



A message from Mr Tucker

As we come to the end of the academic year it is great to reflect back on the continuing journey of Castle View Academy. Our drive as always has been to have more students in more lessons and our attendance this year places us 3rd in the city. As always, however, we know we can do better and the summer break is a good time to reset those expectations ready for September. This week students received their rank order exams and it was great to see this celebration of their effort. For all students, this has been a great opportunity to measure how far they have come over the year and set their next challenge ready for the new term. Moving up ranking places or even sets is a great goal and it was fantastic to see so many students achieving the goals they had set themselves this year. For those that hadn't quite achieved what they were hoping for, it was also a great opportunity to reflect on the reasons why. Attendance, time not in lessons for poor behaviour, and homework all have an impact and these are all commitments that can be made that will see an improvement next time if they are improved.

The sports day and Arts Showcase evening allowed students the opportunity to demonstrate their best efforts outside of the classroom. Both events showed the high quality that can be achieved with commitment and dedication both by individuals and as cooperative teams.

Next year will see new challenges as Castle View Academy, students continue to try and outperform those that have gone before, but first, there is a summer holiday to enjoy. I wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing our students looking smart and ready for action when we return in September.



Arts Showcase Returns

After a long 3 years of cancelled showcases, social distancing and online performances, we finally got to have a Summer Arts Showcase in front of a live audience, and what a beautiful sight. Over 100 parents and staff came along to watch the students strut their stuff and rock the stage. As always, the students involved were an absolute credit to the school, dealing with last-minute Covid absences and having to rework most of the performances just hours before taking the stage. I am immensely proud of the determination of our students and their attitude that The Show Must Go On.

Keep your eyes peeled in the near future for details of the Winter Showcase - Miss Nutland & Miss Hodge



Round-Up Highlights

Highlights of the academic year (pages 7-9)

CVA Pride Week

KS3 Sports Day

Summer Arts Showcase 2022

Education with Character

The school has participated in a wide range of events this academic year, such as Remembrance Day, Holocaust Memorial Day, Charity Week (including Comic Relief), Sexual Health Week, Mental Health Week, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and marked anniversaries of these events. We'll also participate more in Black History Month the following year (October). All of this is a part of the school's effort to enhance "education with character," which aids our youth (and local community) in improving society.

Pride Week

The month of June was LGBTQ Pride Month across the whole country (& other parts of the world), as a result, CVA wanted to show our commitment and support to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Questioning communities.

To combat discrimination, Pride Week (20–24 June) focused on increasing students' understanding of what it means to be a part of the LGBTQ community. Miss Hodge led assemblies discussing the diversity of LGBTQ groups and what it's like to be a young person coming to terms with one's identity. During tutor time, there was also a personal development class that dealt with homophobic language. Staff members have begun wearing rainbow lanyards to show their support for LGBTQ students, and members of our student council and the "Pride & Equality Club" have been selling badges, bracelets, and bags (all of which were sold without profit).



Y10 Geography Trip

The Year 10 Geographers went on a two-part field trip to Central Portsmouth and Hayling Island in order to prepare for their third geography exam, which they will take at the end of Year 11. The students were investigating whether housing inequality exists in Southsea as well as the buildup of sediment on the groynes at Hayling Island.



Paulsgrove Carnival

A group of students took part in the Paulsgrove Carnival this month, performing in front of a huge crowd. Well done to the Year 7 Dance Company, Year 10 BTEC Dance students and Djembe Drummers.



Breakfast on the Bounce

To ensure students have a healthy and nutritious start to each day, we run a Breakfast Club each morning, serving a variety of cereals and filled bagels, which are free to all students. After successfully securing funding from Tesco, we are pleased to announce that we are now able to extend this provision by supplying "Breakfast Boxes" to a wider audience, for selected students, to enjoy at home from September.

Sports Day



2022 saw Castle View Academy host its very first sports day, and what a fantastic day it was! Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 competed against each other in their tutor groups at rounders, football, dodgeball, relay races and tug of war. Congratulations to the winning tutor groups 7_1, 8_4/5 and 9_2.

The students of Castle View Academy upheld the schools' values and showed impeccable team spirit throughout the day.

"It was the best day ever; can we have a whole week of it?" - Year 7 student.

Miss Towler and Mr Eldred would like to thank the community, staff and students for getting behind the event and making it a day to remember. We can't wait to make the day bigger and better next year.

Lastly, a special thanks to Coach Ash for leading events throughout the day!!



Fareham College

24 media students took a trip to Fareham college to take part in a photography and photoshop workshop on Thursday, 14th July.

