



# Castle Views

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## It's an honour for the Principal

Mrs Janet Bridges, our Principal here at Castle View, is celebrating an OBE in the 2013 Honours List. Mrs Bridges has been recognised for her services to education. Mrs Bridges, who has been Principal at the Academy since it opened in September 2009, has overseen a meteoric rise in academic achievement and attainment.

"I am very humbled and honoured to accept it on behalf of all the staff", she said.

"The staff work relentlessly, with determination and compassion for the children in their care, and it is an honour to accept this on behalf of everybody. I genuinely don't have any idea who nominated me; it had all been kept very quiet from me until the letter arrived just before Christmas."

Mrs Bridges was officially presented with her OBE by Princess Anne at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 7th March 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Bridges on her fantastic achievement.

Mrs Bridges receives her OBE from Princess Anne



## Alex 'Bags' FIRST PRIZE!



### Alex Naisbet and her winning design



Students from Castle View Enterprise Academy have recently participated in a competition run by Sainsbury's, to come up with a design for their new 'Bag for Life'. Sainsbury's is due to open its new store, near Castletown, in Spring 2013.

Over 200 entries were submitted and four students, Christina Coates (Year 8), Alex Naisbet (Year 8), Bethany Hutchinson (Year 8) and Shola MacDonald (Year 7), have won prizes for their designs.

We are delighted to announce that Alex Naisbet's design has been declared the winner! She will have her design printed on two thousand limited edition Hessian bags that will be handed out at the stores official opening.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who entered the competition and well done to Alex.

## CENTRE STAGE FOR SUNDERLAND

Sunderland's Stadium of Light is set to host the North East's biggest ever pop show, as concert promoter AEG Live brings a phenomenal summer music event to the region.



Some of the UK's biggest pop acts are set to join forces in a celebration of UK music, headlined by one of the country's favourite boy bands, JLS. Stars The Wanted, Rita Ora, Little Mix, Conor Maynard, StooShe, Union J and Amelia Lily, with more to be announced to complete the line up, in what is set to be the hottest music ticket of the summer.

The five-hour music extravaganza, designed to suit music fans of all ages, will take place on Saturday 22nd June, 2013.

In order to celebrate this fantastic event, and welcome thousands of concert goers, we are offering secondary school and college students the chance to enter a competition to submit a spoof review of what they imagine the concert will be like. The winner will not only receive four VIP concert tickets but they will also be invited to attend, and write a genuine review of, the concert, which will appear on safc.com.

All entries should be in no later than Thursday 2nd May 2013. They can be emailed directly to Sunderland AFC's Commercial Director, Gary Hutchinson, at [Gary.Hutchinson@safc.com](mailto:Gary.Hutchinson@safc.com), or they can be handed into your child's English teacher who will send them off on their behalf.

**GOOD LUCK!**

# Introducing the Press Pack's newest members...

## AARON MAVIN



Hi, my name is Aaron and I'm in Year 7. I have just joined Castle View Enterprise Academy's Press Pack. One of my hobbies is football. I play football with my dad, mainly in the summer. My Dad and I go to the large field in Downhill and play. It's fun because I get to spend time with my Dad.

I always like to help my Mam and Dad around the house with things like washing up, vacuuming and tidying. I think it's important to do things like this as they are very busy and I think they appreciate all the help that they can get.

I enjoy creative writing and this is why I decided to join the Press Pack. It's fun to be asked to write about things happening in the Academy and it helps me to become a better writer.

I hope you enjoyed reading about me and I also hope you enjoy reading the articles I have written for the newsletter.

## EMMA CLENNELL



Hi, my name is Emma; I am almost 14. I am in Year 9 at Castle View Enterprise Academy and I'm currently studying for my GCSEs. For my GCSEs I have chosen to study history, child development and catering. I am also in the Academy musical, We Will Rock You, which is based on the rock band Queen.

Last year I won the Northumbrian Water Chairman's Award. I have completed the Race for Life six times and I have also helped to start the race one year with my Mam. The quickest time I have done it in is one hour, which I am really proud of. It's really inspirational to be surrounded by people who all want to help to raise money and awareness for Cancer Research.

I have been to Derwent Hill four times since Primary and I am going again this year; I just love being outdoors and doing activities, and it's also a week out of school! Also, I am going on a skiing trip to Italy with the Academy. It is the first time I have been to Italy but I think it will be good because of what I heard about last year's trip. I love to read books by Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Morpurgo and Jeff Kinney. Also I love reading biographies and autobiographies. At the moment I am reading the Tom Daley 'My Story' book. I have the One Direction, James Arthur and Ed Sheeran books all lined up to read afterwards.

I love going to the cinema to watch films with my friends and then going shopping. I love watching horror films with my brother. I also love watching musicals; I find them very entertaining and love the story lines in them.

