



Charity Week - Dance Performance Breslar House



Charity Week - Mr Waldren Runs 34.5 miles



Year 10 visited by local organisations

## A message from Mr Down

It's with great pleasure and pride that I write to introduce the 5th edition of the CVA round up. It has been an amazing term, packed with exceptional experiences for our young people. It has also been a term where we have continued to live with the pandemic. I have been extremely pleased with the way that parents and students have tackled the pandemic, in fact we have continued to see good attendance and a relatively low infection rate throughout. Where we have had to make difficult decisions, parents have been extremely supportive and I thank you for this. This week, the government announced its 'living with covid' guidance which can be found below:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.
- Asymptomatic testing is no longer a recommendation in school settings and schools will no longer be receiving or distributing test kits. We will also be ceasing our onsite testing from Friday, 8th April.

Please continue to work with our attendance team if you require further information or guidance. We are always here to help.

As we move into the summer term our, attention turns to our Year 11 cohort and the summer examinations. If there has ever been a year group that deserves to do well, this is the one. The work rate, resilience and commitment of Year 11 has been exceptional and I am keen that our school community does all it can to support them.

Finally, parents will be aware that over the last four years we have grown in popularity. This week we were notified by the local authority that we will be welcoming over 145 new Year 7 students in September 2022. This is significant growth and something to be proud of.

## Round-Up Highlights

***CVA has been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools!***

***£1,600 raised for local charities during Charity Week 2022!***

## Wellbeing Award



Mr Beck - Mental Health Support Lead

We are proud to announce that Castle View Academy has won the prestigious Wellbeing Award for Schools, which is a national award that shows the school's commitment to ensuring our students and staff are making wellbeing and mental health a priority.

We started the journey to attain this award in 2019. Since then, we have been working hard to improve our approach to mental health throughout the school by raising awareness around the issues that come with mental health and well-being, reducing the stigma held in the community around mental health and well-being, learning how much impact a poor mindset can have on focus, attention and learning, giving staff the confidence to spot low mood/poor mental health and making sure students and staff knew the pathways to go down to get any help needed.

Throughout the pandemic and online teaching, we worked hard to continue our mental health provisions through daily tutor meetings, daily phone calls, Teams meetings, all with a focus on mental health. Our weekly round-up was also used as a platform to spotlight different mental health support for students and staff.

The spotlight on mental health has continued with the return of in-person teaching this past academic year, through the creation of a brand new staff room, outdoor activities for students to use during break times such as fusesball and safe spaces for students. Alongside this, external agencies have returned to the school to work with students such as ELSA with mindfulness and art therapy sessions.

We have received wonderful feedback about our new initiatives with a student stating, "Tutor times and assemblies have been instrumental in showing all of us the many pathways for support that are available". Alongside this, our Student Mental Health Ambassadors have been working hard to facilitate a space for students to talk about

mental health through mental health talking sessions during break times.

We have made an impact across the school which enables students to be more aware of their mental state and know who they can speak to in order to get support, as well as, increasing confidence in students to talk about their problems because the stigma around mental health has lessened over the last two years.

We look forward to moving forward as an academy with this award and increasing our student's and staff's wellbeing.



Student Mental Health Ambassadors (June 2021)

## Tesco Community Grant

Thank you all for your votes for "CVA Breakfast on the Bounce" in your local Tesco stores. We are pleased to announce that our "Breakfast on the Bounce" initiative has won the full funding from Tesco Community Grants! Mrs. Nutland can't wait to start delivering breakfast into the local community!

Breakfast on the Bounce is the delivery of breakfast boxes to support those students and families who are struggling to feed themselves.



**BREAKFAST ON THE BOUNCE**

*Bringing Breakfast Straight to your Door*

## Charity Week 2022

### Dance Performance at Breslar House



Dance students with Breslar House residents

During our Charity week, a mixture of Year 7-10 dance students attended the local care home, Breslar House, to put on a short performance for the residents in the packed out lounge. The students were, as always, a credit to our school and the community and the residents enjoyed every second. Lyn, the manager of Breslar, said the residents are still talking about the performances and can't wait for another one soon.

### Bake Sale

We held a bake sale every break and lunch during Charity Week which raised £112.51 for our chosen charities. Thank you to both the bakers and the buyers!

### Staff vs Student Netball Match

A huge well done to all the students and staff involved in the charity netball match and thank you to all the students who donated and came to support a 7-0 victory for the staff.



