



# Castle Views

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## It's official...we are a GOOD school! (with many impressive features)



Its official, we are a GOOD and rapidly improving school. It was with absolute delight that students, staff and Governors received the recent 'Good' judgment from Ofsted after having been open only two years and a few months.

This is a really unique achievement nationally as not many sponsored academies across the country achieve this type of Ofsted rating in their first few years.

Castle View Enterprise Academy is also in the top 4% percent of schools in the country and top in Sunderland for the value it adds to students as indicated in the school performance tables this year.

I am extremely proud of the high standards that our students and staff have now achieved. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication to all involved in our wonderful academy. The entire report is now available to download from the Academy website.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement over the last two years.

Mrs J. Bridges  
Principal

# Sunderland Win At St. James' Park!



As part of the Premier League Enterprise Programme, students in Year 9 were invited to represent Sunderland Association Football Club in a 'Dragon's Den' style challenge held at St. James' Park, Newcastle. Their challenge on the day was to design a smart phone application for their local football club. Their winning idea was a fitness application which featured Sunderland players giving instructions on daily exercise routines. Their application proposal also featured links to healthy recipes and diet plans.

Overall, twelve teams took part in the competition with students from Hull City, Middlesbrough and Newcastle United's Premier League Enterprise programmes participating. Castle View's winning team wowed the panel of judges which included representatives from the Business & Innovation Centre, the Premier League and various other football clubs. The judges commented on their knowledge and 'ability to think outside of the box.' The winning team, pictured above, consisted of Sarah Champken, Stevie-Leigh McKenna, Anna Walton, Terri Topping and Laura Amer. They have been invited to represent Sunderland Association Football Club at the Premier League's National Enterprise Challenge, which will be held at White Hart Lane, the home of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

Well done to the girls and the very best of luck in the National Final.

## Poppy Appeal



The students and staff at Castle View Enterprise Academy showed their respect by observing a one-minute silence to honour those who have lost their lives whilst serving the country in conflicts around the world.

A group of Year 9 students and Mr Hall organised the selling of poppies around the Academy leading up to Remembrance Day. Every penny raised was donated to the Royal British Legion. This enables them to provide help, support and equipment for servicemen and women who have bravely fought for this country. In total, £183.52 was raised for this very worthwhile cause.

We hope that this money will make a big difference to the lives of those who are at the frontline of conflicts around the world and show how grateful we all are, here at Castle View Enterprise Academy, for their brave and selfless actions.

by Chloe (Year 8)



## Tickled Pink!



On the 20th of October, the Academy took part in Pink Day to raise money for the 'Tickled Pink' campaign which raises awareness of breast cancer and funds research into a cure. Students volunteered to sell cakes, badges and raffle tickets, and host a 'Name the Bear' competition.

In addition to this, students were given the opportunity to wear something pink for a small donation. As you're probably already aware, we go to some extreme lengths to raise money for a variety of worthwhile causes; even the Principal, Mrs Bridges, got in on the act by wearing a pink feather boa and an ABBA-style pink wig. In this instance, we raised an incredible £533.22 from just one day of fundraising.

We would like to say well done to everyone who took part and donated.

by Imogen (Year 8)

# Academic Awards Evening 2011



In October, Castle View Enterprise Academy hosted its second annual Academic Awards Evening to celebrate successes from the 2010-2011 academic year across key stages three and four.

Certificates and trophies were awarded to students who achieved either 'Most Improved' or 'Student of the Year' in all curriculum subjects. In addition to curriculum subject awards, students were also recognised for Teamwork, Citizenship, Overcoming Adversity, Endeavour and Student of the Year for each year group. Parents, carers and staff were treated to some top-class singing entertainment from Jordan Dolding, Terri Topping, Laura Hale and Sophie Golden throughout the evening.

This year, five more award categories were introduced to recognise outstanding performance in the subjects of Maths, English, Science, Technology and Performing Arts, as well as an 'Overall Contribution to the Academy' award. A special mention must go to Year 11 student, Owen McVeigh, whose quick thinking helped the Police to apprehend a suspected thief at this year's Sunderland Airshow in Seaburn. Owen has received a special commendation from the Northumbria Police for his actions.