## City Sings

After an amazing experience last year at the Sunderland Empire, Castle Views 'Glee Club Choir' made it through the auditions to enjoy the experience once again. However, we are hoping to win it this year. City Sings is a yearly contest held at the Sunderland Empire. The very best choirs from schools and academies from all over Sunderland go up against each other to see who will come out on top.

This year's theme was to sing traditional Disney songs, which a lot of students were especially excited about. Auditions were held back in December and after practising since September, we performed very well. Miss Lacey and Miss Callaghan chose the songs 'Supacalafadjalistic' from the Disney classic, Mary Poppins, and 'Start of Something New' from the High School Musical film. Everyone in the choir loved both of the songs, making them enjoyable and meaning that practice never got boring.

The students are to go to the Empire in March for the finals. Wish us luck!

*by Beth Copeland (Year 9)*

## STUDENT COUNCIL



The Student Council meets once every half term here at the Academy. The Council consists of students from all year groups and they discuss all manner of topics, such as reward trips, school dinners and merits.

The aim of the Student Council is to get student voices heard. Some students may be too shy to come forward with suggestions and ideas so this has proved to be a great way to ensure everyone gets the chance to put their thoughts forward.

If your child has anything they would like their fellow students to know about, or even have an opinion on something they would like to voice, please ask them to see Mr Marshall, who will be more than happy to chat to them and raise their point of view at the next Council meeting.

*by Aaron Mavin (Year 7)*



Staff at Castle View Enterprise Academy grew their moustaches in support of testicular and prostate cancer charities last November.



They joined men from all over the world in the annual moustache growing competition, some with better results than others it has to be said!

Some of the staff pictured have been told they actually suit having a moustache; what do you think?



## Vantec Competition "NAME THE NEW WAREHOUSE"

This year, the art department is in full swing to open the windows of opportunity to its students and, in the spirit of Castle View's enterprise specialism, it is encouraging students to participate in as many external competitions as possible.

On Wednesday 30th January, Jack Stanness, from Year 7, attended a prize-giving ceremony hosted by Vantec to receive a runner-up prize in their 'Name the New Warehouse' competition held at the end of 2012.



Vantec is a new logistics company opening just off the A19. With a history of dealing with companies such as Nissan, it is hoped that the company will bring new revenue to the area and offer future jobs for our students. In October they contacted the school to say they were keen to be involved with local schools and outlining the competition to name their new warehouse; the largest of its type in the UK. Students were in with a chance to win an

IPAD and this little carrot encouraged more than sixty of our students to submit an entry.

Jack came up with name 'Zeus' after the mightiest of all gods; he might not have won but we are proud that he received a runner-up prize and are excited to foster links with this company. Jack visited the new warehouse at the end of January. He is pictured along with the Vantec guide and Miss Corken.

## OUR FANTASTIC LIBRARY

Our Library, is it one of the best school libraries in the city? Well, if I tell you that it has over 20 computers and almost one thousand books, I think it could well be.

The library is run by ten student librarians, who have all undertaken a course, which includes creating displays, book reviews and just assisting with everyday library duties. The library is open every morning break and after school finishes, up until 4:30pm.

The library also has a 'quiet corner' where people can go and concentrate, and more important, get some peace and quiet, when reading. Another feature of the library is our revision and reference section where there are dictionaries, thesauruses and all manner of revision books and resources to help students for those all important exams.

Mr Willis, our Academy Librarian, runs clubs from the Library, such as The 100 Book Club and of course, Press Pack. It's a great place for the Press Pack to get together and discuss articles they are writing for the newsletter.

Our library is a great place to be when doing homework and reading but it's also a safe place where you can catch up with your friends after school.

Everyone is welcome to visit the Castle View Enterprise Academy Library..... just as long as you're quiet!

by Ben Grant (Year 9)

# Gifted and Talented Events

## Destination YOUni!



Following a host of successful events last academic year, the University of Sunderland was keen to visit the Academy once again to work with our Gifted and Talented students.

Throughout one week in January they delivered fun and interactive sessions to our students from Year 7 right through to Year 11, giving them the opportunity to explore the options of higher education through a range of presentations, workshops and interactive games.

Each session was designed to suit the needs of students in each year group and encouraged students to think about their educational future and the opportunities available, to dispel myths around higher education and encourage our students to aim higher!

## Key Stage 4 Study Day



For the second year, twelve of our Gifted and Talented students attended a study day at the Life Centre, Newcastle.

This was an intensive one-day programme, delivered by experts in their fields, designed to stretch and excite our most able students. Offered in an environment celebrating excellence, students were inspired to launch themselves into new frameworks of thinking at a level matched to their abilities, and were invited to participate in a controversial debate that really made students voice their own opinions.

They discussed and debated topics such as; cultural change and leadership, the use of language to discriminate, the music and politics of public space and is it an equal world.

# Geographers visit Bran Sands

On Thursday 13 and Friday 14 December, 44 year 9 students undertook a site visit to Bran Sands Sewage works, Teeside, as part of a Geography enrichment activity. The Academy sponsor, Northumbrian Water Ltd, gave students the opportunity to explore the site and gain an understanding of how the sewage plant is promoting and acting on sustainability.