Students and Staff Netball match participants

### Waldron Wowathon

"What an amazing experience that was! Thank you so much to all the staff, parents, ex-students, ex-staff and members of the Paulsgrove community who donated and supported this event. Thank you to Mr Eldred and Miss Towler for supporting the event and organising the student runners whilst also teaching your own PE Lessons! Thank you to all the students at Castle View Academy who were so encouraging, respectful and kind to me and all the runners at various points during the day. And the biggest thank you and well done to all the students who raised such an amazing amount of sponsorship money and who did such a fantastic job of running during lesson 2 and 3 on Friday. You gave me a massive lift and it was lovely to see the effort you were all putting into the event. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for what you achieved." - Mr W



Students who took part in the run with Mr Waldren

A massive £1,200 was raised for Comic Relief through the roll call to roll call run! In total Mr Waldren ran 34.5 miles!



### Beat the Coach



During Charity Week students went head-to-head with our resident Greenhouse table tennis coach. Overall £22.14 was raised for our local charities.

## Portsmouth News

Did you see our Charity Week was highlighted by the local news?!

A quote from Mr Down "Thank you to students, staff and parents across our school community for the generosity and support they showed to last week's Charity Week.

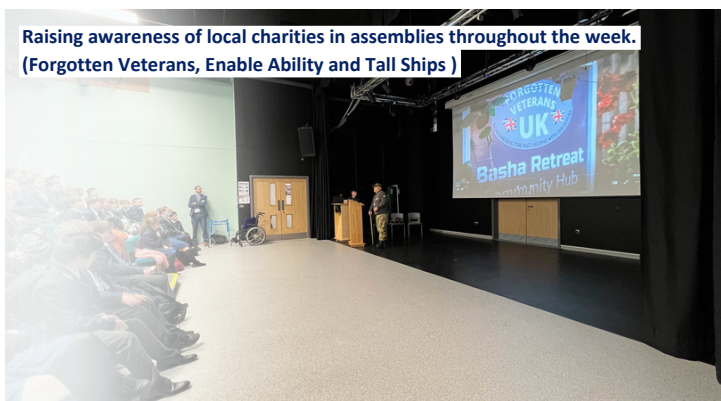
'It was fantastic to see everyone across the academy join together and fundraise for such important causes. As a school, it is important to us that we are developing our students into kind, respectful and socially responsible young people, which means giving them opportunities like this where they can make a positive difference and see the impact of their efforts. Beyond Charity Week, we will continue to give back to our local and global communities as best we can moving forward."

To read the full article click the link: [tinyurl.com/2p8wnsyf](https://tinyurl.com/2p8wnsyf)

**We have raised a massive  
 £1,605.13 overall for our  
 chosen charities!**



Raising awareness of local charities in assemblies throughout the week.  
 (Forgotten Veterans, Enable Ability and Tall Ships)



## Ukraine Dontations



A huge thank you to all who donated supplies for Ukraine! We had an overwhelming amount of donations which have now been collected by a locally organised "Ukraine Relief Group" and they will be taken over to the Ukrainian border on the next lorry.

## Let's keep fundraising!

We are delighted to have established links with Enable Ability, Forgotten Veterans UK, Tall Ships, and Rowans Hospice, and as part of those links our students have been set some challenges. Three of the charities have offered incentives for any of our students who wish to continue raising funds for their organisations:

- **Enable Ability:** If you raise over £40, Enable Ability will put your name into a raffle and multiple winners will get the chance to choose their prize/s, including tickets to Portsmouth F.C. / Chocolate making workshop / Golf lesson). See: <https://enableability.org.uk/>
- **Forgotten Veterans:** If you raise approximately £40, FVUK have offered to host our students for a 'boot camp' day of activities (team bonding)! See: <https://www.forgottenveteransuk.com/>
- **Tall Ships:** If you raise £150, they will allow our students to participate in a week-long (Monday-Friday) trip on one of their ships. This normally costs over £500. See <https://www.tallships.org/>

Students have until May half-term to raise their funds (through sponsorship events / donations - it is completely up to them to decide), and transfer the funds to the relevant organisation directly. Students will also need to show proof of their donation/sponsorships to Mr. Attridge. A great place to start will be to create a 'Just Giving' charity page and organise online donations from friends and family.

## Year 7

Year 7 are an absolute credit to the Academy and demonstrate our core values every single day.

