



Once again all students gained five or more good qualifications with over 64% gaining them at A*-C including English and Maths. Castle View students sat their GCSE RE exam in Year 10 this year and showed how much they enjoyed the new-look RE curriculum which focuses on morals, points of view and modern life issues; 61% of them gained a Grade C or better. On the new Progress 8 accountability measure, CVEA students made more progress than their peers did nationally with a +0.12 score.



Sunderland's top performing GCSE student, Georgia Topping, who studied at Castle View Enterprise Academy, scored an astonishing twelve A stars and two A grades.

Georgia, described as "engaging and inspiring" by staff, proved to be not only academically gifted but excelled in many extra-curricular areas such as Musical Theatre, where she even managed to learn a lead part whilst studying for her final examinations. During her five years at Castle View Enterprise Academy, she proved to be a diligent, hard working student and her outstanding achievement has won her a bursary from the Durham Foundation Trust, which was established by the Academy's former Chair of Governors John Cuthbert. Georgia, who is now studying A Levels in Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Geography, is destined for a very bright future.

Her proud mother, Julie Topping, said "the outstanding results Georgia achieved have been the result of lots of hard work on her behalf, accompanied by outstanding support from all of the staff at CVEA. Georgia has enjoyed every moment of her time at the Academy; all of the teaching staff have been amazing, putting in hours and hours of extra time to help every student achieve their best. The Academy has provided endless opportunities, which Georgia has taken full advantage of, having visited: the Ukraine; Italy; France and Oxford during her time there. She was also an enthusiastic member of the Theatre Group and took part in every show and concert over her five years at the Academy."

Principal, Janet Bridges O.B.E, said "Georgia and the Year 11 cohort has set the standard for the future of Castle View Enterprise Academy."



Remembrance Week

Armistice Day approached with added poignancy this year following the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, in which Britain suffered over 57,000 casualties on the first day of battle. Appropriately, our CCF cadets had planned a number of activities throughout Remembrance Week that would help to bring Remembrance to the forefront of people's minds throughout the whole community.

Assemblies

We were once again extremely fortunate to have assemblies delivered to each of the year groups by Major Graeme Heron, Vice President of the Fusiliers Association. This is now the third year that Major Heron has taken Remembrance assemblies and, as an avid historian who has led tours to the majority of the major European Battlefields, he brings to life the history behind the reason for Remembrance and the sacrifices of the fallen.



Following our final assembly on Armistice Day our cadets held a small parade with the remainder of the school and joined the nation in silence. Head Boy Jake Hutchinson and Cadet David Parker delivered the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph over the school public address system, whilst staff and students gathered around the Academy to pay their respects.



Hylton Castle Primary School

Our CCF has had a number of new additions over the last twelve months and one of our new Cadet Force Adult Volunteers, 2nd Lieutenant Aly Atkinson, invited our cadets to deliver a Remembrance assembly to all of the children at her school, Hylton Castle Primary. Our cadets gave a presentation about the importance of 'Poppy Day' and were asked a number of tasking questions from a very bright and attentive audience of under-11s! Later on the children came to CVEA to help with our biggest Remembrance project to date - the Remembrance Wood.



Remembrance Day Parade - Mowbray Park

On Sunday 13th November our cadets gathered in Sunderland for what has become the largest Remembrance parade outside of London. Our cadets once again represented CVEA fantastically well. Cadet Lance Corporal Elise Hunter laid a wreath on behalf of the CCF and wider Academy before our CCF brought up the rear of a huge parade of Regular and Reserve units and the many veterans' branches from the community. It was a proud moment for our cadets as they were applauded by the thousands who had gathered when they marched through the city following the service. Following the parade it was wonderful to meet up with Captain Alex Hendry, Chairman of the Sunderland branch of the Fusiliers Association, and the many Fusilier veterans who had taken part. The 'Fusilier Family' was fully represented on the steps of the cenotaph as veterans, serving members of Fifth Fusiliers and cadets all joined together.



