

Competition time

It's competition time again. In this edition of 'Castle Views' newsletter we would like you to use your imagination and come up with a name for the new hairdressing salon, which will be situated in the new academy building.

To be in with a chance of winning sports vouchers all you have to do is complete the entry form below and hand it in to reception at Castle View School.

GOOD LUCK!

Your suggestion for the name of the new Academy salon

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Your name

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Current school

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Castle Views

The Castle View Enterprise Academy Newsletter

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Roadshows - A roaring success!

In the last edition of the Castle Views newsletter you may recall that we advertised Castle View Enterprise Academy's presence at the recent primary school parents evenings. We were overwhelmed by the amount of parents who visited the Academy's stand to take a look at the progress being made with the building and also to speak with the new Principal, Janet Bridges, about Castle View Enterprise Academy. We would like to say a big thanks to all those parents who passed on their comments and suggestions to us. Mr & Mrs Champken, pictured right with their daughter Sarah along with Janet Bridges and Judith Burrup of Castle View Enterprise Academy, have kindly contributed the following statement:



"All her life, our daughter has shown an extraordinary thirst for knowledge and excelled in all areas of education. She has consistently recorded outstanding results in all tests and examinations she has taken. As concerned parents, my wife and I are determined to do everything in our power to help our daughter continue this trend throughout her secondary education. Not so long ago we were both of one mind - she would not be attending Castle View. We had already placed her name on the lists of several private schools, such as Royal Grammar School in Newcastle in the hope that we would qualify for a bursary. That was until we attended the presentation evening for the new Castle View Enterprise Academy. Talk about ticking all the boxes! From the outset of an informative and entertaining evening our concerns and fears were systematically allayed. The new Principal, Janet Bridges and the sponsors gave us both a new found belief that our daughter's education, safety and well-being were in the safest of hands. The strict but fair approach outlined in the presentation was just what we wanted to hear. Policies surrounding uniform, discipline, security, bullying, etc were excellent. The state of the art science facilities were of great interest to Sarah and the pledge to meet individual needs of pupils gave us no hesitation in deciding that Castle View Enterprise Academy was the place for her. We are fully aware that there are bound to be teething problems at the beginning, but, we have a confidence that any concerns we may have will be met with understanding and consideration. I know I speak for both my daughter and my wife in saying that we look forward to the opening of the Academy and will do all we can to help make it a success."

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The Academy has a Complaints Policy & Procedure which is available at the above address on request

New Finance, Facilities & Operations Director appointed



Castle View Enterprise Academy are pleased to announce the appointment of Judith Burrup, the new Finance, Facilities & Operations Director. Judith joins us from Stanley School of Technology where she worked alongside the new Principal, Janet Bridges, for six years. Prior to this she has worked at Durham Johnston School and Wolsingham Comprehensive School and has gained a total of 16 years experience in an educational background, however, Judith has over 26 years of experience in the Finance & Operations Management arena. Judith is also a fully qualified School Business Manager.

New Vice Principal (Transformation & Standards) appointed



Castle View Enterprise Academy are also pleased to announce the appointment of Caroline Jennings, the new Vice Principal for Transformation & Standards. Caroline gained her degree and post graduate certificate in education at University in Liverpool where she accepted her first teaching post. She has been a teacher for 14 years and has taught in schools from as far a field as Essex and Kent but returned to the North East four years ago to work for the local authority in Middlesbrough. She is trained as a Technology Teacher but has had other roles that have included Pastoral Deputy, Curriculum Deputy and School Improvement Advisor for Behaviour and Attendance. Caroline is very excited about the new challenges ahead.

Topping Out Ceremony



Castle View School students were treated to a visit from a footballing legend at the recent 'Topping Out Ceremony' to celebrate the completion of the roof at the new Academy building.



Niall Quinn came along to perform the traditional ceremony which involves placing a yew tree on the roof of the building to bring good luck to all staff and students who will be moving into the Academy in September 2009.



Niall said, "Have some real pride in your new building" and told the students, "You're all going off on a journey now and who knows where you'll end up! Some of you could end up living in America, some of you will stay in this area all your lives, but, whatever happens and whatever you determine your journey will be, how you get there will have a huge bearing on how your schooling went because the next few years are some of the most important, just when you are becoming adults. I know that some of you sitting here won't pay much attention and will say you'll go where you go but some of you will have great dreams and great vision and that will all start in this wonderful new building that you'll all be moving into."



He went on to say, "I would like to wish everyone here the very best and to tell you to use the new building and be very proud of it. Wherever you travel in your life, around the world, around England, wherever it may be, you will know that you came from a great place where there is great pride and a great school."



John Mowbray from Northumbrian Water presented Niall Quinn with a cheque for the SAFC Foundation, which is Sunderland AFC's official charity, to thank Niall and all at the football club for their fantastic support and backing of the new Academy.



Niall rounded off the day by saying, "One of the great things that comes out of Sunderland, when you are all finishing your journey through school and starting to make your own way in the world, is that big Sunderland smile on your face! So, whatever happens to your football club, your region or your life in general, remember that you have great belief here and in your heart. There are times when you have to smile no matter how bad things can seem to be getting, we've got to stick out our chests and go for things in life."