As part of their GCSE course, the students have been studying Energy in the 21st Century. The Bran Sands site is leading the way in becoming sustainable through the process of sludge digestion. The students discovered that the process gives a useful purpose to a waste product and generates clean energy. It brings a wide range of benefits with it including increased sustainability, energy efficiency and lower bills (although, it does smell a bit funny)!

The project has been revolutionary in the region, and benefits include fewer carbon emissions, reductions in consumption of natural gas and imported electricity, and significant savings on operating costs. The students were given the opportunity to review the different stages of the anaerobic digestion process.

They were able to see how the product is transformed from a waste product to a 'sludge cake'. This product is suitable for use as an agricultural fertiliser, negating the need for disposal to landfill. This was a fantastic experience for all of the students and the staff on site said students were a credit to the Academy. Well done Year 9.



## Scientists Learn new Life Skills

High achieving students from Years 7, 9 and 10, and some lead students, recently went on visits to the Centre for Life. Over 600 people work at Life and are at the cutting edge of research into genetics, stem cells, fertility and bio-medicine. Our students got the chance to work in one of Life's state-of-the-art laboratories.



Students investigated the special adaptations used by animals in extreme climates – this included immersing their hands in buckets of icy water. Students found that the layer of fat used by polar bears kept their hands warm and dry! Years 9 and 10 used microbiology aseptic technique to insert a gene into the DNA of bacteria. The new gene made the bacteria glow in the dark!

They rounded the visit off with a trip around the ice rink and a chance to experience the 4D Motion Ride. Students said "it was unreal and a great scientific learning experience!"

by morgan, ben and bethany (year 9)

## Portrait of our Queen Competition



AMY'S WINNING ENTRY

Amy Graham, who left Castle View Enterprise Academy in the Summer of 2012, won the Year 11 category in a national 'Portrait of our Queen' competition and had her piece framed and displayed in London. It was very fitting, especially in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

In November 2012, a group of Year 10 students created an individual piece of work in response to artist Michael Brennand-Wood, and submitted entries to this national competition hosted by Specialist Crafts. There were no winning entries on this occasion, but the students each produced a fantastic piece of work that we were proud to submit as a representation of the great work created in the Academy.

These pieces have been submitted as part of their final GCSE coursework.



# LITERACY AND LEARNING

## 12 Days of Literacy

At Castle View Enterprise Academy the teachers are always looking for ways to make learning interactive and fun. During the run-up to Christmas it was no different. Literacy is crucial to our learning; it allows us to understand the world around us while preparing us for GCSEs in all subjects.

Since September we have been focussing on literacy skills in form time, as well as in lessons. Our challenge as a form class was to identify the literacy mistake in 12 well-known carols. Each morning we were emailed a new carol. As a class we needed to identify the mistake and keep a record until we had completed all 12 carols. Once we had all 12 errors identified the dash was on to get our answers to Miss Temple, who then marked and announced the winner. The much desired prize was an amazing five merits for each member of the form class, who had the most correct answers. Students from all year groups were enthusiastic and eager to win the challenge, with many lunchtime conversations focussing on whether the plural of reindeer needed an 's'.

The winning form was Mrs Dickinson's Year 8 form group who had 11 of the 12 answers correct. It was appropriate timing that the challenge ended on the day of the Christmas carol concert, enabling the choir and audience to sing all the lyrics accurately. Why don't you give one a try?

Spot the error... "Later on we'll perspire".



In December, over 80 students from the Academy entered the Young Writers Around the World in 80 Words

### National Creative writing Competition.

We are delighted to announce that 75 of those entries were successful. Their work will now be published in a special anthology. They also have the opportunity to win £1000 for the Academy.

Around the World In 80 Words has proved popular with schools and pupils alike, receiving thousands of stories from all over the UK and overseas; therefore this is a fantastic achievement. Work has been selected for publication based on imagination, perception, expression and creative use of language.

A copy of the book our pupils' work appears in, Around the World in 80 Words (11-18) - Tyne and Wear, will be sent to the British Library and further libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland, providing a lasting record of their achievement. The Academy will also receive a complimentary copy of the book, which is scheduled for publication in April.

The editorial team will now go on to select Academy winners. The prizes for the best schools across the series, £1000 first prize, £500 second prize and £250 third prize, will be awarded once the books in this series have been published. Watch this space!

## 100 Book Club

An new venture at Castle View Enterprise Academy is the launch of the 100 Book Club. Its a book club with a difference!

Students collect a card, which has 100 squares on it. They write their name on the card then they come along to the library and borrow a book. Once they've read the book they get the chance to write a review on it and tell others if they've enjoyed the book and if they would recommend it to others. After they've done this, they get the next number on their card stamped.

When the student has read 25 books, 50 books and 75 books they receive a prize. Once they've read 100 books they receive a MEGA prize!