In assemblies this week, we enjoyed celebrating excellence. A record number of 'high 5' badges were given out; these are awarded for students who have attended school every single day since September - a great achievement as we continue to manage Covid-19! In addition, staff nominated students to receive awards. This half term, the winners were Bryony M (7\_1), Logan W (7\_2), Jayden M-H (7\_3) and Oliver M (7\_5), Lily D (7\_2) received the Deputy Head of Year Award and Lily M received a tutor award AND the Head of Year award! Well done all and keep up the good work!

Year 7 have shown fantastic maturity in sessions delivered by St.Giles Trust who came into the Academy to present hard hitting assemblies about County Lines and Knife Crime. Students were inquisitive and really grasped the risks associated with gangs, how to recognise the risks and who to speak to if they are worried about themselves or others. They have also immersed themselves in key themes within the Character in Education program and I have witnessed some great debates and discussions around key topics such as LGBTQ+, the Holocaust and cultural awareness.

I would like to wish our Year 7 students and their families a safe and enjoyable Easter break. Please come back fully rested and ready to work hard for the summer Rank Order Assessments! - Miss Sitch



## Year 8

Year 8 represent the Academy really well, regularly demonstrating our core values of respect, determination and ambition.

Our celebration assembly at the end of each half term is a lovely way to recognise the achievements of our students and on Monday we gave out a record number of 'high 5' badges to celebrate students who have attended school every day since September. Of course, these students have had days where they felt under the weather, but they have shown the resilience needed to get into school - well done! In addition, students received awards for consistently demonstrating core values. This half term the nominations were Mia (8\_1), Eric S (8\_3) and Max S (8\_4); the Deputy Head of Year award was given to Jessica S and the Head of Year Award to Micah S - well done everyone, keep up the good work.

I have seen some considered and mature conversations taking place in weekly personal development sessions. Topics such as LGBTQ+, cultural diversity and respect have been discussed with the sensitivity and deep thinking they deserve - great work Year 8.

The summer term brings the end-of-year Rank Order Assessments. We need Year 8 at their absolute best, working hard and being determined to succeed. With this in mind, please do have a restful, safe and well deserved Easter break. - Miss Sitch

## Year 11

I would like to congratulate Year 11 on another fantastic term which has again included another full set of GCSE Mock examinations. The feedback on performance and what students now need to focus on will be communicated to parents at the Parent Event on April 7th, and I look forward to meeting all parents at this event for what is undoubtedly the most important parents' event of their secondary education.

I have been massively impressed at the number of students signing up to receiving weekly external tutoring sessions through Manning and also the number of students committing to attend Easter Revision sessions during the holidays. It is great to see students being responsible for their own learning by signing up to these sessions, and I am sure this will have a considerable impact on the grades these students achieve this summer. If you are interested in receiving tutoring from Manning, please do speak to me as soon as is possible.

Although the exam period is getting closer and closer 'It's never too late to be who you want to be.' We still have enough time remaining for students to make some positive changes to their attitude to learning and routines around home learning/revision which could ultimately have a positive impact on how students perform this summer. We are determined to do everything we can to assist students to reach their potential and if you have any questions or concerns about the exam period, please do contact myself via email at [dan.waldren@castleviewacademy.org.uk](mailto:dan.waldren@castleviewacademy.org.uk)

I hope students and their families enjoy the Easter break and students are able to combine a well needed rest with a revision programme that is going to secure their success in the GCSE's. - Mr Waldren



## Year 10



Well done Year 10 for all your hard work this term - especially with your ROA's! Local colleges and universities visited our students and parents at their recent Parents' Evening. It was great to see our students thinking about their next steps after CVA. - Miss Chourdry

## Rugby Club

Portsmouth rugby club will be continuing with two more rugby sessions at Castle View Academy for all girls, and they are looking for girls to join their junior girls' teams. If you are interested, please get in contact with Miss Towler.



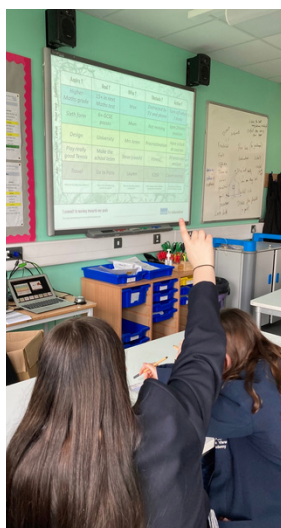
## Careers

Another busy half term in Careers has seen Year 9 students spending the day looking at their own Goals and Aspirations, ensuring they are clear on what a goal and an aspiration is, and starting to consider their own targets for the future. This will hopefully provide the 'Why' as to why students then strive to be successful in their GCSE courses which will begin in Year 10.