Remembrance Wood

Earlier in the year our CCF received a number of WWI lessons from the MoD's project team delivering 'Operation Reflect', aimed at educating young people about WWI and the 100th anniversary of the Somme in schools across the country. As part of this year's Remembrance activities we therefore decided to mark the 100th anniversary with a parade and memorial of some sort. With the help of Colonel Hewitt, a retired Army Officer and current Woodland Trust Coordinator, we were very kindly provided with over 600 trees, stakes and supports and set about clearing an acre of scrubland at the rear of the Academy grounds in order to plant 'Remembrance Wood'. Our cadets laid out the wood and, with the help of the children of Hylton Castle Primary, we started the arduous task of planting. Staff, students and their families were offered the opportunity to plant trees and lay memorial crosses for a small donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and we held a parade and memorial service on Friday 11th November to officially open and dedicate the wood. Principal, Mrs Janet Bridges OBE, was joined in planting trees to officially dedicate Remembrance Wood by The Mayor of the City of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson, the Vice President of the Fusiliers Association, Major Graeme Heron and a pupil representative from Hylton Castle Primary School, Miss Sophie Wright. Students, friends and families and members of the local community gathered to take part in the memorial service. A minutes silence was impeccably observed following a haunting bugle delivery of 'The Last Post' by Sergeant Hindmarsh of Northumbria ACF. We hope the Remembrance Wood will become a quiet and peaceful area that everybody in the community can visit in order to reflect and remember lost loved ones.



Prom Evening

The Year 11 Prom Evening was held at the Ramside Hall Hotel & Spa. On Thursday 30 June staff and students dressed in their finest to attend a wonderful celebration to say farewell to the class of 2016.

It was a very exciting evening as everyone anticipated the arrivals, with spectacular gowns, suits, hair, make-up and various modes of transport!

Guests were served a two-course dinner in the marquee followed by photographs and a disco.

All too soon the music ended, the carriages arrived and it was time to say goodbye! Well done to the Prom Committee for organising such a memorable evening.



Challenge Day

On Wednesday 19 October students took part in the first Challenge Day for this academic year. The Academy's sixteenth event since opening, continued in the success of previous Challenge Days. Students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities that focussed on 'British Values and Character Education' helping them become responsible, caring, and contributing citizens.

- Year 7 activities included First Aid, Global Citizenship and Tolerance.
- Year 8 activities included Social Enterprise, Personal Safety and International Art and Customs.
- Year 9 activities included Citizenship, Slavery, Leadership and British Value Ceramic Tags.
- Year 10 activities included working with employers and developing employability skills.



Nissan Day

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



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



PPE issued and instructions given!

For safety we had to wear protective caps and high-vis jackets



We had a tour of the plant and followed the build of a Nissan Juke and the Electric Leaf car.

We learned to become an engineer you require good grades in maths, science and DT.



CPR Day

On Tuesday 18 October the North East Ambulance Service, working in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation, gave the Academy students the opportunity to take part in the regional event 'Restart a Heart Day'.

Students carried out Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, commonly known as CPR, the emergency procedure that combines chest compression often with artificial ventilation, measures taken to restore spontaneous blood circulation and breathing into a person who is in cardiac arrest.

The day was a great opportunity to work with a paramedic for the day and take part in promoting the importance of First Aid with our young people.



Farran's Construction Bridges

Students had the opportunity to take part in an engineering activity with Farran's Construction, who are working on the new Wear Crossing, one of the largest construction projects in the North East. Students split into two teams and nominated a Site Manager to lead each team to construct a swing bridge. The students had a productive morning and gained valuable work experience and had the opportunity to speak to Civil Engineering Graduates about what is required to progress a career in the industry.

At the end of the activity the students had the opportunity to relax in SAFC Players' Lounge.



Young People's State of City Debate

8,002 young people in Sunderland voted for the following top five issues to be debated in Sunderland's Young People's State of the City Debate, on Friday 25th November 2016;

- A curriculum to prepare us for life
- Votes at 16
- Tackling racism and religious discrimination
- Mental Health
- Stop cuts that affect the NHS

Beth, Nieve, Farrell, Rhys (all Year 8) and Dane (Year 9) represented CVEA by taking part in the debate and shared their views on each of the issues discussed.



We arrived at Sunderland Civic Centre and had refreshments before entering the Council Chamber where the meeting was to be held. All of the staff were asked to go up to the Gallery and watch the debate. We all felt nervous; the room was big and very posh! We took our seats and waited for the debate to start.