We would like to say a huge well done to all successful students at this year's awards. This will no doubt spur the students on to strive to be the best they can be in all subjects. Details of next year's Academic Awards Evening will be released later during this academic year. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Award Ceremony.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On the 30th of September, Year 7 students hosted the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Academy's Main Hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. On the day we managed to raise an outstanding total of £517.62! There were lots of items for sale on the day including; raffle tickets for some excellent prizes, cakes, made and donated by the students; and games such as 'Name the Bear' where, for a small fee, people were able to select a name from a variety of names listed, and the 'Treasure Map Challenge'.

The Student Press Group at Castle View interviewed several staff and students during the event including Mrs Steel who said, "It's been a very successful day. Both the parents and staff have donated a lot of their time and effort to make this event a hit. I'm very impressed by what I've seen today." Many of the parents who attended the event agreed with Mrs Steel's sentiments and thought this was an excellent way to raise money for a very worthy cause.

Castle View Enterprise Academy would like to express their gratitude to all those who donated, help run the event and especially those who came to the Academy to lend their support to this cause. We would also like to say a special thanks to all those Year 7 students who worked so hard to produce an outstanding fundraising event.

by Kate and Rebecca (Year 8)



# ASDA Bag Pack



**ASDA**

A group of Year 9 students took part in a bag pack at ASDA's Boldon store in December. They chose to raise money for the Help for Heroes, managing to raise an amazing £470.

Castle View Enterprise Academy would like to thank the shoppers at ASDA for their generosity.

# Laura is the Leading Lady



From the 8th until the 18th of December the Academy's Head Girl, Laura Hale, played the lead role of Sinbad in the Royalty Theatre's Christmas production of 'Sinbad the Sailor.' This will hopefully be the first of many lead roles for Laura, whose ambition is to be a star of stage and screen. She has already appeared in many of Castle View's productions so a leading appearance at one of Sunderland's premier theatres is a major coup for her and the Academy.

Laura said, "I'm very excited about appearing on stage. This is my first lead part outside of the Academy and although we've had lots of rehearsals I'm very nervous, but I think once I get the first couple of nights over with I'll feel a lot more confident."

Everyone at the Academy would like to wish Laura the very best of luck for this role and in her future career.

interview by Morgan & Kate (Year 8)

# Wearside Cross Country Championships 2011



On Thursday 8th December, a selection of students from the Academy participated in the Wearside Cross Country Championships. It is considered to be a massive achievement to finish in the top ten of this championship and a few of our students did just that!

Those students were;

Year 7 - Eleesha Jeffries (8th)

Year 7 - Aaron Duell (5th)

Year 9 - Darian O'Connor (6th)

Year 10 - Brandon Hall (4th, whilst competing against students from Year 11)

Year 11 - Lauren Curry (7th)

As always, our students were a credit to both the Academy and their community.

Well done to those students and all who participated.

# 'Armed' against Cancer



On Monday 3rd October, the Year 8 girls received their first inoculations against cervical cancer.

Anything that involves a needle is usually quite

nerve-racking but once the first form group had had their needles and said how easy and pain free it had been for them, the others weren't so worried.

All the girls received a sticker after their jab, which they will have three of over the course of the next year. It is estimated that these jabs will make them almost 70% protected against cervical cancer and could potentially save their lives.

by Bethany (Year 8)



# Live Healthy & Stay Safe

On the 17th of October, all students at Castle View Enterprise Academy participated in Healthy Living Week. A wide variety of fruits were laid out in the restaurant for all students to try. As well as the usual bananas, apples and grapes, more exotic fruits such as pomegranate, mango and kiwi fruit were also available.

Part of Healthy Living Week consisted of a Challenge Day. This is the day when the usual timetable is collapsed and students are set tasks and participate in activities associated with healthy living. On this occasion the British Red Cross came into the Academy to show the students how to perform emergency CPR and first aid. Students got the chance to practise what they'd learnt on a dummy. They also learned how to treat a wound and how to treat a burns victim.

