



Castle Views

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Once again Castle View Enterprise Academy has achieved some fantastic exam results in 2015. Most subject areas improved the attainment with their cohort. 58.4% of students achieved the gold star main headline figure of students who attained 5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Maths. This was the fifth best in Sunderland out of 18 secondary schools and was also above the average for all students nationally.

Here are some of the other highlights:

- The Maths results were once again outstanding with 75% of students gaining an A*-C grade; this was the third best out of the schools in Sunderland and only 4% from being top.
- 42% of students achieved an A* or A grade in at least one subject. This shows the calibre and dedication of both staff and students within the Academy.
- Over 97% of students achieved a minimum of five GCSEs or equivalent.
- There were some standout performances from subject areas, with PE, Biology, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, French, History, ICT, PA, Science Core & Additional, RM, Health and Social Care and Child Development, and Communication all above, or in line with, National Average attainment.

- There were some huge improvements in English, Child Development and Health and Social Care.

Although we are really proud of all our students there were some outstanding individual performances.

Here are a few examples:

- Morgan Ozuzu achieved the best results with 7 A*, 3 A, and 1 B grades.
- Imogen Bailes was the best performing female with 7 A*, 3 A, and 1 C grades.
- Joe McKeon achieved 4 A*, 3 A, 3 B, and 1 C grades with excellent progress from KS2.
- Lauren Mason achieved 1 A*, 8 A, 1 B, and 1 C grades with excellent progress from KS2.
- Alex Burke achieved 6 Bs, 4 Cs made the most progress from a KS2 proving to others it can be done.
- Luke Ewart achieved 1 B, 7 Cs, 2 Ds made the most progress from KS2.

All of these pupils had one thing in common, they all worked their socks off! This year's Year 11 are already preparing for their final hurdles and are looking forward to beating these fantastic results.



Group of Year 11 Girls on Results Day



Group of Year 11 Boys of Results Day

Academic Awards Evening

Castle View Enterprise Academy's seventh annual Academic Awards Evening celebrated the success achieved by our students throughout the 2014-15 academic year.

The Principal, Mrs Janet Bridges, addressed the audience and spoke of how this had been a significant year in the history of Castle View Enterprise Academy. She praised students, staff, governors and parents on achieving the headline figure of 58% of students achieving at least five A*-C GCSEs (including English and Maths), which made the Academy the highest-performing school in North Sunderland and fifth in Sunderland overall. Also recognised was the positive contribution of the number of leadership roles, including the Combined Cadet Force, the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and the Sport and Dance Academy, which have inspired numerous students to engage beyond the classroom. These initiatives were credited with having huge impact on overall student performance at all levels.

Mr Barry Curran (Mayor of Sunderland) and Mrs Liz Green (School Cadet Expansion Officer) were our special guests.

Students were recognised for their achievements in individual subjects as well as for their wider contribution to Academy life.

Castle View Enterprise Academy would like to thank the significant number of award sponsors for their generosity and support.



Cricket Academy Dinner

We were delighted to welcome our special guest and former student of Castle View School, Chris Rushworth, to Castle View Enterprise Academy for our Presentation Dinner. Chris answered questions from students and parents about his career and how he progressed from Hylton Cricket Club as a youngster all the way through to Durham County Cricket Club.

The evening celebrated the success of our Cricket Academy students over the past year and also the achievements of students from our local primary schools. Six students were inducted into the Cricket Academy to start in Year 7 and they received their ties from Mrs Bridges.



Pride of CVEA Dinner

Last term we held our annual Pride of CVEA Awards Dinner in which we celebrated our Students' Achievements within and outside of the Academy.



