

THE FUTUREHEADS

visit Castle View Enterprise Academy

The Futureheads visited Castle View Enterprise Academy to let the students know about an exciting open-air concert in Sunderland, which took place during September.

The group wowed students with acappella versions of their tracks, taken from their latest album entitled 'Rant'. The Futureheads headlined the Sunderland based 'Split Festival', something that they helped to form four years ago. The festival took place at Ashbrooke Cricket Ground between the 21st and 23rd of September and kicked off in style with a free open-air cinema on the opening evening.

Futureheads band member, Ross Millard who attended the predecessor school from 1993-98, was particularly keen to visit the Academy.



"This is my first time back here since I left," he said. "It's been completely rebuilt since then, but a couple of my old teachers are here so I've been chatting to them. It's weird, you speak to them on different terms when you've been gone 15 years, but they seem to have followed the band."

He added: "The facilities they have here now are something we could have never dreamed of. Music wasn't even a GCSE then! We just used to go to the art department at lunchtime and mess around with acoustic guitars. Music is given a lot more importance now because school is about experiences, not just text books."

As well as performing to the students they also hosted a music quiz to give students the chance to win tickets to the 3-day festival.

Ross added: "A lot of young people have an enthusiasm for music, but it's important for them to know that there's a music festival right on their doorstep. This year we have introduced a teen ticket to encourage people in the younger age bracket to come along."

Miss Binyon said: "It's been fabulous having the band here. It's good for students to have positive role models who went to the school so they can see what can be achieved."



Morgan & Ben with The Futureheads at the Split Festival

Press Packers, Ben Grant and Morgan Ozuzu, visited the Split Festival to see what all the fuss was about. They were fortunate enough to meet up with The Futureheads. Ben asked them a few questions;

Why did you organise a festival in Sunderland and what does festival mean?

We wanted to showcase north-eastern talent and festival means feast so it is like a feast of music.

How many Split Festivals has there been?

This is the 3rd Split Festival and each year they are getting better.

What is the biggest gig you have done?

A festival abroad, we performed to over 300,000 that night.



Not content with Friday and Saturday evening's events, Ben and Morgan went back for more on Sunday, the last day of the Festival. Ben said, "I was keen to go back to see one of my favourite bands, Puled Apart By Horses. They were absolutely fantastic and blew the roof off the tent we were standing in. I also got to speak to Peter Brewis, the lead singer from one of my other favourite bands 'Pure Graft'."

What will you do if you win?

I will probably retire as you win £20,000.

How do you feel to be nominated?

I am over the moon, I am so pleased that our album has been liked by others.

Overall, we had a wonderful weekend and I would like to thank the organisers at Split for doing a great job and of course Morgan's Mam for taking us.

Ben Grant & Morgan Ozuzu

Leavers' Prom 2012

This years Leavers' Prom was held at the Sunderland Stadium of Light. The evening was a fantastic success and was enjoyed by staff and students alike as you can see from the photographs below.



Usually, students take this opportunity to hire Rolls Royces and limousines in order to arrive at the Prom in style. Well, outgoing Head Boy, Jack Marley, and friends, decided on the novel approach of decorating the Academy minibus and using this as their carriage for the night!



London 2012

From the 27th July until the 12th August, London hosted the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. The first games were started in the year 1804BC by the Greeks. The first modern Olympic Games took place in 1896 with only 42 events. The games have been held every four years since then, apart from 1916, 1940 and 1944, due to World Wars I and II. This year the Olympics consisted of over 300 events with over 10,000 athletes from 205 nations around the world!



Millions of people tuned in to watch the Olympics and to support their countries. The contestants were from all around the world and each took part in their specialised sports. Great Britain finished third in the medal table with China in second and United States of America in first place.

To start off the Olympics there was a spectacular opening ceremony, which reflected on key themes, based on sport, inspiration, youth and urban transformation in Britain over the years. During the ceremony, the Olympic torch was lit. The torch had been carried all around the country by people who were deemed worthy to carry it because of a special cause. When the torch reached the Olympic Park in London, it was lit by six young people chosen for their sporting achievements. This was to mark the start of the Games.

After all the games, exciting competition and memorable wins, a closing ceremony brought down the curtain on 16 days of competition and was watched in the Olympic Stadium by the 10,000 athletes and 80,000 spectators. This closing ceremony was mainly about the wide and varied range of music throughout British history and had artists such as One Direction, Ed Sheeran and the Spice Girls, plus many more. All together the whole 16 days has been rated a 5-Star experience. We British certainly know how to put on a show! Hopefully, we get the chance to host the Olympic Games some time soon.

Bethany Copeland

Paralympic Fever!