The Fire Brigade visited the Academy on Challenge Day. They were here to raise awareness of the dangers surrounding fireworks and why they shouldn't be used as toys. To highlight this, a young man named Connor accompanied the Fire Brigade. Connor had unfortunately been badly burned during an accident involving fireworks and told of the pain, upset and trauma he had been through since the accident. It not only highlighted the dangers but also informed students how to stay safe and still enjoy the spectacle of Bonfire Night.

by Lauren (Year 8)

## Making Good Use Of The Things That We Find



'Isn't it great what you can make from bits of broken glass, Miss?'

Year 9 BTEC Business students have been working with artist, Zoe Garner, on a recycling project at the National Glass Centre.

The eight-week programme has involved students designing and manufacturing jewellery, coasters, drinking glasses and Christmas decorations from recycled glass and beach glass.

The project has enabled students to put into practice what they have learnt in the classroom. Students have set up their own enterprise called 'Re-View'. They have also produced a marketing campaign and a set of business accounts.

Re-View's unique designs are on sale in the Academy's Enterprise outlets situated in the main street of the building.

See Miss Binyon for further details or to make a purchase.

## Cricket Update

Throughout November, the Year 9 cricket team participated in the Durham Cricket Board Under-14 Indoor Tournament. We qualified for the semi-finals by winning our group, beating Tudhoe Cricket Club and Philadelphia Cricket Club. With the exception of Castle View Enterprise Academy all teams in the tournament were cricket clubs. In the semi-final we beat Durham City Cricket Club, but lost narrowly to Willington Cricket Club in the final. Willington passed our total of 102 for 3, with two balls to spare and two wickets remaining.

To finish runners-up in this tournament was a significant achievement and represents substantial progress in the ability of the players. The players involved were Abhiram Sajeev (c), Jordan Charlton, Connor Innes, Dane Luke, Kieran Ramsay, Jason Vout and Matthew Wilson. Dane Luke and Connor Innes, in terms of their performance and character, were particularly impressive throughout the competition.

I would like to thank Mr Appleton, Mr Freary and Miss Swan for turning up and showing their support for the players during the tournament.

Mr A. Marshall  
ASVP - Behaviour & Attendance

# Year 7 Team Building Day



On the 23rd of September, students in Year 7 participated in a team-building challenge day. There were a wide variety of challenges and activities available and the students were very eager to get involved.

Activities included making objects out of newspaper and using them to create a role play of their choice. Some of the students decided to perform scenes from the movie 'Shrek', with fellow students and teachers commenting on how fantastic and detailed their costumes looked. There were other role plays such as a wedding ceremony with students making a fantastic wedding dress, the London Olympics with a variety of sports such as javelin and hammer throwing, and a play entitled 'The Cauld Lad of Hylton' with some fantastic narration. When all the student groups had performed their role plays they joined together to form a 'Lambton Worm-style' chain around the stage.

All students showed some brilliant creativity but, there could only be one winner and, the winners were ..... 7LGU! A massive well done to all Year 7 students.

by Lauren & Imogen (Year 8)



## Demi Clicks Her Way To Success

During the autumn term the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) held a national photography competition for students, sponsored by West Midlands photographic company, Ward-Hendry.

The theme of the competition was, 'One School, Many Talents' and was judged over two rounds. In the first round, students had to produce a portfolio of five photographs on this theme and a winner was chosen from each of the nine regions across the country. Members of the newly-formed Castle View Enterprise Academy Photography Club decided to enter this competition and were delighted when our very own Demi Gilby (Year 11) was chosen as the north east's regional winner.

Demi won a prize of a digital SLR camera for herself and tuition from a professional photographer to help her take more pictures for the national final. During December, Demi's photographs of the Academy were on display at the national SSAT Conference in Birmingham. Demi's portfolio of five photographs are on display in the Academy main corridor for all to see. Congratulations to Demi and well done to all students who entered the competition.

Castle View's Photography Club has produced a 2012 calendar with each month depicting one of their photographs. They are available to purchase from the Academy Reception for only £5. All funds raised will help the Photography Club buy better equipment which will in turn enable them to produce higher quality pictures for all to enjoy.