Combined Cadet Force

The Castle View Combined Cadet Force Contingent continues to go from strength to strength. Our first term was spent mastering a few of the basics and getting to experience our first annual camp. Since then our contingent doesn't seem to have been out of the news! We have had articles, pictures and honourable mentions in everything from local newspapers to national magazines and websites. The one theme that is a constant throughout all of the reports is the enthusiastic and determined manner in which our cadets have quickly grasped the opportunities available to them. Major David Crawford who leads the Cadet Training Team in the North East was quoted recently in the national 'Connected' magazine as saying:

"It was extremely gratifying to see the new school [Castle View Enterprise Academy] hit the ground running. The cadets and staff all put in a huge amount of effort. They left [annual camp] tired but happy, at the end of a very rewarding week"



Remembrance Week

We have started the second half term concentrating on weapons training and have spent a week in uniform in the days preceding Remembrance. We have been fortunate to have a number of visitors who have presented at our Remembrance assemblies: Major Graham Heron, Captain Alex Hendry and Standard Bearer Bob Bulmer from The Fusilier Association presented an excellent account of the history of Remembrance and its importance today. We were also joined by Able Seaman Peter Hughes, who was good enough to come in in his ceremonial dress whilst on shore leave. Now that Remembrance week is completed, we will spend the next half term honing our weapons skills and cadets will also be undertaking training to become qualified 'First Responder' first aiders.



House Competitions

Swimming Gala

This year's competition was won by Fontburn House, superbly captained by Ellie Richards. They scored 101 points and Derwent were second with 67 points. Some of the team are pictured with the trophy.



Talent Show

Mrs Bridges described the evening as "*the best one in the Academy's history*". It certainly was a cracker and was won by Derwent House. Any one of the acts could have won, but the judges went down to the "goosebump" theory and decided that the winner should be the superb dance act from Alex Thirkle. Alex is pictured with hosts for the evening, Head Boy Asa McCormick and Head Girl Shannon Green.



Fontburn House Ready Steady Cook

The two teams who made it through to the Ready Steady Cook semi-finals were Miss Benson with Ellie Richards and Mr Travis with Ellie Atkinson.

Miss Benson and Ellie cooked creamy chicken with asparagus and sweet potato mash and a poached pear. Mr Travis and Ellie cooked hot and sour soup and spicy Thai burgers with pineapple salsa and sweet potato chips.



Derwent House Ready Steady Cook

The two teams who made it through to the Ready Steady Cook semi-finals Miss Woollett with Zanda Johnson and Mr Bastit with Maja Jach.

Miss Woollett and Zanda cooked vegetarian spaghetti bolognese and tiramisu. Mr Bastit and Maja cooked vegetarian coconut curry followed by chocolate and custard profiteroles.



Kielder House Ready Steady Cook

The four teams who made it through to the Ready Steady Cook semi-finals were Ms Payne with Shae Newsome, Mr Dugdale with Alex Naisbett, Mrs Galer with Leah Pullen and Major McGuire with Melanie Keith.

Ms Payne and Shae cooked chicken a la South Africa and chocolate pudding with cream, Mr Dugdale and Alex cooked haggis, tatties with whisky sauce and chilli and lime and chocolate mousse. Mrs Galer and Leah cooked festive burgers with chips and three cheesecake's and finally Major Maguire and Melanie cooked halloumi kebabs and falafel with an assortment of Israeli dips.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th September 2015 Year 7 students took part in the Academy's seventh World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Students worked in their tutor groups to produce posters to publicise the event and used their enterprise skills to organise raffle draws and various other competitions to help raise funds for the charity.

The students invited their family members to the morning, which was held in the main hall. The students were able to develop their customer service, sales and financial knowledge as they escorted visitors to the hall and encouraged them to spend, spend, spend!

Year 7 students overwhelmed staff and visitors with their generosity and cake making skills, they provided a huge variety of beautifully decorated cakes and biscuits for the event. Cakes were also made during cookery lessons and after school club.

The students worked very hard all morning making sure visitors were served with tea and coffee and clean crockery was available.

