



Castle Views

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Class of 2010!



Castle View Enterprise Academy is proud to announce some fantastic GCSE results for 2010. Infact, they are not only fantastic, but our **BEST GCSE RESULTS EVER!**

Our Year 11 students proved what a combination of hard work, commitment and determination can achieve by surpassing all previous GCSE results achieved in Castle View's history. It's a huge first step in laying the foundations of an Academy that we hope, one day, will not only be the best in Sunderland but one of the best in the whole country.

All the staff here have achieved this by working extremely hard to drive success and promote our set of strong Core Values to the students in order to help secure the best possible education and future for them all.

The results that have been achieved are phenominal when you consider that the students have had to deal with a transition into a new building, along with various changes to the school day and timetable.

They have made us all very proud and we now look to build on our success for the 2010 - 2011 academic year.

5A* - C
including
Maths & English
43%

5A* - C
Grades Overall
86%

5A* - G
Grades
100%

Sports' Enterprise Challenge



Castle View Enterprise Academy, in conjunction with Northumbrian Water, the Academy's lead sponsor, and the Newcastle Eagles' Basketball Team, sent 24 of its students from Year 10 on a 2-month Sports' and Enterprise Challenge. Mr Travis and Mrs Hall accompanied the students who were taken on a tour of the Newcastle Arena by the Newcastle Eagles' Chairman, Paul Blake.

The initial visit was to give the students an insight into the world of business, with particular attention to the retailing sector. The students task was to take part in a merchandising challenge which would culminate in them selling their chosen items at the Newcastle Eagles' Basketball game against Worthing Thunder in April, 2010.

This group of students were divided into two teams. The first team decided to sell a range of glow products and sports' horns. The other team devised a foam basketball with points on the side. This was designed to wave around whenever the Eagles scored a basket.

The students gained a lot of positives and a real insight into the world of business from this experience. They were absolutely brilliant throughout the challenge and a real credit to the Academy. Another positive was when Mr Blake commented on how smart the students looked in their Castle View uniforms. Our students certainly are getting noticed out there!



Help for Heroes' Benefit Night



Mr Willis worked alongside the Performing Arts' team and a group of very talented students to organise an evening of entertainment for the Academy and the local community to enjoy.

Staff also took part in the event with the students and had the chance to showcase their singing and dancing abilities. Tickets were completely sold out for the performance and along with generous donations and the sale of raffle tickets a total of £500 was raised and donated to the Help for Heroes' Foundation.

We would like to say a big, "Thank you," to everyone who participated, came to watch and donated money.

Community Litterpick in Castletown



On a cold, grey Monday morning in May, fourteen students from Castle View Enterprise Academy, Brendan King (Community Neighbourhood Officer), Mrs Meek, Learning Support Assistant at the Academy and Mrs Smith, the Beyond School Leader & Manager volunteered their services to conduct a litter pick of the local area surrounding Castletown shops.

The team donned their fashionable litter-picking attire and set about sprucing up the area! The students were very keen to collect as much litter as possible, picking up rubbish from the pavements, the side of the road and even foraging in the bushes and shrubs to get as much litter as possible. The team were able to collect ten sacks full of litter from the area and received a lot of positive comments from the local residents and passers by along the way.

The aim for the students is to repeat the activity in Hylton Castle, Downhill and the Hylton Dene. Hopefully, it will be a warm, sunny day next time!

As part of the Academy's personal development programme, students are encouraged to complete a series of ten different achievements in their 'Passport to Success'. By taking part in the Community Litterpick project, they have not only shown great community spirit but have also taken one step closer to completing their passports.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all students involved. Well done!

Hedgehog Day Mayor's Award Students



The Mayor's Award students worked with Mrs Smith to turn a 'yummy' chocolate cake into a hedgehog!

The students made lashings of chocolate butter cream and spread it all over the chocolate cake. The hedgehog's nose was formed from a big blob of cream and then, using a knife, the students carved spikes all over the remainder of the body. To finish off the job, a black midget gem was placed at the end of the nose and two jelly beans were used for the hedgehog's eyes.