Demi receives her prize from Chair of Governors, Mr John Cuthbert OBE.

# Castle View's Got Talent...Official!

A crowd of 220 students, parents, family and friends turned up to witness an extraordinary house talent show in the Academy Main Hall. It was Castle View Enterprise Academy's third annual talent competition and the standard just seems to get better and better every year.



There were 22 performances altogether, ranging from solo singers to dance troupes, with acts such as a ballet rendition to the soundtrack 'Unchained Melody' by Imogen Bailes and Emily Parkin, Head Girl, Laura Hale, singing 'Wherever You Will Go,' Robyn Elvidge, Jessica Burke and Courtney Kincaid performing a dance from the hit movie 'Burlesque,' and Alice Fenwick from Year 7 singing and dancing to the hit 'Orange Coloured Sky,' originally by Natalie Cole. In the end it proved to be a very tough decision for the judging panel.



Mr Geddes, the host for the evening, announced the winner as Jordan Dolding from Year 11 who sang the hit song 'Titanium' and blew everyone away with his vocal performance.



Members of the audience commented on the standard of entries and were pleased for Jordan. He has entered every talent competition since the Academy opened and he has been heavily involved in every show we've ever done so he very much deserved his victory.

On the day of the Talent Show, the Academy had some special visitors from a school in Kiev in the Ukraine. Mrs Bridges and Mrs Smith had visited their school earlier in the year and three of the visitors helped to judge the talent show. They even treated the audience to an impromptu Ukrainian folk song.



All points from the Talent Show go towards the House Competition, so as Jordan won he gained 9 points for Derwent.

by Lauren (Year 8)



# Ukrainian guests visit the Academy

On the 17th of November, Castle View Enterprise Academy welcomed nine guests from Pechersk Gymnasium 75 School in Kiev, Ukraine. Earlier in the year, both Mrs Bridges and Mrs Smith travelled to the Ukraine to pay a visit to their school in Kiev. The guests were extremely impressed by the Academy building and were shown around by Mrs Bridges and the Lead Students. They visited lessons and spoke with various members of staff on their tour whilst making comparisons to their own school back in Kiev.

As well as visiting the Academy, the guests took in the sights of the north east including a trip to Penshaw Monument, Alnwick Castle, Beamish Open Air Museum, The Angel of the North, Durham Cathedral and more locally, Hylton Castle. They were treated to a visit to the Durham Lumiere Light Show in Durham City Centre on the banks of the River Wear. On the same day as the visit, Castle View held its annual House Talent Show.



As our Ukrainian friends had been so kind as to let Mrs Bridges help judge their version of the talent show, we thought it was only right to let them help judge ours. Three of the guests sat on the judging panel alongside Mr Travis and witnessed an evening of song, dance and dramatic performances. The audience was also treated to an impromptu Ukrainian folk song performed by the three guest judges.

They had earlier had a question and answer session with the Lead Students who also got the chance to ask the visitors about life in their school and country and how different it is from life in Castle View Enterprise Academy. Plans are in progress to visit the Ukraine with some of our Lead Students and staff who will get the chance to meet students and staff from the Pechersk Gymnasium 75 School in Kiev and gain an insight to the workings of their schooling systems.





# House Competitions

Castle View Enterprise Academy's House Competition for the 2011-2012 academic year has begun and already, it promises to be a very closely fought one. After five events, Derwent and Kielder houses are neck and neck on 24 points each with Fontburn hot on their heels with 21 points. Here are where the points from the first five events have been awarded.



Fontburn win the Swimming Gala

House Captain, Charlotte Major, captained her brilliant team to an emphatic win in the house Swimming Gala.

Final scores were;

Fontburn	70
Derwent	57
Kielder	54

Charlotte (back row, centre) is pictured with her victorious Fontburn team.

Derwent sprint to victory



The Cross Country Competition took place on the Academy fields in very challenging

weather conditions. Students from Key Stage 3 took part. The final standings are shown below.

