being 'challenges created by tourism', Seahouses was the perfect location. They carried out a range of data collection tasks from traffic counts to environmental quality surveys and questionnaires. Many of the local people and visitors were keen to share their views with the students. As ever, our students displayed a mature, respectful and positive attitude.

Overall, it was a very successful day enjoyed by all.

Mrs E. Lincoln

Community Policing Messaging Service



Northumbria Police has started a new Community Messaging Service. It has been designed to keep the general public up to date with the main issues and problems, particularly crime trends that may be occurring in the local area.

The service is completely free and all you need to do to sign up to this service is send your name, address, mobile number and email address to PC Martin Cottle using one of the following methods.

EMAIL: martin.cottle.8977@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
TEL: 101 extension 69191

North East Children's Cancer Run



You might recall that back in May this year, students and staff from the Academy participated in the North East Children's Cancer Run in Newcastle.

We have now received all of the sponsorship money from the event and we are pleased to announce that we have raised an amazing total of £799. The Academy has also received a certificate as recognition of our efforts.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part or sponsored a student or member of staff. Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

Groundworks



A community garden built on the site of a former derelict eyesore has been officially opened.

Residents came together to mark the completion of the Castle-town Environmental Improvements Programme, at St Margaret's Avenue, Sunderland. The three-year project, managed by Groundwork and funded by the Community Spaces programme, included the demolition of rundown garages, which had been targeted by vandals.

Large paved areas were also removed and replaced with trees, shrubs and grassed areas. Claire Hutchinson, senior project officer at Groundwork, stated that because the location had originally been classed as "adopted highway", staff had to be given the legal go-ahead before work could start.

"The project has been the culmination of the ideas and hard work of local people for many years. In 2009, Groundwork became involved and managed to draw a variety of partners and funders round the table, to see the residents' visions through to completion. We are really grateful to all who supported the scheme. It has been a long process but we are all very happy with the results."

The development has also been praised by residents, who have endured years of antisocial behaviour at the site.

"The residents would like to thank everyone involved in the project and for making it a great success. We believe the project will enhance the quality of life for all the residents living in the area, and provide a safer place for the young children playing on the adjacent park," said householder Jimmy Burnicle.

The scheme was also supported by the Big Lottery Fund, Castle-town Neighbourhood Action Group, Gentoo and city councillors Steve Foster and Denny Wilson.

Councillor Wilson said: "I want to thank all those involved in bringing this project to completion. The project is a great example of everyone working together to design out antisocial behaviour, by landscaping an area that was a community liability into a community asset that should enhance the quality of life for residents living there, and users of the adjacent park."

As well as a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the opening event also saw youngsters from the Academy take part in a scavenger hunt.

Professor Brainstorm

Year 7 students were enthralled and amazed by a recent visit from Professor Brainstorm. The Professor performed and demonstrated a host of fascinating scientific concepts using everyday materials. The visit was arranged in order to help students broaden their scientific understanding of everyday phenomena.

Students loved the liquid nitrogen experiments. The Professor demonstrated how quickly it can freeze objects. They especially enjoyed it when they froze a banana, which a student then used to hammer a nail into wood!



They were even more delighted at the "Spud Gun". Students were given the opportunity to be involved in the experiments, which helped them to gain an understanding of how things work. It was clear that the students enjoyed the show.

They asked lots of questions throughout and were all eager to get involved. In fact, they enjoyed it so much they have asked the Science department to arrange another visit soon.



TOP RIGHT: Professor Brainstorm uses a volunteer from the audience.

ABOVE: The students are amazed by his experiments.

RIGHT: A student dons protective clothing for the next experiment.



STOP PRESS!

Castle View Enterprise Academy's 'Press Pack' are always looking for interesting events that are taking place in our community to report on for the 'Castle Views' newsletter.

If there is anything you would like the local community to know about or if you have any suggestions for future editions of Castle Views then contact Mr Willis at our news desk on **0191 561 5533 extension 40263** or via email at willis.g@sunderlandlearning.net

House Competitions

2011 - 2012

The Academy had another successful year with the House system.

The Autumn Term saw an even spread of wins for all three houses. Derwent won the Cross Country and Castle View's Got Talent, Fontburn were the Football and Swimming Gala victors and Kielder won the Chess and Ready, Steady, Cook.

The Spring Term saw Fontburn and Kielder share the spoils but Fontburn went to the top of the league by winning three events and finishing in joint first in the Ten Pin Bowling. However, in the Summer term, the House Cup was won by Kielder after an amazing six wins out of six. This means that Kielder have now won the House Cup on two occasions out of the last three years. Well done Kielder!



KIELDER

FONTBURN

DERWENT



Swimming Gala

Charlotte Major (pictured back row, centre) captained Fontburn to an emphatic win in the Swimming Gala to get the House Competition off to a fantastic start. What started as a close competition was eventually won by a huge margin to get Fontburn off to a flying start.



Ready, Steady, Cook!

The Ready, Steady, Cook final took place at the Academy in December and what a final it was!

There were three rounds of cooking with the final round between Shauna Fallon

and Mr Sawkill against Mr Dugdale and Chris Finley. The judges eventually voted in favour of Shauna for a fine Kielder win. Shauna and Mr Sawkill are pictured (left) with Academy Principal, Mrs Bridges.