The group worked very well together and a great effort was made by all, including Miss Cockburn!

If you would like to participate in an after school activity then please contact Mrs Smith.

NSPCC and Childline Fundraiser

Students from Year 10 organised a raffle during the World Cup this year. Our sponsor, Northumbrian Water, arranged for an England football shirt signed by Wayne Rooney as the main prize.

The raffle was open to all staff and students at the Academy as well as the feeder Primary Schools and the local community. In total, a huge £500 was raised and donated to the NSPCC and Childline, two very worthy causes close to a lot of hearts.

Again, we would like to say thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

Sport & House Awards

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The Host with the Most!

Mr Travis shows off the Restaurant (and his tuxedo!)



The Sport & House Awards' Evening proved to be a roaring success, in fact, so much so that the Academy are making this an annual event.

The evening was attended by over 170 people including staff and VIPs, councillors, parents and students. The Awards' Ceremony concluded with a presentation, by the Academy Principal, Mrs Bridges, to Spencer Shevlin for representing England Schoolboys at football then another presentation by John Cuthbert (Chair of the Academy Trust Board) to Chloe Tiffin for her National Gymnastics' achievements.

A special mention must also go to Year 9 student Alan Begg for being the only student to attend every house event this year! Well done Alan. A great effort!



The evening was devised to celebrate a fantastic year of achievement by some of the students in the Academy. Awards, ranging from Sportsman of the Year to the House competition winners, were presented to the students.

The evening began with an introductory speech by Mrs Bridges, then a short film about the glory of sport was shown to a captive audience of students, their parents and teaching staff.



The kitchen staff, along with some workers from Sunderland City Council and a selected group of Lead Students served all 21 tables with a three-course dinner. The students who served the tables were the epitome of professionalism and looked like they had been waiting on tables for years!



The Awards' Ceremony started straight after the meal with 17 separated trophies awarded across 13 categories. The evening was rounded off superbly by Miss Warburton singing her version the Snow Patrol hit single, 'Run' with a video backdrop of some famous sporting moments from around the world.

It was a fantastic night, one we can hopefully better at next year's Sport & House Awards.

Category	Winner
Sportsman of the Year 2010	Spencer Shevlin
Sportswoman of the Year 2010	Samantha McKenzie
Most Improved Male 2010	Jack Bennett
Most Improved Female 2010	Emma Banks
Girls' Football 2010	Natasha Mooney
Boys' Football 2010	Kevin Simpson
Netball 2010	Christie Moon
Cricket 2010	Michael Davies
Most Valuable Person 2010 – Derwent	Callum Atkinson
Most Valuable Person 2010 – Fontburn	Hannah Ratcliffe
Most Valuable Person 2010 – Kielder	Thomas McManus
John Cuthbert Special Award 2010	Chloe Tiffin
Special Achievement Award 2010	Spencer Shevlin
House Photography 2010	Eric Oliver
House Cookery 2010	Christie Moon
House Chess 2010	John Sampson
House Creative Writing 2010	Robyn Elvidge
House Talent Show 2010	The Actuals (Tom Knox, Jack McGowan, Andrew Clennell & Shaun Chipp)
Special Award 2010	Alan Begg



Derwent Hill 2010



The annual residential visit to Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre in the Lake District took place between the 19th and the 23rd of July, 2010.

Group Leaders, Neil Travis, Gillian Dickinson, Andrew McLean and Angela Swan took 40 students from years 7 through to 10 and had a superb time in a wide variety of weathers! The GCSE Year 10 open canoeists made excellent progress with 3 students gaining full marks; Tom Knox, Kurt Johnson and Ryan McCormick. Amazingly, Ryan gained full marks and he commented, "I didn't even know what an open canoe was on Monday!"

All other students spent the week on Gorge Scrambles, Mountain Journeys, the High Challenge and either canoeing or kayaking days.

A fantastic time was had by all of the students and staff!