Derwent	9
Fontburn	6
Kielder	3

Shauna Fallon & Mr Sawkill win it for Kielder

The Ready, Steady, Cook Final took place at the Academy on Thursday 8th December and what a final it turned out to be. There were three rounds of cooking with the final round between Shauna Fallon and Mr Sawkill versus Mr Dugdale and Chris Finley. The judges eventually voted in favour of Shauna for a fine Kielder win.

The final placings were as follows;

1st – Shauna Fallon & Mr Sawkill  
2nd – Chris Finley & Mr Dugdale  
3rd – Eleesha Jeffries & Miss Gunn



Mrs Bridges is pictured with the Kielder team of Mr Sawkill and Shauna Fallon.

Morgan Makes It 2 In A Row!



For the second year running, Morgan Ozuzu of Kielder House has won the House Chess Competition. In a closely fought competition, Morgan came out on top by beating Andrew Chapman (Fontburn) in the final.

Morgan's tactical nous will take some beating in next year's competition; even Mr Marsden commented on his strategic thinking. Who knows, we may have a Chess Grandmaster in our midst!

The final standings were as follows;

1st – Morgan Ozuzu (Kielder)  
2nd – Andrew Chapman (Fontburn)  
3rd – Adam Murphy (Fontburn)  
4th – Stephen Connolly (Derwent)



Jordan Wins It For Derwent

The Academy witnessed a stunning evening of singing and dancing during the 'Castle View's Got Talent' House Event with Jordan Dolding finally getting his hands on the trophy.

Mr Travis and four judges from the Ukrainian party of visitors were overwhelmed by the standard of talent and were so impressed that they gave eight of the 22 acts full marks. Students finishing in the top three positions were;

1st – Jordan Dolding  
2nd – Aimee Richardson  
3rd – Aimee Hellens

# BBC Newcastle Studio Tour



Jeff Brown and Carol Malia had better watch out as Castle View's very own Press Pack have proven their worth as budding presenters and journalists on their recent visit to the BBC Newcastle Television and Radio Studios.

On Tuesday 6th December the Press Pack, made up of promising journalists from Year 8, took the short trip to the BBC Newcastle studios. They were treated to a behind-the-scenes trip around the whole building, getting a rare glimpse of how a working TV and radio studio operates. Firstly, the students were given a brief history of BBC Newcastle, including the infamous Byker Grove, which had the BBC staff reminiscing about PJ and Duncan!

The group was then taken into the basement of the building and allowed to rummage through the archive footage which dates back well into the 1970s. Next came the exciting part where students were able to experiment with the equipment in the TV studios, first visiting the studio where the weather is recorded. The students were amazed to see how the camera was programmed to work independently; recognising what height each presenter needs the camera to be. Moving on to the bigger studio the group were entrusted on the £63,000 floor of the newly refurbished TV studio where the daily 'Look North' programme is filmed. The students and staff took the opportunity to sit on the famous red sofa (pictured above).

However, the best was most definitely saved for last. At the end of the tour, the students were taken to their very own recording studio with staging and props, and invited to produce their own three-minute news show. Morgan took the position as field reporter while Ben was the anchor man in the studio; Mr Willis bravely took the role of weather reporter. All three performed exceptionally well under pressure, reporting on a boat crash and a restaurant designed for sheep! All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained a valuable insight into how the world of TV works. Morgan and Ben definitely have a hidden talent for presenting; so watch this space as we may have the next generation of news broadcasters.



## Roving Reporter

As you will have noticed in this edition of the Castle Views' Newsletter, the majority of articles have been written by a group of Year 8 students who have a keen interest in journalism and media.

During the tour, one of our 'Press Pack' group, Morgan Ozuzu (pictured above) compiled a list of frequently asked questions from previous tours of the BBC Newcastle Studios. He whittled these questions down to the three most popular ones that the tour guides are asked by almost every group. Here are his questions.

### What effects does the BBC use?

BBC uses a lot of lighting and sound-proofing and control it by using a gallery when they go live on the air. The lighting is used so no shadows appear on the floor and sound-proofing makes sure that no echoes can be heard, since the studio is actually massive.

### How does the background image appear on weather forecasts?

A special screen called a chromakey (green screen) is placed behind the person and it will magically appear to the camera as the desired background image.