The five issues to be discussed were introduced in turn by young people from Sunderland Youth Parliament. The floor was then opened for questions and the debate started. We listened to what was said first then one-by-one we built up the courage to join in and share our thoughts. Each person had to be given permission to speak by the Chair of the meeting; we had to give our name, age and the school we attended before sharing our views. Everyone listened to what was being said, some people agreed with others and some people had a different opinion but it was really good to hear what people thought. After all of the issues had been debated it was now time to vote.

Curriculum to prepare us for Life was voted as the priority issue for Sunderland Youth Parliament to work on in 2016/2017.



Year 7 Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 30 September 2016 Year 7 students took part in the Academy's eighth "World's Largest Coffee Morning" for Macmillan Cancer Support.



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.

Residents of St Margaret's Court held a bric-a-brac sale and kindly donated all of their £126.00 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 £720.69, the highest amount raised for the event ever!

Thank you to all of our supporters!



I'm in for Will Zip Wire

Fifteen staff, students (past and present), family and friends did a zip slide from the Tyne Bridge in Newcastle to raise much-needed research funds for the charity 'I'm in for Will'. William Calvert is four years-old and has Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. Staff and students from the school wanted to raise as much money as possible and be daredevils for the afternoon.



The event took place during a fine spell in the day on Sunday 16th October and everyone had a fantastic experience. One-by-one in our orange t-shirts we encouraged, motivated, shouted and screamed for one another as we pushed ourselves off the bridge! Woo hoo.... we were off like star fish as we zipped down towards HMS Calliope. William loved watching everyone fly towards him from the bridge but his favourite was Superman! The event was supported by friends, family and school staff who came along to help settle any nerves...there were a few!



The target amount the team was striving to raise was £3,000. This has been smashed with a total so far of £3,510.40. The team wishes to thank everyone for their donations and sponsorship for a very special little boy.

Community Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 6th December Let's Get Cooking Club commenced the annual Community Christmas Lunch preparations by making sweet mince crumble treats. There was a festive, fun atmosphere as everyone weighed, rubbed, mixed, stirred and baked while chatting about Christmas and their family traditions. The delicious aroma of oranges and cinnamon spread throughout the room as each tray bake was brought from the oven. The treats were packaged and finished off with gift tags and bows ready for the special guests.



Pictured are;
Lucie Hutchinson, Caitlin Jenkins, Katie Jones, Louie Marriner, Robyn Meagan, Sol Nicholson, Leah Potter, Ella Preston, Tyler Sutherland, Sam Snowdon with Mrs Payne and Mrs Robson



The next morning Mr Reed, Mrs Gill and some Year 7 students gathered to create reindeer cupcakes. The group used a biscuit and sweets to create a face on the cupcake and attached pretzels for antlers to complete the cute reindeer. The finished cakes were beautifully presented in individual gift boxes that would also be given to each of the guests.

The Duke of Edinburgh students were busy decorating the Christmas trees around the Academy and setting the tables for the Lunch later in the day. Local residents of St Margaret's Court and neighbours of the Academy were invited to attend the festive afternoon.

Duke of Edinburgh students Leah Davison Pullan, Abbey Ferry, Ellis Hodgson, Zanda Johnson, Rebecca Kelly, Melissa Olmez, Laura Barber, Natasha Applegarth, Hannah Sewell, Chloe Trethewey, Leyla Trethewey and Thomas Rodgerson took charge of the event and provided a beautifully decorated room and first-class service of a three course Christmas Lunch prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff.

The choir along with Mrs French provided festive entertainment that was enjoyed by all. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon and gave meaning to Christmas and our core values;

Hope, Joy, Share, Give, Smiles, Love, Compassion



Cricket Academy Award Dinner

On Thursday 7th July, Castle View Cricket Academy held its third Annual Awards Dinner. The evening of joy witnessed current students and those who are budding cricketers from link primary schools celebrate their successes.

Following another excellent three-course meal, students from Castletown Primary and West Boldon Primary were inducted into Castle View Cricket Academy and will begin the next phases of their journey in September. All of these students have successfully completed the Talent Identification Process and are very much looking forward to joining Castle View Enterprise Academy.



Guests were treated to a range of in-house performances from some of our Performing Arts students, who showcased their talents with confidence and maturity; before listening to our special guest, Mr Ian Nairn, (England Physical Disability Cricket Captain). Iain shared his stories of winning the recent T20 World Cup as well as telling guests about his own route through the game; Iain was a real inspiration to all.