If your child is in Key Stage 3 and wishes to join the 100 Book Club, they can see either Mrs Temple or Mr Willis for details.

### GET CAUGHT READING TODAY!

## THE POETRY GAMES

The Poetry Games is an exciting new poetry competition from Young Writers for 11-18 year olds. It is designed to engage pupils and encourage them to read and write poetry, developing literacy skills and offering students a way to express themselves.

Students are invited to send in poems on a subject that matters to them, to fight for what they believe in using the power of the pen.

Each poem submitted for the competition will be selected on the basis of imagination, expression, interpretation of poetry, use of language and description. Each child selected by the Young Writers editorial team will be published in a regional anthology and have the chance to be one of 12 finalists chosen for the grand finale - The Poetry Games online vote off!

Eleven of the finalists will be rewarded with a Kindle, and the champion with an Ipad. All 12 finalists will have their poem videoed and played live on the Young Writers website and YouTube channel for visitors to vote for their favourite poem.

We will be announcing finalists and winners in the next edition of Castle Views, due to be published in July 2013.

# Sunderland Indoor Cricket CHAMPIONS!



Last year a group of students met for their first ever cricket training session.....hopeless, no way in the world we could ever become a winning cricket team, could we?

A year of hard work, grit and determination to become skilled cricket players was to come. Getting up to the noise of that dreaded 6:30am alarm every week showed our enthusiasm to succeed. We were off showing our confident coaches we wanted to be known players in the sport. Improved bowling and batting was shown; after a couple of matches, with mixed results, Mr Marshall thought it was time to show the group of hopeless but driven lads how it felt to be part of a cricket club. Having joined a cricket club, we finally realised what Mr Marshall had been nagging into us; cricket isn't just a sport, it's a game that makes you a better person.

Double training sessions were making an impact and the lads were surely becoming better players, we were improving in all areas of the sport: speedy, precise bowling was hitting the mats, steady batting was demonstrated and accounted for and brave fielding stood out. Improvement was shown and both coaches knew that joining the club was the reason for a better standard of cricket. The time came for more matches and boy did we get that. We were entered into a tournament and mixed feelings of nervousness and confidence were around. A night of average cricket was shown and after easily beating the second team, Oxclose B, we travelled to the second round...the winners' group.

A week flew past and a training session was enjoyed, with the night here we all knew we must up our game. Arriving at the school we again felt nervous but beating that and beating those teams, our hard work pulled through and we were Sunderland Indoor Cricket Champions! With this achievement we still know we aren't the best and we still need many improvements and lots of hard work to be at the standard noticed, but we still have the right to say that we are champions.

Now a hopeless group of lads can call themselves a team, however this wasn't just the team, we weren't the only ones who put in the effort. Our amazing coaches Mr Marshall and Mr Appleton also got up extra early every Friday morning, they worked hard on finding and helping each individual's weakness and we, as a team, don't think we'd be here in this newsletter if it weren't for those two trusty coaches, not forgetting our parents of course, they also give great support in our early cricket careers.

by Owen Mordey (Year 8)

## Pride of Wearside Awards Evening



**The Pride of Wearside Awards was established to celebrate ordinary people who have all done extraordinary things in their community.**

**The Academy nominated three students and a member of staff.**

Brandon Barker (pictured centre) won an Achievement in Sport Award and Sam Stockdale (pictured right) won the Student of the Year category, highlighting his hard work and efforts during his last year at the Academy. Jamie O'Donnell (pictured left) was nominated in the Outstanding Sporting Achievement category after his selection for the Great Britain Karate Squad and finally, Mrs Smith was nominated in the Fundraiser of the Year category for all of her charity work, both in and outside of the Academy.

The Awards were held at the Sunderland Stadium of Light in November. Our nominees were treated to a three-course meal and a fantastic night, which showcased the very best that Wearside has to offer.

Well done to you all. You have certainly made the Academy very proud!

by Aaron Mavin (Year 7)

## Dance City

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING

Dance City's Training Scheme visited our Academy to deliver a contemporary dance workshop in the hope of identifying talented young dancers. The scheme is specifically geared to selecting students who may have the potential to join one of the dance training programmes and 30 of our students aged between ten and 15 years of age took part in the workshop.

Congratulations to Alice Fenwick and Imogen Bailes who have both been 'spotted' and put forward to audition for Dance City's Advanced Training Programme.



# TAKEOVER DAY 2012

Takeover Day is a national event supported by the Children's Commissioner offering children and young people across the country the chance to work alongside adults and get involved in decision-making in a wide range of organisations.



Children and young people benefit from the chance to gain new skills, knowledge and inspiration, to experience leadership and decision making and the feeling that their opinions are valued, leading to higher confidence, self-esteem and aspirations for the future.

Organisations and services can benefit from fresh ideas, insight and creativity and gain a better understanding of how children and young people experience issues involved in their work. They also get the chance to demonstrate their commitment to listening to children and young people. Thousands of children and young people 'took over' England on Friday 23rd November as part of the Children's Commissioner for England Takeover Day. The Shadow Chancellor, Ed Balls, Children's Ministers, Edward Timpson and Elizabeth Truss, and the Assistant Metropolitan Police Chief, Simon Byrne, all worked alongside children and young people for the day.