### What does the BBC do with the records of every show?

They keep all of the records in a special archive from the early 1970s to the present day. Roughly, there are a staggering 17,890 records of the BBC's shows.

# Introducing the Castle View 'Press Pack'

In September 2011, Castle View Enterprise Academy formed its first student 'Press Pack.' The group who report on all aspects of Academy life from sport and house events to charity events and theatrical productions. Introducing the Press Packers....



My name is Imogen Bailes and I enjoy going to a local dance school which I attend on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. My favourite type of dancing is ballet and I am now becoming more advanced, which includes Pointe work. I also enjoy reading and writing. Also, I like watching films and my favourite films are the Twilight collection. My ambitions are to get very good GCSEs and go to college and university. I also want to have several dance qualifications. I have no idea what I want to do when I'm older, but I have plenty of time to decide.



My name is Bethany Copeland and I am 13 years old. I went to Castletown Primary before coming to Castle View Enterprise Academy. I love the band, One Direction, and I love taking pictures. When I am older I want to be a photographer because I want to travel the world and it will give me a chance to see the things around the world that I have always wanted to see.



My name is Leanne Stockdale. I'm 13 years old and in Year 8 at Castle View Enterprise Academy. I like swimming, netball and performing arts (dancing and singing). I also love listening to my music, especially One Direction, and my favourite member of the band is Harry Styles. I'm not sure what I want to be when I am older but I love art and technology and I love designing things like clothes and shoes, and drawing, painting or colouring.



My name is Chloe Middlemas and I'm in Year 8 at Castle View Enterprise Academy. One of my hobbies is going swimming. I have never entered any swimming competitions, I just like to go with my friends for fun. I also like going shopping and spending lots of money! My favourite subjects in school are art and music. I find them very interesting.



My name is Kate Walmsley and I'm 13 years old. I was born in Sunderland and I enjoy spending time with my friends. My ambitions are to some day travel the world. I have really enjoyed writing articles for the Academy newsletter and I think that journalism is something I may want to pursue in the future.



My name is Lauren Mason and I'm 13 years old. I enjoy going out with my friends and spending time with my family. My ambition in life is to be as successful as possible in whatever I choose to do. I really enjoy performing arts and art & design and this is something I would consider doing when I'm older.



My name is Chelsea Burns and in my spare time I like to spend time with my friends and I like to go shopping. I like to go to some after-school clubs such as Singing Club and Dance Club. When I grow up I want to learn more about music and performing arts and I also like photography but I am not sure what I actually want to be when I grow up. My ambitions are to learn how to make music and to play the piano.



My name is Morgan Ozuzu and I'm in Year 8. In my spare time I enjoy playing chess, golf and ten pin bowling. My other interests are playing on my Nintendo Wii and watching sport on TV. In school I enjoy science and maths. My ambition when I get older is to be an accountant because I like maths and love giving advice.

# GREASE is the word

This year, the students performed a stage version of 'Grease The Musical' over two nights to a combined audience of 400 people.

The show, as previous shows, was brilliantly received. It was testament to all of the hard work by Miss Lacey, Mrs Waite, Miss Watson, Mr Bell, and of course, the students who gave up a lot of their spare time to rehearse.



We would like to say a big thanks to the art department for designing and making the scenery and Mrs Smith and Mrs Murphy for their assistance with props and costumes. Mr Bell recorded the show and a dvd will be available to purchase soon. Well done to everyone involved.

## Grace House Loose Change Appeal



A little bit of loose change can go a long way so the students at Castle View have proved.

In addition to last year's charity event in aid of Grace House North East Childrens Hospice Appeal, which raised over £1000, we have been running a loose change appeal where students have taken home collection boxes and generous family and friends have donated their small change to the cause.

From this, we have raised a further £357.48 (and counting). Pictured left are Miss Binyon with Hannah Jagota of Year 8 and Joshua Cameron of Year 7 who raised the most amount of money. Our sponsor, Northumbrian Water, kindly donated two pairs of tickets to see band 'The Wanted' at the Metro Radio Arena in Newcastle to our winning students.



On behalf of Castle View and Grace House we would like to say thank you to everyone who chipped in.

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