Gentoo also supported the morning and set the students a task of making a poster for "Peace One Day". The objective being to institutionalise Peace Day 21st September, making it a day that is self-sustaining, an annual day of global unity, a day of intercultural cooperation on a scale that humanity has never known. Gentoo chose three lucky winners; Kian Shek, Ashleigh Milstone and Olivia Bramley and each received a gift token for their efforts.

Residents of St Margaret's Court held a bric-a-brac sale and kindly donated all of their £100.00 to the coffee morning event.

The event was a complete sell-out and everyone left having enjoyed the morning.

The event raised a grand total of £654. Thank you to all of our supporters!



Nissan Engineering Day

Fourteen Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit Nissan Engineering Plant. They took part in a tour of the plant, engineering / construction tasks, a quiz about inventors, a presentation from employers about the role of an engineer and post-16 career pathway options. They had a fascinating morning and enjoyed the visit immensely. Here are some of the things they got up to.

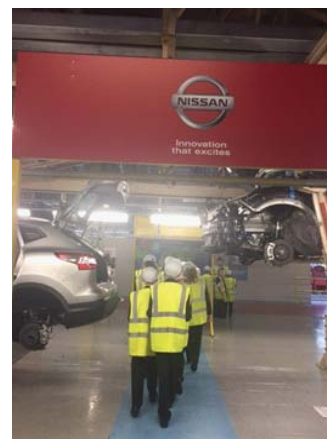
Building the tallest construction with spaghetti, tape and one marshmallow sweet.



The boys were determined to win!



We had a tour of the plant. For safety we had to wear protective caps and high vis jackets.



We followed the build of a Nissan Juke and learned that to become an engineer you require good grades in Maths, Science and Design Technology.

Duke of Edinburgh

All groups of DofE Bronze Award students packed up their rucksacks, put on their walking boots and headed to Alston to complete their expedition. Students had previously completed sessions in map reading, route-planning and camp craft and put it all into practise on a two-day walk and one-night camp.

The students set off from Nenthead and walked to their campsite at Garrigill where they camped and cooked their evening meal. On day two they packed up their tents and walked from Garrigill to Alston along the Pennine Way. All students worked well in their teams and had a great time.



Prom Committee

As part of the extensive extra-curricular provision on offer in the Academy, 'Prom Committee' runs every Thursday morning during registration. Representatives from each of the Year 11 tutor groups come together to plan and organise various aspects of the Prom evening.

In September the students arranged a whole year group vote to decide on the three most popular venues they would like to investigate as possible locations for the 2016 event. After viewing the function rooms and discussing the packages available, the Prom Committee will present their findings to their tutor groups and another vote will be cast in order to choose the overall preferred option.

The students will also agree the ticket pricing, DJ, official photographer, choice of meal and venue extras; for example red carpet, arrival drinks, etc. It is a very exciting time for all involved with lots of discussion about gowns, suits, hair, make-up and the all important mode of transport!

Year 11 Prom Evening will be held on Thursday 30 June 2016



Let's Get Cooking

Let's Get Cooking is an extra-curricular activity organised by Mrs Robson and Mrs Payne, who teach students new and adventurous cooking skills. KS3 students meet every Tuesday after school until 5pm to cook a variety of tasty dishes such as cakes, sausage rolls, a one pot pasta meal and cheesecake to name a few. They cook foods with themes e.g. pumpkin carving for Halloween, chocolate wreaths for Christmas and decorate small cakes with Easter chicks. The students learn how to use all parts of a cooker, and use microwaves and various kitchen equipment such as chefs' knives and electric whisks. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends and learn new cooking skills. The group is well-attended and has lots of fun experimenting with new recipes and ideas.



National Poetry Day 2015

To celebrate National Poetry Day 2015, students in Year 7 and 8 were encouraged to take part in the National Writing competition, The Poetry Trials. The students taking part had to write a poem in any style and on any theme, to test their writing skills!