Two students from Castle View Enterprise Academy, Jamie O'Donnell and Kyra Bell, had the fantastic opportunity to shadow the Mayor of Sunderland for the day. Their day started at the Civic Centre where they attended the Mayor's chambers. Jamie and Kyra then travelled in the Mayoral car to the new site of St Benedict's Hospice in Ryhope.

## B4CV Awards Evening

Castle View Enterprise Academy hosted its annual B4CV Awards Evening in October 2012. The hall was transformed into a beautiful conference-style dining area. Students, parents, business associates, governors and teaching staff were all present to take part.

The evening was started by Mrs Bridges who welcomed everyone to the Academy. This was followed by Miss Binyon who explained what the evening was all about. A couple of awards were given out before the Year 11 students served everyone with a delicious three-course meal. More awards were given out after the meal.

Everyone had a great night. The students and staff had put a lot into the Awards Evening and it proved to be a great success.

**by Bethany Copeland (Year 9)**

AWARD	WINNER
Northumbrian Water Young Entrepreneur(s) of the Year Award	<i>Fusion</i> Laura Amer Terri Topping Anna Walton Sarah Champken Stevie-Leigh McKenna
Students' Choice – Business Breakfast Award	Newcastle University Medical Students
Students' Choice – Challenge Day Award	Rock-IT
Overall Contribution to Business and Enterprise Award	Jane Morland & Pam Lovell Northumbrian Water Ltd
Overall Contribution to CVEA Curriculum Award	Sunderland AFC Foundation of Light
ESH Future Business Brain Award	Laura Amer
Performance in a Vocational Subject Award	Lauri Richardson
Most Enterprising Member of CVEA Teaching Staff Award	Miss Laura Watson
Most Enterprising Member of CVEA Support Staff Award	Miss Kate Brown

## OUR ACADEMY IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Academy has formed a tight bond within the local community; we provide important services to the community, for example, the Community & Fitness Centre, as well as things such as the litter picks. In addition, the Academy invites the community in for special occasions and events, like the Christmas dinner for the residents of St. Margaret's Court.

Many businesses also work with us on a regular basis and interact with students during activities in the Academy and off-site visits organised by them. A good example would be Sunderland AFC's Foundation of Light, who come into the Academy and run a variety of sessions. Furthermore, businesses have the opportunity to give staff in specific departments advice on how to enhance the curriculum. The Academy also plans on restarting the Business Breakfast which allowed students to talk to popular figures in the world of business.

In Mrs Smith's opinion, this relationship is excellent for the Academy because it allows students to experience a diverse sample of the community around them and it tests organisations' corporate social responsibility by granting them the ability to support the new generation.

**by Morgan Ozuzu (Year 9)**



# CHRISTMAS

## Castle View Enterprise Academy



### The Magic of Christmas Exhibition with the Castle View Glee Choir



Castle View Enterprise Academy was asked by the Sunderland Echo if it would be able to provide entertainment for the 2012 Christmas Exhibition at the Sunderland Stadium of Light. Well, the girls from years 7 and 8 were delighted to oblige!

The exhibition consists of a wide range of stalls and stands showing off their wares to over five thousand people over two days. Miss Lacey and Mr Willis arrived early in order to greet the students. As soon as the shoppers started to arrive, the girls burst into song, singing traditional Christmas carols. The public was delighted! The angelic singing definitely added to the atmosphere. Then the weather turned even colder. The girls came inside the reception area at the Stadium where they attracted quite an audience. It was a very special day, a one the girls will never forget.

by Bethany Copeland (Year 9)

### Mayor's Award Christmas Lunch

The Mayor's Award students from Castle View hosted their annual Christmas Lunch for the residents of St. Margaret's Court. The students, along with Miss Cockburn and the kitchen staff, arranged food, dressed the hall with Christmas decorations and organised the entertainment.

There was a huge surprise for everyone when the Mayor of Sunderland and his wife arrived to enjoy the festivities. The entertainment was provided by the students who performed songs that they were due to perform in the Christmas Carol Concert later in the month. The residents of St. Margaret's really got into the swing of things by joining in with the carols!

Next up was the three-course meal. The food was expertly prepared by our magnificent kitchen staff and professionally served by the Mayor's Award students. After the excellent meal, Mrs Smith and Miss Cockburn started the raffle. Prizes had been kindly donated by staff and students from the Academy.

The highlight of the day came when Head Boy, Martin Wilkinson, came in dressed up as Father Christmas and handed out the bingo prizes, much to the delight of our guests. Preparations are already under way for next year's Mayors Award Christmas Lunch.

by Adam Gillum (Year 7)



### Christmas Carol Concert 2012



Once again the students of Castle View Enterprise Academy produced a production that wowed the audience. Miss Lacey and Miss Callaghan worked with students to create a Christmas carol concert that was full of dazzling performances and Christmas cheer.