"The one message I would like to leave you all with is to carry the school wherever you go, carry the school's vision and the pride and you will all certainly go places."

Staff Development Sessions



Ms Binyon, Ms Sell, Mrs Smith, Ms Parkin, Miss Burrup and Miss Jennings all working very hard at a recent Staff Development residential which was held at The Hilton Hotel in Gateshead.

Preparations are well under way for the development of the curriculum at the new Castle View Enterprise Academy. Staff are working extremely hard at weekend residentials to plan and prepare schemes of work, lesson plans and assessments for all students before the Academy is ready to open in September 2009.

Over the next term the Academy will experience a pre-opening OfSTED Inspection to ensure everything is ready on time and that we meet all of the statutory requirements.

New Academy - new uniform



As parents are already aware, Castle View Enterprise Academy opens its doors in September 2009 and as part of the new look school we are introducing a new uniform for all students who will be attending the Academy. We believe that by getting the children used to wearing a smart, business-like uniform will stand them in good stead for the world of work when they eventually leave the Academy.

We also realise that it's not always easy to find the money to buy new clothes for your child, let alone a new school uniform so we have worked extremely hard in negotiations with a number of local uniform suppliers to get the best possible deal available for parents and we are confident that we have not only achieved this but we haven't compromised on the quality and durability of the uniform either.



We will be writing to all parents of students who will be attending the Academy to inform them of the proposed uniform collection dates for all year groups at the school. As we have no facility for accepting credit card or cheque payments, all uniform orders will need to be paid for in cash on the day of collection. If any parents have any difficulties in paying for the whole order then please speak to one of the supervising staff on the day who will be more than happy to assist with payment arrangements. For those parents who weren't able to attend the recent fashion shows we have included pictures of the new uniform.

Oceans of Fun for Castle View students



Castle View students were given the chance to experience a splash of Olympic stardust at the Oceans of Fun event in Sunderland. The event was run by Olympic swimming medalist Steve Parrys' Total Swimming for Northumbrian Water, Everyday Swim and ASA Swim NE and was designed to inspire a new generation to follow a healthy and active lifestyle. With the 2012 Olympiad already underway, around 200 children from all over the North East were introduced to the Olympic sports of swimming, water polo, diving and synchronised swimming. They also learned about life saving and water safety with expert tuition from a host of Olympic and Commonwealth games medalists.



The event was held in two locations on the same day on 2nd December 2008. The morning session took place at the state of the art aquatic centre in Sunderland, next to the Stadium of Light. Over 120 children, aged between 9 and 14, experienced meeting their Olympic heroes at one of the country's best facilities. The students had the chance to race an Olympian and then finished their day by posing for photographs and getting autographs from the athletes.



Meet the Trust Board



Janet Bridges - Principal

Janet Bridges will be the new Principal of Castle View Enterprise Academy when it opens its doors in September 2009. Gateshead born Janet will work with lead sponsor Northumbrian Water and co-sponsor Sunderland City Council to set up the Academy, which is being built on the existing site at Castle View School.

Janet was a graduate of Newcastle University and taught in schools in Northumberland and Easington before she became head teacher at Stanley School of Technology in 2002. Janet was sad to leave Stanley but is relishing the challenge of a new Academy and working with a new set of students, parents and the wider community.



John Cuthbert - Chair of the Trust Board

Managing Director of Northumbrian Water Group plc since 2001 which includes Northumbrian Water Limited of which he is also Managing Director.

John joined the water industry in 1991 and became Managing Director of North East Water in 1993 before moving to sister company Essex and Suffolk Water as Managing Director in 1996. Before joining the water industry John qualified as a chartered accountant and subsequently worked in the retail and process sectors and he has an MBA from Durham University Business School as well as a degree in Physics from Sunderland Polytechnic. John is also involved in the following:

- Chairman of The Northern Business Forum
- Chairman of the Kielder Partnership
- Vice Chairman Durham University Council
- Member of CBI regional Council
- Member of North East Business in the Community Leadership Team
- Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham
- Associate Director of CDDC

Building progress update



As you can now see from these pictures, the new Academy is taking shape. The roofing works are substantially complete with only minor soffits, flashings and facias to be finished. The vast majority of brick and blockwork is also now complete.

Curtain walling and windows are finished but some external doors still need to be completed. The installation of mechanical and electrical equipment is progressing really well and the internal decoration of the building is now underway. All ceilings and bulkheads are progressing well too and the sample classroom is also now complete.



Councillor Tom Foster - Vice Chair of the Trust Board

Councillor Foster is married with three grown up children and one grandson. He has lived in the area all his life and has also served as a ward councillor for many years. He has been a Governor for some considerable time and is currently Chair of Governors.

His first employment was as a mechanic at Hylton Colliery and he remained in heavy engineering until his recent early retirement. Councillor Foster also represents the City of Sunderland on the Northumbria Police Authority.