Students learnt about apertures, shutter speeds and ISOs and how they all affect the outcome of taking good photographs. Group 2 completed a workshop on how to use the select and mask tools in Photoshop in order to remove a background from an image and replace it with a colour of their choice. A most productive 2 hours was had by all. - Mr Beck



Trips

Despite most trips and visitors being cancelled during the previous 18 months (due to Covid), and in accordance with local recommendations which postponed all trips and events between December and February of this academic year, we successfully organised several trips and arranged other activities which have enriched the lives of our students. These have included: Trips to universities (Portsmouth, Southampton, and three Oxford colleges), Mayflower Theatre, D-Day Museum, Outdoor Challenge, Dance Workshops (and performances at the Paulsgrove Carnival), and the Isle of Wight. We have also had various visitors and experiences which have taken place at CVA, including NHS careers talks, Tall Ships charity, Forgotten Veterans charity, members of the Armed Forces, local colleges, The Environment Agency (anti-sea pollution), and knife crime and county lines drugs talks. As a result, we hope to have enriched the lives of our students and are already making plans for trips further afield next year.



Teaching and Learning

Over the past year, our students have been determined and ambitious with their learning and we are very proud of the progress they have made and the motivation they have demonstrated in their lessons.

It has been a privilege to see students develop their independence in lessons and exude pride in their books and work. Teachers and visitors to classrooms this year have been lucky enough to see students interacting with retrieval tasks, becoming masters of the mini white boards and communicating their knowledge and understanding by answering questions throughout their lessons. Our students have demonstrated their understanding of the importance of collaboration and hard work - which can be seen through the 'WE' phase of our lessons - where students and teachers work together in understanding new knowledge. Our students continue to show fantastic resilience and we cannot wait to see what they all do next.



Year 6 Transition Day

On Monday, 4th July we welcomed 145 new students to CVA. The students were able to meet their tutors, try out lessons and meet their new classmates. We are looking forward to having them officially join us in September!



Year 5 Festival Day

212 Y5 students from four Primary Schools descended on the Academy on Monday, 11th July for our Festival Day, titled "Walk the Plank".

The day was packed with Pirate themed activities including baking "pieces of eight", making pirate-themed bunting, treasure hunting and orienteering, learning how to sing sea shanties, designing pirate flags, learning how to perform sword fights through choreography, Learning about and hot-seating famous pirates and exploring the Dorset and Cornwall coastline to understand how Pirates were able to hide their treasure until it was needed.

A fun day was had by all the students from St. Paul's Primary School, Beacon View Primary School, The Victory Primary school and Medina Primary School.



Academic Success

On Monday, 18th of July students received their final ROA results of the academic year. A huge congratulations to all CVA students for their excellent ROA results!



Class of 2022

We welcomed Year 11 students back for a final goodbye at their leaver's assembly. Students gathered together to watch a leavers' video and sign shirts. Celebrations continued for Year 11 on Friday, 15th July at the Prom where Year 11s gathered together with staff for one final celebration of their time at CVA. We look forward to seeing the Year 11s on GCSE results day (Thursday, 25th August).



Careers

A busy and successful year for 'Careers' at Castle View has ended with students completing their end-of-year Career and aspirations survey, where they reflect on the past year and set targets for the next academic year.

All Year 10 students have recently been on trips to Portsmouth College, Highbury College, Havant College and Southdowns College as they start to give serious consideration to the next steps in their education journey. Students signed up for various different taster sessions which gave them great insight into what is on offer at the various local colleges, and hopefully has started to give students real motivation for their final year with us next year.



Dates for Your Calendar

Last Day of Term	Wednesday, 20th July
Autumn Term Starts	Y7 + Y11: Monday, 5th September Y8 + Y9 + Y10: Tuesday, 6th September

Heads Of Year Messages

Year 7

I just want to start off by saying well done for completing your first year here at Castle View Academy! Starting a new school in Year 7 can be extremely daunting and this has been the case for some of you; however, overall you have all done an amazing job this year settling into Castle View Academy. As a year group you have the highest overall attendance in the school, so again well done!

It is always great to see how much you all grow and adapt over the course of your first year.

As your Head of Year, it was great to see you all unite for our first Sports Day and how well you supported each other! In addition, I had the opportunity to watch some of you perform in our end of year Summer Show Case and it was amazing to see how far you have come in just a year. - Miss Maxwell

Year 8

Year 8 is a challenging year for some and as a year group, we have continued to strive for success. This year was your first real year at Castle View Academy that was not disrupted due to COVID-19. Whilst it has taken time to get used to the new routines and move around the school, you have all grown and adapted so well!