Performing both traditional and modern classics, the choir was dressed as Angels and its singing certainly matched its costumes. The audience, who had braved the freezing temperatures to attend the concert, was treated to a true variety show; with groups and individual performers singing a range of carols and pop songs. GCSE performing arts students accompanied the singers with beautifully choreographed dance routines.

Even the staff were exceptional with Miss Callaghan performing a moving and pitch-perfect performance.

The evening was finished with a full audience sing-a-long to well known carols and it was clear that everyone got into the Christmas spirit. To round the evening off there were tasty treats in the form of mince pies (kindly supplied by Mr Marshall Mother), Christmas cookies and cupcakes.

Unfortunately this was Miss Lacey's final production at Castle View, however, the students did her proud and she definitely left on a high note. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Lacey for her efforts over the past four years and wish her the very best of luck for the future.

by Bethany Copeland (Year 9)



## OPERATION Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse. They have been sending gift-filled shoeboxes around the world since 1990, bringing joy into the lives of over 94 million underprivileged children.

Last year, children and adults from across the UK got involved - including many churches, schools and workplaces - wrapping, packing and sending nearly 1.1 million shoeboxes full of gifts to disadvantaged children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Students, parents and staff have supported the Samaritan's Purse with Operation Christmas Child for the last three years and increased the number of donations and packed boxes year-on-year. This year we collected an overwhelming 123 gift-filled boxes. A big thank you to everyone who donated.



Callum and Amy surrounded by 123 shoeboxes full of Christmas goodies.



We went into a session with a representative from Esh Group to learn all about building sites and the dangers that exist within them. We learned how important it is to clearly signpost hazards and potential dangers in building sites and how to work safely in them too. Then after that we had a session with Mrs Heaney to learn about cyber-bullying and how you shouldn't chat to, or arrange to, meet people online who you have never met or don't know. We studied a case of cyber-bullying and how it affects people who are bullied online.

After morning break, we had a session with St. John Ambulance where we learned how to do basic first aid, such as putting on bandages and slings and how to keep people calm and safe if they have been injured.

Our final session of the day was with Nexus. We learned about railway safety and how to raise the alarm if, for example, someone had fallen on the train tracks. We also learned about people who steal from and vandalise the trains and tracks and the type of things Nexus are doing to combat this.



When the day was finished we all helped to create a card for our visitors to thank them for their time, and for helping us to learn new things. Mrs Smith and Miss Binyon, who arrange all of our fantastic Challenge Days, are already in contact with organisations, local businesses and groups for the next set of Challenge Day events.

**We can't wait to see what's in store for us!**

*by Aaron Mavin (Year 7)*

# Pancake Day



**110g of plain flour, two eggs, 200 ml of milk, 50g butter and a pinch of salt....**

A very simple recipe, which was used by millions on Tuesday 12 February, as Shrove Tuesday or 'Pancake Day' arrived. It was celebrated almost everywhere in the UK, not least at Castle View Enterprise Academy.

Mrs Robson and Mrs Meek run their popular 'Let's Get Cooking' club after school every Tuesday, where ten students practise their culinary skills as well as learn about lots of different types of food. The club is enjoyed by the students who can take part and is so popular; there is even a waiting list for students wishing to join it!

As you may know, Sainsbury's is opening a new store in the local area and, Castle View Enterprise Academy, being a local school,

Sainsbury's were hoping to build a strong link with us, which is why they telephoned us one afternoon and said "We want to help the Academy in some way; we will provide everything on behalf of our new store." So they decided they would go and bake pancakes with the Let's Get Cooking club. They provided everything from the flour to the blueberries.

The session was great and on behalf of everyone at Castle View Enterprise Academy, we would like to say "Thanks Sainsbury's!"

*by Ben Grant (Year 9)*

# Challenge Days

At Castle View Enterprise Academy students enjoy being challenged! This is why we have Challenge Days! Special visitors come into the Academy to teach us important skills that we can apply to everyday life. We are visited by organisations such as; St. John Ambulance, Nexus and Esh Group. My first Challenge Day event was all about water safety. We learned all about the things you should do and the things you must not do when you are around water. We learned that peer pressure can often make you do things that you don't want to, or shouldn't do.

# Academic Award Evening 2012

In October, Castle View Enterprise Academy held its annual Academic Awards Evening; the night, which celebrates students' academic achievement for the last academic year. It is split in to two parts, years 7 and 8 (Key Stage 3) and afterwards a separate ceremony for years 9, 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4). Four students are awarded for each subject, Most Improved Male, Most Improved Female, Best Male and Best Female.

It is not all about looking at exam results and how hard someone works in a lesson, it is also about personality and overall charm (I hope that's why I was awarded three awards)! The night this year went excellently for both key stages and was topped off by some of Castle View's best talents and also a speech by Professor Sharon Mavin (a former student of our Principal, Mrs Bridges). She is now a Professor at Northumbria University. She talked about how, without Mrs Bridges, she wouldn't have managed to turn her life around from being an average student, who wasn't getting her grades, to an excellent student who left with very good grades.