Councillor Foster stated, "The prospect of our new Academy within a purpose built facility is perhaps the most exciting and promising thing to happen for our children and future generations to come."

"I am sure everyone's aspirations and our young people can rise to the level of attainment we know they are capable of. So here's to a wonderful future for all our children at the Academy."



John Mowbray

John is currently Director of Corporate Affairs at Northumbrian Water. He originally joined the Sunderland & South Shields Water Company as an accountant and has worked in a number of different areas of the business over the years. His team acts as a link between the company and everyone else in the community, letting them know what the company is doing and its future plans. He is very involved locally as a Director or Trustee of a number of local organisations and is Vice President of the North East Chamber of Commerce. He supports a number of local charities and particularly WaterAid, the Percy Hedley Foundation and the SAFC Foundation. He lives in Sunderland and went to a school near to Castle View many years ago! He is married with two children and his interests include reading, walking, socialising and watching sport. He has been a dedicated Sunderland fan for over 40 years!



Brian Manning

Brian has worked for 17 years (straight from school) for a national civil engineering contractor, Monk, starting off as a Site Engineer and ending up as a Contracts Manager. He then moved to a local Esh Winning based contractor, Lumsden & Carroll in 1990 as General Manager. Lumsden & Carroll became founder members of the Esh Group in 1999. The group plays an active part in the community having developed a number of award winning training and employment schemes such as 'Fit for Employment', for school age people and 'Fit for Employment Again' for the older, out of work people. Brian has a belief that the problems in our region stem from young people having low aspirations and schooling being solely aimed at achieving educational standards rather than preparing students for life after school. Outside of work he is a keen 5-a-side footballer and a member of Brancepeth Golf Club. Although he lives in Sunderland, Brian is a Newcastle fan by virtue of the fact he is a South Shields lad.



Louise Hunter

Louise was born and grew up in Blyth, Northumberland. She moved to Edinburgh where she gained an honours degree in Accountancy, Finance and Economics at Heriot-Watt University. Louise worked as a trainee Chartered Accountant for KPMG Edinburgh Financial Sector Audit Department for four years, working on a variety of audit, due diligence, corporate finance projects and pensions advisory projects. Louise then moved back to the North East in June 2002 to take up a position with Business in the Community as Head of Business Development in the North East. Her role here was mainly concerned with advising large companies on Corporate Social Responsibility issues. In March 2006, she joined Northumbrian Water to create and lead their corporate responsibility function. She is currently Head of Corporate Responsibility at the water company, leading two small teams in Essex and Durham to manage and coordinate all of the companies environmental policies, partnerships, sponsorships and volunteering activities. Louise currently lives in Gosforth with her husband and two year old daughter.



Niels Vinther

Niels is CEO for the UK Manufacturing part of the Grundfos UK operation. The Grundfos Group is a Danish multi-national company with sales, as well as production companies, all over the world representing a turnover in excess of £2 billion and with over 17,000 employees. They are responsible for producing a variety of pumping systems within the industries of agriculture, domestic, municipal and waste water management. He is a Danish national and he moved to England in 1991 to take over responsibilities of the UK Manufacturing operation. Niels has also been a non-Executive Director of Sunderland Business & Innovation Centre for 10 years, a Director on the national Main Board of EEF Ltd and past President of The EEF Northern & Manufacturers organisation. He has worked for Grundfos since 1971, previously in the Danish operation. Niels was born in 1948 in Viborg, Denmark, educated as an Electrical Engineer and holds a degree in Business Economics. Niels is a keen long distance walker and enjoys most associated outdoor activities.



Andy White

Andy currently lives in Sunderland, near to where he attended school. He served an engineering apprenticeship with global engineering firm TRW at their local site in Washington before going onto serve in management roles with a further two global engineering companies working across the UK. Andy is currently part of the senior management team operating as Business and Commercial Manager for the global building services company, Rotary. Andy has lived local to the school for around six years and is currently serving as a School Governor to Castletown Primary School, which is a feeder school to the Academy, where both of his children attend. He has been heavily involved with local sports teams in the surrounding area also. Andy's aspirations for the Academy is to create a truly world class learning facility to allow the children to fulfil their potential and give them the best possible start in life.



Professor Ian Neal

Ian is a Professor of Higher Education and Associate Dean (Head of Research, External Engagement and Resources) of the Faculty of Education and Society at the University of Sunderland. His career started as a research psychologist in Staffordshire and he then trained as a teacher. Ian began teaching in a large Merseyside Comprehensive School before moving to Cambridgeshire. Ian initially taught science and later taught computing and IT, becoming head of IT in the mid-eighties. He later worked at the University of Cambridge, researching and developing schemes of achievement recording. He then moved to the University of Sunderland in 1992 as Senior Lecturer and was later promoted to Principal Lecturer in Education. In his professional life he has travelled widely, providing educational consultancy for governments and other agencies such as the United Nations and the British Council in South America, Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as most other countries in Europe. Ian's main research interests are web-based learning, Management of Education and competence-based assessment in Higher Education.