Could the students: persuade the judges to feel a certain way with their writing; make them understand their point of view; write passionately through verse? The top five poets will be invited to turn their poem into a video and have the chance to win an awesome Apple prize bundle!



Poetry By Heart

Poetry By Heart is a national competition designed to encourage pupils aged 14-18 at school and college in England to learn and to recite poems by heart. Not in an arm-waving, props-supported thespian extravaganza, but as the outward and audible manifestation of an inwardly-understood and enjoyed poem.

Poetry By Heart successfully engages young people from diverse social backgrounds and all types of school in personal discovery of the pleasures of poetry. Each pupil is challenged to memorise and recite two poems – one published before 1914 and one in or after 1914 or one from a special collection of World War 1 poems as part of the centenary commemorations. Pupils choose these from the timeline anthology of over 600 years of poetry on the website. In 2015-16, for the Grand Finals, contestants will recite a third poem.

The competition is a pyramid of participation from individual classrooms to whole school/college contests, then county contests, regional semi-finals and the grand final, to be held at Homerton College, Cambridge on March 17th – 19th 2016. In the process, pupils foster deep personal connections with the poems chosen and bring poetry alive for their friends, families and communities.

This is the third year that the academy has entered the exciting competition, and the following students are currently preparing for the competition, in order to represent the Academy in the 2016 heats: Sherkeighra Garnham, Elise Hunter and Jenny Bolln.



Young Writers' Grim Tales Competition

Recently KS3 students, within the Academy, entered Young Writers' Grim Tales mini saga competition.



Over 40 of the students who entered the competition have been chosen to have their work published in a National Anthology, which also carries the opportunity to win £1000.

Grim Tales is a popular competition with schools and students alike and the competition receives thousands of stories from all over the UK. Work is selected for publication based on imagination, perception, expression and creative use of language. This is a great achievement, of which CVEA and our students can be proud. One of the aims of the competition is to raise awareness of creative writing within the classroom and promote the enjoyment of reading and writing – in the interest of encouraging students and to help them achieve this aim.

All students who took part in the competition received a bookmark and certificate of merit for their efforts. A copy of the book of the students' work will be sent to the British Library and further libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland, providing a lasting record of their

PAT Reading Group

The purpose of PAT reading group is to improve the literacy skills of children by reading to a Pets As Therapy registered PAT dog.



The Charity's Read2Dogs programme helps children in classroom settings improve their reading ability by increasing their confidence and enjoyment of reading.

Research shows that children can be nervous and stressed when reading to others in a group. However, when a PAT dog enters the group the child becomes less stressed and less self-conscious.

Before long the children are looking forward to the reading experience as they are going to read to their new friend, the PAT dog. Cara says, "I like Pdraig visiting us as he always listens to our stories, he is very funny and it's sad to see him leave. He is a good addition to the reading group as everyone loves him dearly."





With each new school year coming around faster and faster, it will soon be time to take some serious consideration as to what the next chapter will be for you once you leave school.

The college is well-known as a top-class A-Level provider and also delivers over 100 Professional and Technical courses in a range of areas from engineering, digital software through to science and sport.

A new multi-million pound campus in the heart of Sunderland will host many of these Professional and Technical courses from 2016, including advanced engineering, manufacturing, construction trades, automotive trades, travel and tourism, and catering and hospitality.

Construction is well under way on the land opposite Park Lane bus station, it spans 12,000 square metres and will soon be accessible to the public. It will feature a manufacturing and engineering facility; hair, beauty and barbering facilities; a spa; a bakery; a travel agency; restaurant and a car repair service.

You can secure your place at Sunderland College NOW by searching the course offers at sunderland.ac.uk and applying from the appropriate course link. Alternatively, check out the dates of the open evenings online and pop along to have a chat with staff.

Castle View Enterprise Academy works in partnership with Sunderland College.

Please see below dates of open evenings for all Campus'.