Some of the special awards of the night were awarded by her, which included the Northumbrian Water Teamwork Award, which was won by an excellent group of students who together form Press Pack. We are responsible for writing this article and various other ones in this newsletter. So on behalf of everyone here at Castle View, congratulations to everyone who won an award and if you work hard this year, you may win one next year!



Sam Stockdale (left) winner of the Parent Governor Award and Jack Oughton, winner of the Year 11 Director of Learning Award.



Chantelle Bates, winner of The Cuthbert Award. Pictured with John Cuthbert.

AWARD	WINNER
Student of the Year – Year 7	Paul Sanderson
Student of the Year – Year 8	Kyra Bell
Student of the Year – Year 9	Sarah Champken
Student of the Year – Year 10	James Taylor
Student of the Year – Year 11	Chloe Barraclough
Chairman's Award – Key Stage 3	Emma Clennell
Chairman's Award – Key Stage 4	Hannah Macbeth
Cabral Beyond the Classroom Award (Key Stage 3)	Joshua Cameron
Cabral Beyond the Classroom Award (Key Stage 4)	Laura Blair
Endeavour Award – Year 7	Ethan McGarrity
Endeavour Award – Year 8	Morgan Ozuzu
Endeavour Award – Year 9	Karol Pietrzak
Endeavour Award – Year 10	Karl Jordan & Dana Taylorson
Endeavour Award – Year 11	Melisa Jones
Overcoming Adversity Award – Year 7	Alyssa Mahmood-Ewart
Overcoming Adversity Award – Year 8	Rebecca Parkes
Overcoming Adversity Award – Year 9	Emily McCully
Overcoming Adversity Award – Year 10	Kirstie Jordan
Overcoming Adversity Award – Year 11	Cameron Hunter & Amy Bonallie
Parent Governor Award	Sam Stockdale
The Cuthbert Award	Chantelle Bates

AWARD	WINNER
Director of Learning Awards – Year 7	Ryan Evans & Melanie Keith
Director of Learning Awards – Year 8	Ryan Lawrence & Sophie Anderson
Director of Learning Awards – Year 9	Ryan Thompson & Terri Topping
Director of Learning Awards – Year 10	Kieran Parker & Lauri Richardson
Director of Learning Awards – Year 11	Jack Oughton & Sophie Howarth
Outstanding Achievement in Maths	Carl Brown
Outstanding Achievement in English	Georgia Anderson
Outstanding Achievement in Science	Ryan Mullen
Outstanding Achievement in Technology	Aiden Turnes
Outstanding Achievement in Performing Arts	Sophie Golden
Citizenship Award	Hannah Jagota
Principal's Award	Laura Hale
Community Award	Daniel Price
Progress Key Stage 3 – Key Stage 4 Award	Danielle Cray & Abby Colclough
One-to-One Communication Award	Rachael Younghusband
Williamson Lodge Award	Lauren McNeill
Eileen Dobson-Orme Award	Shauna Mason
Abbie Miller Award	Kate Walmsley
John Chipp Award	Charlotte Major
Teamwork Award	'Castle Views' Press Pack Imogen Bailes Chelsea Burns Bethany Copeland Leanne Stockdale Morgan Ozuzu Ben Grant

*by Bethany Copeland (Year 9)*



# Sixth Form PARTNERSHIP

**Did you know that Castle View Enterprise Academy actually has a partner sixth form at St. Peter's?**

Students can benefit from staying on to study A-levels or other vocational qualifications, in fact students choosing to stay on at St. Peter's after their schooling at Castle View Enterprise Academy have the widest choice of A-level courses available in the region; no other school sixth form can offer this. The sixth form has been developed in partnership with Sunderland College which means that students are taught by 16-18 curriculum specialists, who have helped students achieve 99% pass rates for four years running and, with a 24 million pound investment taking place over the next two years, your child will be able to study in new state-of-the-art facilities.

## College versus Sixth Form?

**The results are better at a school sixth form?**

We've achieved a 99% pass rate for four years in a row. In addition we're top of the league tables for quality which shows that students progress their grades further with us.

**If my child goes to a school sixth form they're more likely to go to a top university?**

In 2012, 11% of our students went onto a top university (known as Russell Group), the North East average was only 8%. In 2013, we have seen a record number of applications to these universities, one in three of our students have applied.

**The teaching staff are more qualified to deliver A-level teaching.**

In most cases secondary school teachers have limited experience of teaching A-level subjects, however our lecturers are A-level specialists, and they understand the level and preparation required to progress to university.

**Schools can offer more subjects.**

We offer the widest choice of subjects in the region including those that require specialist facilities that schools simply can't offer.

**Schools provide more support for students.**

We've won Government awards for our support services. We offer the most comprehensive support from pastoral care to study support and specialist counselling services.