During Summer the Olympics were held in London and we loved it! Competitors' faces as they won the gold whilst

sitting glued to your TV! We loved it! But then, the closing ceremony. The ceremony in itself was amazing but when it came to the closing ceremony, just admit it, we all had a tiny tear in our eye, didn't we?

Fortunately, a few weeks later along came the Paralympics! Hallelujah! It was the antibiotic we needed for our Olympic withdrawal!

Hearing the amazing and heroic stories of the Paralympians really inspired us as a nation and we began to realise just how amazing these human beings are. Being involved in a tragic accident or born with a disability, they still committed a huge chunk of their lives to sport and the Paralympic movement. The intention of Lord Coe and the Olympics Organising Committee was to 'Inspire A Generation.' We can say with some certainty that our athletes have certainly done that!

Whether you have been touched by their amazing life stories, their magnificent sporting excellence and achievements or just the look on their faces when winning a medal, we were all absolutely engrossed by the Paralympics and can't wait for Rio in 2016.



Imogen Bailes



Dublin to Sunderland Bike Ride

Mr Travis participated in a charity event which meant travelling from Dublin back to Sunderland via bicycle which is approximately 355 miles. This phenomenal effort was achieved not only by his fantastic determination but by the support and encouragement from students and staff at the Academy. Mr Travis managed to raise an amazing £700 for the Foundation of Light. He described it as "An outstanding experience" and thought that the best part of the ride was the opportunity to meet new people. It takes an extreme level of fitness and a true enjoyment of physical activity to achieve this feat. Mr Travis said that he would be "happy to do it again."

Morgan Ozuzu

Introducing Adam

CASTLE VIEW'S NEWEST PRESS PACKER



Hi, my name is Adam and one of my favourite hobbies is rock climbing. I do this at the Pallion Climbing Wall. When you are a beginner, you have a lesson called the 'Rock Monkeys'!

The Rock Monkeys was designed for young children who want to experience the fun and excitement of climbing. The heights go up in various stages, right up to a massive 23-metre wall. Children will learn all the necessary rope work and movement skills to climb safely in a fully supervised environment.

Sessions last one and a half to two hours and are for people from the age of seven right up to 15. There is a certificate of achievement available after an optional training programme. If you've never climbed before, this is an ideal opportunity to come along and give it a go!

It's suitable for adults and children and can be tailored to group requirements. Taster sessions last for one hour and are available most days and evenings.



Adam on the Climbing Wall

Jamie O'Donnell

Great Britain Karate

Recently Jamie O'Donnell, a student at Castle View, took a trip to Japan to compete in the Karate World Championships. The Academy raised £700 to help him pay for expenses and fees at the tournament.

I interviewed Jamie and asked him all about his trip to Japan. Firstly we talked about how he raised the money.



The money was raised by a show organised by Academy students and staff. There were dancers, singers and more. All acts performed hits from the 1980s, which was fun and interesting to watch. To start the show, Jamie and other members from his karate club demonstrated some moves and techniques to wow the audience.

Jamie said that the training was hard as he had to get to a high standard to be able to compete in the World Championships but it was definitely worth it. He had to travel to London once a month to train and even had to attend additional training sessions at his club in Sunderland in order to prepare himself for the big event. Unfortunately, Jamie didn't win anything in Japan but was glad he got the opportunity to compete and has also gained some vital tournament experience. Whilst in Japan, Jamie said he had met a lot of nice people who were very respectful and polite. "I would like to live in Japan one day!" he added.

Jamie got the chance to visit a genuine Buddhist Temple and observed them praying. Jamie said, "It was a magical experience and one that I'll never forget. The temple was so peaceful and the Monks invited my Dad and me in to watch them. We were very lucky as they don't normally allow people in the Temple, especially during prayer time. The interior was very ornate and beautiful. It was amazing."

Jamie had a great time and was very grateful to the Academy in helping him raise enough money to be able to compete in Japan.

Bethany Copeland

Brandon Barker

Sporting Success



Kacey and Jemma from the Castle Views' Press Pack caught up with Brandon to ask him about his involvement in sport for disabled. Here is their interview.

What do you enjoy the most about the sport you do?

Mainly I enjoy it because it's fun. It makes me feel like I'm able to do things that able bodied people can do.

Have you met any other disabled people who enjoy the same type of sport that you do?

Yes. There are lots of people with a variety of disabilities who enjoy this sport. I'm lucky because I've been able to meet many inspirational people who don't let their disabilities stand in their way. I have met Steven Miller, a British Paralympian who specialises in the discus. Steven has Cerebral Palsy but is a very determined person and an inspiration to many.

Did you watch any of the Olympics or Paralympics? If so, what was your favourite sport?