Open Evenings

Bede Campus

30/11/2015, 18/01/2016, 07/03/2016, 09/05/2016
4:00pm-6:30pm

St Peter's Campus

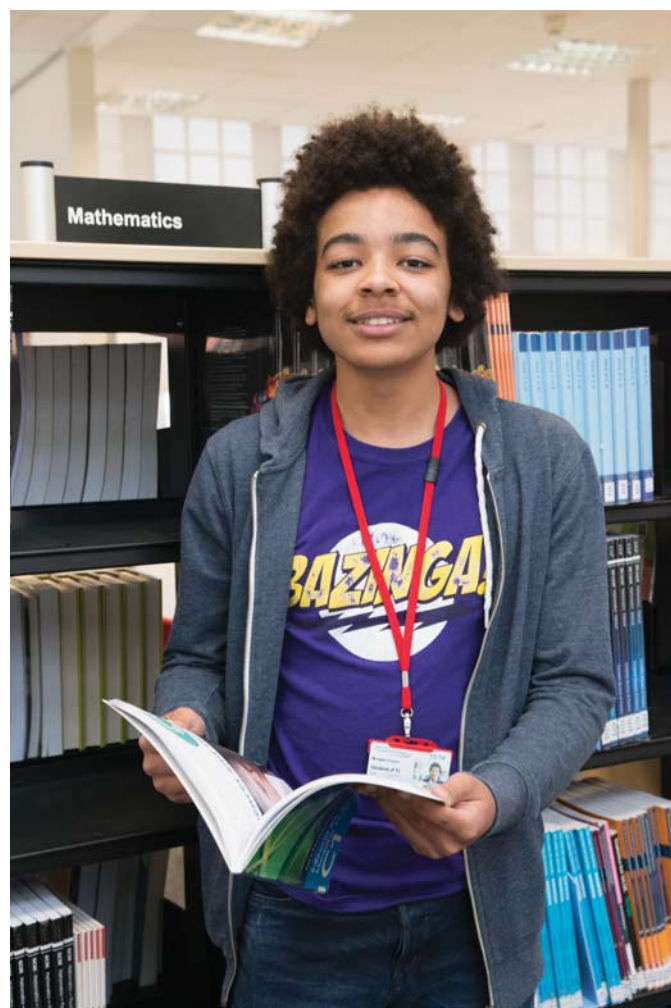
01/12/2015, 27/01/2016, 16/03/2016, 11/05/2016
4:00pm-6:30pm

Washington Campus

07/12/2015, 21/01/2016, 10/03/2016, 05/05/2016
4:00pm-6:30pm

Hylton for City Campus

08/12/2015, 26/01/2016, 15/03/2016, 03/05/2016
4:00pm-6:30pm



Stepping into Further Education can be a scary thought for many Year 11s, so we caught up with a former student of ours to see how he's settling in since enrolling at Sunderland College in September.

Morgan Ozuzu – Physics, French, Maths, Further Maths

"At school, most students are doing the same subjects in the same places whereas at Sunderland College, individuals are doing a range of unique things. I enjoy this environment because I can appreciate the diversity it promotes and the ability to meet new people with similar or different interests."

"The thing that's impressed me the most is how smoothly everything runs. There are rarely (if not any) occasions where people have not known what to do. Everything is organized very well. The staff have been very helpful to answer any questions I've had and I'd give the Learning Centre staff as the best example of this."

CVEA Girls Football

All girls' football in Sunderland is played in a Central Venue League at Kepier School and, resplendent in a new kit designed by our Year 8 players, the U13 squad travelled down to Houghton for their first two fixtures of the season. The girls have only really had 4-5 full training sessions together, but there is a strong group of players at U13 level who are sure to prove a match for many of the more experienced sides as the season progresses. They currently sit in the top third of the table with three games to go. With a bit of luck the U13s could really push for the top spot come the end of the season.