**My child is not interested in A-levels, the school could better support them.**

If A-levels are not for your child, the options at school are very limited. We also have the widest choice of vocational courses and Apprenticeships in a range of areas that will be sure to suit them.



**Former student at Castle View Enterprise Academy, Carl Brown, is thoroughly enjoying his time at Sunderland College.**

*"I want to go on to university to study my subject further. Ideally I'd like to get a job for a large IT company programming software."*

## Sainsbury's TIME CAPSULE



What an amazing opportunity our Academy was given on Monday 25th February 2013. We made local history by donating a school tie and scarf to be placed in a time capsule for the opening of the new giant Sainsbury's store in Castletown. Scott Newton and Alex Naisbet (both Year 8) donned protective hard hats, safety goggles and gloves as they participated in this historic event.

The capsule was buried in the Sainsbury's grounds and will be opened to reveal all in 20 years' time. Although the morning was icy cold, the atmosphere was electric with the excitement of the opportunity to participate in a little piece of history!

Pictured above are Mrs Roberts and the students representing all of the local schools in the area.

**Mrs G. Roberts**

## Liam Hardy SAFC MASCOT



Year 7 student Liam Hardy was selected as the latest student from Castle View to represent Sunderland AFC as a mascot at the West Ham United home game.

Liam was given a tour of the stadium and the dressing rooms. He was then shown into the 'Magic Moments' bar where he was given free food and cola. Next, Liam was given the opportunity to warm up with the players on the pitch before the game.

Liam said; "I really enjoyed my day. I'm a huge Sunderland supporter so it was great to meet my heroes. I got to walk onto the pitch with Adam Johnson. He is my favourite player because I think he is the most skillful."

Sunderland ran out 3-0 winners against West Ham, much to Liam's delight!

# STATE OF THE CITY

*The most recent State of the City debate was held in September 2012. Here is a summary of the items that were discussed.*

## Debate

### Health

The state of the city debate was about our NHS health care. We talked about how they can improve the social health care. Because of the way that the NHS is, they definitely need to buck up their ideas. One of the main things they can improve on is the time you have to be waiting.

### Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour is behaviour that lacks consideration for others and may cause damage to the society, whether intentionally or through negligence. This is opposed to pro-social behaviour, which is behaviour that helps or benefits the society. Criminal and civil laws in various countries offer remedies for anti-social behaviour. Anti-social behaviour is labeled as such when it is deemed contrary to prevailing norms for social conduct. This encompasses a large spectrum of actions. Murder, rape, use of illegal substances, and a wide variety of activities are deemed anti-social behaviours. In addition to actions that oppose established law, anti-social actions also include activities that members of society find objectionable even if they are legal, such as drunkenness and sexual promiscuity. In psychiatry, particularly in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, persistent anti-social behaviour is part of a diagnosis of antisocial personality disorder (ASPD). The ICD-100 defines a conceptually similar dissocial personality disorder.

### Sexual Behaviour

Some cultural critics have postulated that over recent decades children have been subject to a premature sexualization, as indicated by a level of sexual knowledge or sexual behaviour inappropriate for their age group. The causes of this premature sexualization that have been cited include portrayals in the media of sex and related issues, especially in media aimed at children; the marketing of products with sexual connotations to children, including clothing; the lack of parental oversight and discipline; access to adult culture via the internet; and the lack of comprehensive school sex education programs. For girls and young women in particular, studies have found that sexualization has a negative impact on their "self-image and healthy development". Student rights are those rights, including but not limited to civil contractual and consumer rights which regulate student rights and freedoms and allow students to make use of their educational investment. These include such things as the right to free speech and association, to due process, equality, autonomy, safety and privacy, and accountability in contracts and advertising, which regulate the treatment of students by teachers and administrators.

### Discrimination

Discrimination is the prejudicial or distinguishing treatment of an individual based on their actual or perceived membership in a certain group or category, such as their age, ethnicity, gender/sex, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, skin color, or other characteristics. It involves the group's initial reaction or interaction, influencing the individual's actual behavior towards the group or the group leader, restricting members of one group from opportunities or privileges that are available to another group, leading to the exclusion of the individual or entities based on logical or irrational decision making.

Discriminatory traditions, policies, ideas, practices, and laws exist in many countries and institutions in every part of the world, even in ones where discrimination is generally looked down upon. In some places, controversial attempts such as quotas have been used to redress negative effects of discrimination—but have sometimes been called reverse discrimination themselves.

**A vote was taken to decide which topic they wanted to work on for the rest of the year. They voted for student rights.**

## Castle Views - Your newsletter...your opinion

Castle Views is written by the students and staff here at the Academy. We always endeavour to keep you up-to-date with the latest goings on at Castle View Enterprise Academy. If there is anything you would like to include in the next edition of this newsletter, you can contact Mr Willis on **0191 561 5533** or email him on **willis.g@sunderlandlearning.net**.

*Thank you*

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