Cross Country

Derwent won the House Cross Country Competition by just three points from Fontburn.

Pictured are the four winners from Derwent; Dane Luke, Brandon Byron, Lauren Meek & Shauna Fallon.



Photography

Fontburn won the Photography competition with this stunning picture by Year 11 student, Demi Gilby.

Andrew Dawson, Year 7, came second for Kielder and Hayleigh Branton came third for Derwent.

Talent Show

Jordan Dolding of Derwent House finally got his hands on this treasured trophy! The guests witnessed a stunning evening of singing and dancing during the 'Castle View's Got Talent' House Event.



Mr Travis and four judges from the Ukrainian party of visitors were

overwhelmed by the standard of talent and were so impressed that they gave 8 of the 22 acts full marks.

Ten Pin Bowling

For the second year in three, the Ten Pin Bowling Competition finished in a tie with Fontburn and Kielder.



Pictured are top scorers from Fontburn and Kielder, Sam Stockdale (171) and Liam Ferguson (156) with overall top scorer Mr Freary who got 173 points.

Chess

For the second year running, Morgan Ozuzu (left) of Kielder House has won the House Chess Competition.

In a very closely fought competition, Morgan came out on top by beating Andrew Chapman (Fontburn) into second place.



Creative Writing

Owen Mordey won the Creative Writing Competition with this fantastic piece of work entitled 'Olympic Pride.'



"Filled with anticipation, the air gyrated round the spectacular stadium bringing a soothing feeling to the thundering crowd. With every breath charging adrenaline was added to the colossal amount of excitement; which filled every supporter in the stadium. Pungent aromas invaded my nostrils with a variation from well cooked foods, to glamorous perfumes for the glamorous multi-cultural dancers. Tasting the excitement of every anxious viewer, my nerves blossomed me in an overpowering stench of sweat. Pushing this aside, I caught in my vision an oncoming light....."



7-a-side Football

The Year 10 team clinched the House Football competition with a draw against Kielder just before the Easter break.

This followed wins in the Year 7 and Year 11 events. So Fontburn topped the table with 9 points, Kielder with 6 and Derwent 3. Pictured are the victorious Fontburn team, Aaron Jones, Lewis Hutchinson, Brent Stevenson, Jamie Thomas, Brandon Hall, Bradley Sampson and Liam Fairs.



Business & Enterprise

How difficult can it be to make a square from a piece of rope? It turns out it can be very difficult indeed when you are blindfolded and looking for an elusive bag of potatoes!

This year's Enterprise House competition was judged by Sergeant Duncan Lindsay of the RAF. Students were blindfolded and each given individual instructions to help them complete the task. The challenge was designed to test the competitors' communication, teamwork and leadership skills. Sergeant Lindsay couldn't split the teams; he commended Derwent's Christopher Finley on his leadership skills and Alex Naisbett, Callum White, Georgia Spencer and Danielle Cray from Kielder on their teamwork.



Table Tennis

Kielder secured an emphatic victory in this year's Table Tennis competition.

They scored 21 points to secure victory over Derwent (15) and

Fontburn (11) in an epic 100-game competition. In the team were Liam Ferguson, Michael Simpson, Savannah Holt, Chloe Tiffin, Rachel Marshall, Laura Todd, Monica Innes, Sophie Davis and David Lawson.



Rounders

Kielder won a very competitive house rounders. They beat Fontburn 11 to 9.5 points. Fontburn were 2nd and Derwent 3rd. Excellent striking from Caitlyn Owens and Terri Lebihan and some very good fielding skills displayed by Monica Innes.



Cricket

Kielder stumped Fontburn by 8 wickets then crushed Derwent by 10 wickets to take the house cricket title. It was an impressive display of cricketing prowess by Kielder who will no doubt be favourites for this year's tournament.

Derwent came second with Fontburn third.

Netball



The Inter House Netball Competition was a great success. All competitors who took part in the event played exceptionally well. Great defence work was displayed by Miss Welsh and some

excellent shooting from Abbie Carter, Abbie Ross, Danika Mitchell and Ellie Richards. Fontburn were the overall winners. There were three competitions in total and Fontburn won two of them with Derwent winning the year eight competition.

The Big Quiz

Fontburn kept up their winning ways in the Big Quiz with a massive 71½ points. They finished ahead of Kielder in second with Derwent third.

Pictured are the victorious Sam Stockdale and Kaylen Johnson of Fontburn with the 'Big Quiz' trophy.



Golden Merits

Kielder won another House competition, their third of this term to help them gain momentum and catch Derwent and Fontburn.

Students in Kielder gained 207 golden merits, Derwent were second with 188 and Fontburn third with 182.



House Boards

Kielder's Houseboard has been voted the best for the 2011-12 academic year. Students have put in a lot of effort to make the board look great. Derwent were second and Fontburn came third.



Superstars

Kielder ended up as the winners in this multi-skilled event.

They finished with 425 points with Fontburn second on 396 points and Derwent third with 374 points.

The Kielder team are pictured with captain, Lee Jeffries holding the trophy.



FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

Kielder	129
Derwent	96
Fontburn	96