Our U14 squad have also done well considering the lack of experience and training time available. Whilst the emphasis is definitely on the development of the squad, as it is with all of our age groups, they could attain a really respectable position in the table with a couple more positive results.



Football Academy Skills Festival

Castle View Football Academy Skills Festival takes place as an annual event aimed at developing a range of core skills through master classes delivered by our in-house FA-qualified coaches. Pupils then showcase their talent in a range of conditioned games designed to enhance their tactical awareness of the game. Current Castle View Football Academy players assisted with the running of the event through the use of accurate demonstrations during drills and fair officiating of all games. This year the event hosted over 60 pupils from seven primary schools and was enjoyed by all of those who attended.



SAFC Youth Team

Three of our students have been selected to play for a Sunderland AFC team at a tournament in Belgium this December. They will be taking part in The Christmas Truce Tournament in Ypres, Belgium between the 10th and 13th December 2015 and will be involved with eight other players representing the City.

The students, Niall Palmer, Aaron Duell and Shae Quinn, have been selected for the roles they play in school as well as their dedication to playing for Sunderland Boys since Year 8 and for Aaron's representation of Durham County Schoolboy's this season.

Well done to all for being selected but unfortunately, due to recent European events, this has been postponed.



Year 9 Football

Fixture: CVEA 8 - Academy 360 2

Scorers: David Skinner 2, Aaron Cappellar 2, Jamie Turnbull 2, Tom Green 2

Stand out performance: David Skinner: two excellent goals taken from set piece play.

Strong performances across the whole team gave CVEA a well-deserved victory against Academy 360. CVEA demonstrated an excellent combination of skill and teamwork to take control of the game early. David Skinner scored two vital goals from set plays in the first half to settle any nerves in this first round cup match. In the second half further goals from Tom Green and Aaron Cappellar sealed the victory and secured a place in the next round of the cup against Kepier on the 20th November.



World Champion Kick Boxer

Zach is now a two-time Kick Boxing World Champion, a fantastic achievement and we are all very proud of him!

Zach has this to say; *"The World Championships were in Benidorm, Spain and I was there for a total of four days. I represented team Spartan and England. There were people from all over the world who were very talented. My main categories were age 12 and under 44KG, however I entered six categories and won two Golds, one Silver and 1 Bronze."*

"My main fight was to become World Champion and it was two, two-minute rounds in front of a large crowd. It was extremely tough but I managed to come out on top and win. It was an amazing experience."



Youngest Black Belt in the UK

Jade Keogh is the youngest person to receive a Black Belt in the UK.

This is Jade's journey to black belt:

- Orange belt grading - 6th August 2009
- Red belt grading - 12th April 2010
- Yellow belt grading - 19th July 2010
- Green belt grading - 1st November 2010
- Purple belt grading - 28th March 2011
- Purple belt 1 tag grading - 1st August 2011
- Brown belt grading - 27th November 2011
- Brown belt 1 tag grading - 13th April 2012
- Brown belt 2 tag grading - 12th August 2012
- Black belt grading - 7th August 2013

Jade has attended Karate for six years; she goes to classes five times a week.

Jade said *"I am the UK's youngest ever black belt, Karate has built up my confidence, I absolutely love Karate."*

We wish Jade all the luck in the future!!



County Cricket Cup Final

On Thursday 10th September 2015, Castle View Cricket Academy Under-15 team ventured into the unknown, their very first County Cup Final. Getting to this stage was already a massive achievement, all of the squad worked extremely hard to get to this position and were excited to compete in what would turn out to be a tense contest.

The final was played at Hetton Lyons Cricket Club, a fantastic Premier League ground which allowed for a high-quality game to unfold. The opposition was Teesdale Comprehensive School, who had performed above expectations to reach the final.