No! I didn't watch any of the Olympics. I watched a little bit of the Paralympics, mainly the wheelchair basketball.

In normal everyday life do you think people understand your disability?

Sometimes. I think people accept my disability here at the Academy and everyone is very helpful and supportive. If people don't understand that doesn't bother me too much. I have Spinal Chord Dysfunction but I am currently learning to walk with the use of a specially designed supporting frame.

Are your family supportive of your ambitions to participate in the Paralympics in 2016?

Yes they are very supportive. They do all they can to help me. I have decided to pursue my interest in skiing as I've become very good at it and I think that I will have a better chance of being selected for the Great Britain squad in this event. I would also consider taking part in the Summer Games, probably in wheelchair basketball.

Do you have any hobbies?

Yes. I love playing wheelchair basketball. I used to play table cricket but can't anymore because there are no clubs in the area. I did get picked to represent England at table cricket when I went to Castletown Primary School.

Is it hard work competing in sports?

It can be difficult, especially as I rely on my upper body a lot. My arms get tired quite easily when I go skiing and I'm only able to ski for a few hours at a time before I have to rest.

Will you need any specially adapted equipment to take part in your chosen sports?

I use a monoski when I go skiing, which is a specially adapted chair. I would also use a specially designed wheelchair for wheelchair basketball. I'm able to hire these things when I take part in the sport. I know that a brand new monoski chair would cost around £15,000, which is a bit out of my price range at the moment!

Do you have any sporting idols?

Not really. I did meet Paralympic athlete, Stephen Miller, at the Star Awards in the Bridges Shopping Centre in Sunderland. He has Cerebral Palsy and has overcome lots of obstacles to be as successful as he is. I suppose he is a bit of a hero of my mine. Otherwise, I prefer to participate in sports rather than watch them on the television.

Kacey Atkinson & Jemma Forster

Sport & House Awards 2012

Award	Winner
Girl's Football	Melanie Keith
Netball	Kyra Bell
Cricket	Connor Innes
Boys' Football	Martin Wilkinson
Most Improved Female	Emily Pattison
Most Improved Male	Ryan Hindmarch
Most Valued Person - Derwent	Aimee Hellens
Most Valued Person - Fontburn	Sam Stockdale
Most Valued Person - Kielder	Morgan Ozuzu
Special Achievement Award	Jack Oughton
Sportswoman of the Year	Caitlyn Owens
Sportsman of the Year	Jack Marley
Heidi Mottram Special Achievement Award	Brandon Barker

The 3rd Annual Sport & House Awards Dinner was another amazing success. This is the night when we celebrate sporting achievement by students from all year groups as well as recognising winners of the 18 house competitions we hold throughout the academic year.



The evening opened with a specially produced video depicting sporting achievement and iconic moments in sport. The audience were then entertained with some great singing by our talented students. In addition to the awards won at the Academy, special recognition of sporting achievement certificates were given to a select group of students who have excelled at their chosen sport outside of the Academy. As you can see from the picture (below centre), the Main Hall looked amazing! The look and feel of the hall was accompanied by excellent service from our lead students. The kitchen staff did a marvellous job in preparing and serving a three course meal for almost 200 guests.



Battlefields Trip

In September, some of our Year 11 students visited the sites of some of the most infamous battles that took place during World Wars I and II. Students and staff travelled to Dover by coach from the Academy and then caught the ferry to Calais then travelled through some beautiful French countryside before eventually arriving in Ypres, Belgium. Ypres is quite a modern town but is also steeped in history.

After a good night's sleep, the party visited Vimmy Ridge. This is the site of a huge war memorial, which is dedicated to all of the Canadian soldiers who lost their lives during both World Wars. The monument also recognises the site of an important victory for Canadian soldiers.



After visiting Vimmy Ridge, they spent most of the remainder of the day at the Somme. This is a very famous battlefield where there were around 420,000 British casualties, some 60,000 on the first day of the battle. They also went to visit the Lochnagar Crater, which is the largest man-made crater in the world. It was created after a mine packed with explosives was detonated on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

The group visited the Devonshire graveyard, which contains 40 casualties from the Devonshire Regiment.



They also visited a German graveyard, which was somewhat neglected in comparison to the other sites they had seen. The group went to Cloth Hall, which is a beautiful history museum and Thiepval, the largest British War Memorial. During the third day of the trip they visited the Tyne Cot Cemetery, the site of the world's largest British graveyard, containing just under 12,000 graves.

The sites that the students and staff visited on their trip provided a stark reminder of the total futility of war and the unnecessary loss of thousands of lives. It made them realise how lucky they are to have the freedom they enjoy today and how to appreciate the simple things in life that we all sometimes take for granted. The Academy is already in the process of arranging a return trip for next year.



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