Year 8 and Year 9 students have all now signed up to the Careers website CareerPilot, which is a fantastic resource that will enable students to investigate potential careers and opportunities that will be of interest to them. I encourage parents to discuss careers and future plans with students as early as possible in their Secondary School life, particularly with students taking such important Options choices in Year 9.

Looking ahead, students in Year 10 will be receiving a session with the external organisation 'Made Training' on May 26th entitled 'Fast Track To Success' which starts to prepare students for the rigorous demands of being a Year 11 student, and to get them to think about the opportunities available to them after they have been successful in their GCSE exams.

Year 10 students are also going to be visiting a number of local colleges in the summer term to start to gather as much information about the courses on offer at each location before they start to make their decisions about the next steps following on from Castle View. Once in, Year 11, all students will then receive a personalised careers meeting with our Careers Advisor Mandy Haddigan.



## Chefs of the Month

<b>Year 7</b>	Rudy W for participation and engagement in every Food lesson
<b>Year 8</b>	Reggie L for increased confidence during practical lessons
<b>Year 9</b>	Layton L for his calm and confident approach in all practical sessions
<b>Year 10</b>	Zara A for her outstanding mock exam score
<b>Year 11</b>	Jake H & Jack T for their outstanding standard of work during the Food Practical Exams

## Greenhouse Player of the Term



"Andrew has been amazing this term. His enthusiasm and energy during every session is sensational and helps build a great atmosphere in the hall. His table tennis has really started to show great improvement over the last few weeks. He has 100% attendance for clubs this term. Well Done, Andrew! Keep it up!"  
- Coach Ash

## Baking Club

Baking Club on Tuesdays, from 3.15 - 4.30. This term, we have made jammy biscuits, salted caramel cupcakes, blondies and brownies, lemon drizzle cake and we are finishing the term with some Easter baskets filled with delicious chocolate eggs. Don't forget to re-sign up at next terms Club Fayre. Date to be decided.



## International Pi Day

On 14th March, we celebrated International Pi day. It is a celebration of all things related to the key mathematical number 'pi' which is approximately 3.14. Students in Years 7 and 8 took part in a treasure hunt around the school, looking for special numbers and we also did a pi memory game where any student who could remember the first 20 digits of pi, won an apple pie.



## Waste Week 2022

Do you have unwanted electrical and tech items at home that you don't know what to do with?

This year, the Pod has partnered with Currys, Microsoft and Recycle Your Electricals to bring us a Waste Week dedicated to electrical and tech waste. As part of the campaign, the Pod are launching an exciting new competition called The Hidden Treasure Hunt and our school has the chance of winning £5,000 of Microsoft tech!

### Taking part in The Hidden Treasure Hunt!

Everyone is invited to take part in The Hidden Treasure Hunt competition and to seek out any broken or unwanted electrical appliances/tech at home... Basically anything with a plug, battery or cable!

Simply take these items into your nearest Currys store (17 March-14 April 2022) to receive a 'Cash for Trash' £5 discount voucher and our school will have the chance to win £5,000 of Microsoft tech vouchers!

1. Individuals/ families that donate any items at the Returns Counter during the competition, will receive a 'Cash for Trash' £5 voucher\* (that can be redeemed when you spend more than £25).
2. Then go to [hiddentreasurehunt.org](http://hiddentreasurehunt.org) to register your donation and nominate our school by entering our unique code (see below), your email address, and store location.
3. You can only donate once (with your email address) and each donation is worth one nomination for our school, regardless of the number of items donated.
4. The school with the most nominations will win the top prize of £5,000 worth of Microsoft tech, plus prizes will be given to schools in second, third and fourth place.

Our school's unique code is: [tech69](#)

Happy treasure hunting!



## Dates for the Diary

<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Monday, 11th to Sunday 24th April	<i>School closed to all students</i>
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday, 25th April	<i>School closed to all students</i>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday, 2nd & Tuesday, 3rd May	<i>School closed to students &amp; staff</i>
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday, 30th May - Sunday 5th June	<i>School closed to students</i>