Cricket Academy captain, Elliott Campbell, won the toss and elected to bat first, a consistent plan that had served them well throughout the competition. Campbell, along with fellow opener David Cheverton, started well, facing up to a talented opening bowler partnership. Both batters looked solid in defence and put the bad ball away to the boundary. The wicket of Cheverton fell with the score on 22, which brought Luke Walmsley to the crease. He was quickly into his stride, scoring with relative ease, and at this point confidence appeared high. The CVEA innings progressed well, wickets fell with the score on 43, 88 and 91 in the 17th over. However, they were unable to capitalise in the final overs and only managed to muster a score of 97 for 6. A reasonable total nevertheless.

The second innings started well for CVEA, opening bowlers David Cheverton and Adam Newton bowled an immaculate line and length and kept runs to a minimum. This theme continued for the first 12 overs and the players were in good spirit and confident of winning a first title. The only slight concern was the lack of wickets taken. This concern was proven correct as the opposition started to score more freely knowing they had wickets in hand. Boundaries were a regular theme towards the end of the Teesdale innings and a tense last few overs were in store. Requiring thirteen from the final two overs, the Teesdale batters managed to reach their target with ease at the end of the 19th over.

Although Castle View Cricket Academy went on to lose the final, the squad should be very proud of their performance throughout the year. They have been on a fantastic journey, working from novice players, to some of the best in the county. We wish them all the best success with their cricket in the future.



CVEA Year 7 Football Team

The Year 7 Football Season for 2015/2016 has been a challenging one so far. The team started with a closely-fought game against St Aidan's A team, which was very touch and go with both teams taking the lead on separate occasions, but Castle View eventually managed to hold them to a 3 -3 draw.

However, games 2 – 4 were a different story. Our second game was against Monkwearmouth at home which we won 7 – 2; the boys played a very good game of two-touch precision passing. Our main striker Ellis Cowell was absent but Lewis Lukeman stepped up and produced some great strikes at goal.

Game 3 went the same way, beating Academy 360 again at home, 9 – 0. The players were outstanding, especially the likes of Callum Richardson and Thomas MacLaughlan, who between them bossed our defensive line brilliantly.

At this point I was starting to think that maybe the boys were comfortable only at home fixtures, but that was not the case.

Game 4 was Kepier away; this would be the challenge of being out of our comfort zone and away from home. The boys once again beat them 8 – 3 in a very mixed and challenging game. Once again another great team effort; Ellis and Lewis were particularly impressive sharing the bulk of the goals, with a single strike from Kai Innes and a headed goal from James Harrison.

Game 5 was our first League/Cup double fixture away to Sandhill View. Unfortunately, their 3G pitch was not available so we played it on the astro turf, again a fresh challenge for the boys used to natural and artificial grass. Sandhill's boys were bigger and more aggressive than any other teams we had played, but we dug deep and came away with a 3 -2 win...both keeping an unbeaten record and progressing further through the Cup stages.

Game 6 was another outstanding win from the team! They played at home to St Aidan's B team and won 8-0, Ellis and Luke sharing six goals between them. James was also on the score sheet again and Deacon Seafield scored his first goal for the team!

Game 7 was a nail-biting game! The Year 7 football squad came back from a 2 - 0 deficit to beat Red House Academy 3-2. This was their best victory by far, and the scalp needed to place us top of the league with seven wins and a draw under our belts. This game was the talk of the town with CVEA and Redhouse running neck and neck through the tournament, and clear front runners.

However, we mustn't get complacent as we still have matches to go.

In the short time the team has been together they have bonded as a group and continue to show great team spirit. The season has only just begun, and we are all looking forward to what lies ahead!



Year 11 Football

Year 11 Football Team are doing really well this year. They are undefeated and currently lie top of the City League.

They are also into the quarter-final of the City Cup with a fantastic 2-0 victory over local rivals Red House Academy. Both goals were scored by Niall Palmer but it was a great team effort.

A big thank you to the rather vocal support from Mr Ball and his sidekicks Mr Marshall and Mr Sawkill. Mr Marshall said he wants a season ticket! Great effort from the team.



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