The evening concluded with acknowledgement being made to the Class of 2016, which comprised nine students who were the first to complete the Cricket Academy journey. These students are outstanding young men who are role models to many. They remain a credit to themselves, Castle View Cricket Academy and their parents.



Football Academy Awards Dinner

On Thursday 19th May, Castle View Enterprise Academy hosted its inaugural Football Academy Awards Dinner for Football Academy players and their parents.

Also in attendance were students and parents from partner primary schools across the region, to celebrate their commitment to Castle View Football Academy's (CVFA's) Talent Identification Programme.

CVFA welcomed special guests and North East Football legends Gary Bennett and Julio Arca. Gary and Julio answered questions from pupils and parents about how their careers had progressed over time.



An entertaining evening was complemented with first-class in-house catering as the guests enjoyed a three-course meal, with wonderfully attentive service from our newly-appointed Lead Students. Awards were presented for most improved, most coachable, wider Academy contribution and player of the year KS3 and KS4.

As well as this, year 6 Northern Saints pupils Fletcher Potter and Jamie Grant, were inducted into the Football Academy to start in September and received their ties from the Principal, Mrs Bridges.



Another Success for Football Academy

Thomas Green achieved a place within Castle View Football Academy in 2014. This is our elite football development programme and he was part of the original cohort of pupils to be accepted. Castle View Football Academy strives to provide pupils with regular high-quality coaching, mentoring and competitive opportunities. Since being accepted, Thomas has continued to work hard both in training and matches to improve his football skills. At the end of the 2014 season Thomas gained a place in the Sunderland District Schoolboys team. He had a fantastic season and was part of a team that progressed to the Regional Cup final. In 2015, Thomas was granted the honour of being named Football Academy captain. He led by example throughout the 2015/16 season and finished the season as top goal scorer and most match-play assists within both the year 9 team and the Football Academy squad. Thomas went on to receive Football Academy Player of the Year for the 2015/16 season at our annual Football Academy Dinner.

Through his continued hard work both within the Castle View Football Academy and at his club team, this academic year Thomas received an opportunity to undertake a six-week trial with Newcastle United Football Club. During the trial, Thomas impressed all involved with his excellent football ability and dedication to improving in a sport he loves. Since then he has recently been awarded a formal contract with Newcastle United Football Club. This is an outstanding achievement and on behalf of myself and everyone at Castle View Enterprise Academy I would like to congratulate Thomas and wish him every success with this exciting opportunity.



Mr L. Tumelty

City Cross Country Finals

Students were a credit to the Academy and performed very well in the appalling wet conditions. In three out of four races we had pupils finish in the top ten which meant those pupils have now gained a position to represent Sunderland and CVEA in the Regional finals at Barnard Castle in January.

Those who made the regionals were Alex Fawkes, Fran Procter, Jack Ramshaw, Theo Weiss and Jay Morrow.



CVEA vs Dyke House

Date: Friday 11th November

Competition: 3rd Round National Cup

Versus: Dyke House (home)

Castle View Football Academy hosted Dyke House in the third round of the National Cup on Friday 11th November. As it is a knockout competition both teams were focused from the start and with a large crowd watching, there was a real sense of excitement surrounding the game. Both teams battled it out with CVEA taking a 2-0 lead by half time. Dyke House worked hard to bring the game back level to 2-2. Extra time could not separate the teams and it was penalties that decided the result of the fixture. CVEA narrowly missed out, losing 5-3 on penalties. It was an excellent performance and as the Football Academy Lead I was very impressed with the performance of the squad.

Well done to all those involved.

Mr L Tumelty

Full Time: CVEA 2 – 2 Dyke House

Penalties: CVEA 3 - 5 Dyke House

Scorer: Thomas Green (2)



Year 7 Girls Netball

The Year 7 netball team have made a fantastic start to the season. They have played three games so far this term and have outwitted their opponents easily. They are a very talented group of girls. They beat Monkwearmouth, 6 - 2, Academy 360 11- 0 and Biddick 8 - 0.



Inter House Cross Country

The inter-house cross country event took place as an intra-school competition in year 7, 8 and 9 lessons. Many students exceeded expectations with some excellent performances, at times in challenging conditions. Well done to all who participated.

Fontburn 1st - 9 points

Kielder 2nd - 6 points

Derwent 3rd - 3 points



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