We have had many successes across Year 8 and you continue to be one of the best year groups for attendance! Sports Day was a highlight of this academic year, and it was great to see you all supporting one another but also showing determination to be the best in each event you were in.

As you approach Year 9 you will need to start thinking about the future as later in Year 9, you will be picking your options for your GCSEs. In Year 9 we will have the opportunity to explore different careers and talk about further education opportunities.

It has been a great opportunity to support both Year 7 and 8 as their Head of Year and I will continue to be here to support you alongside your new Year Lead. - Miss Maxwell

Year 9 and 10

As we come to the end of another academic year, I have been reflecting on the journey we have been on this year. I am incredibly proud of the way that Years 9 and 10 have grown and continue to develop into young adults ready for the world. We have held a number of successful events in and out of school and I have enjoyed hearing from staff and outside visitors how polite and respectful our students are. Recently, Year 10 went on several trips to experience college taster days. The feedback from this was positive and it was great to see students considering their options for their post-16 education. The transition into Year 11 is important and creates many opportunities to build better habits. Despite not being in the academy next year, I am keen to hear all about your success from your teachers.

Additionally, Year 9 has made their selections for their GCSEs and I know that many of you are looking forward to beginning your GCSEs and are working hard to transition into these. Year 9 also had real success in the academy sports day and it was fantastic to see the effort and determination that you all put into these events.

Finally, as my time at the academy ends, I just want to thank you all for your hard work and positive attitudes over the past years. I know at times it may seem challenging and mistakes may happen, but I have watched you all progress in lessons and in your ability to reflect and take responsibility for yourselves across these years. Being allowed to support you through your secondary education has been an honour and I am grateful for the experience it has provided. I also want to thank all of the parents/carers/guardians who have supported students in the academy over the past 7 years. I wish you all well in your future endeavours.



Take a look at the timeline to see Castle View Academy's highlights of the last academic year.

New Academic Year

CVA welcomed 140 new Year 7 students in September 2021. Students quickly settled in and enjoyed activity days at



Open Evening

Over 150 perspective parents visited the academy.



Remembrance Day 2021



Year 11 students, Tia and Jordon, took part in leading their final Remembrance Day here at CVA. Students gathered outside for two minutes of silence, heard poems read and then listened to Jordon playing the Last Post.

Children in Need Bake Off

We raised £182.07 for Children in Need through our Bake Sale on Friday, 19th November!



Christmas at CVA

During the last few weeks of the Autumn term, students and staff celebrated the Christmas festivities with a Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!

We raised £328.35 for Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper Day!



CVA Values

CVA Values changed to ambition, determination, and respect. These qualities are characteristics that we encourage all of our students to take. CVA students are expected to have high aspirations ('Ambition') in whatever they do, to be resilient ('Determination') in overcoming hurdles to their goals, and to have integrity ('Respect').



Wellbeing Award

In March, we were proud to announce that Castle View Academy had 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.



Charity Week

In March, we held our first Charity Week. We originally set ourselves the target of raising £500, but we more than doubled that amount and raised £1600! The money was divided between Comic Relief, Enable Ability, Forgotten Veterans UK, Tall Ships, and Rowans Hospice. Plus, the donations of items (from toiletries to food) were collected to help the Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Charity Week events included: Dance performance at Besler House, Bake Sales, Staff vs Student Netball Match, Table Tennis tournament and the Waldren Wowathon!



GCSE Food Exams

In February, CVA staff were served a delicious variety of meals from GCSE Catering students as part of their final practical exam. The daily themes included Christmas, Halloween, Jamaican and Valentine's Day.



CVA partners with Greenhouse Sport

Castle View Academy was pleased to announce its partnership with Greenhouse Sport in March. Greenhouse Sport is a charity supported by players of the People's Postcode Lottery which delivers a full-time table tennis coach and mentor to students from the areas of Paulsgrove, Cosham, Portchester and Port Solent.

Dedicated table tennis coach and Portsmouth native Ashley Willetts first started working with Castle View Academy in late 2021. Like all Greenhouse Sports programmes, Ashley runs coaching sessions for pupils before, during and after school (including breakfast clubs, lunch clubs and after-school clubs) and is embedded in the school like a full-time member staff. This is an important part of the Greenhouse philosophy of delivering multi-hours of intensive coaching and one-on-one mentoring.





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Summer Arts Showcase

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Mental Health Awareness Week

This year's mental health awareness week focused on "Loneliness". Throughout the week, students looked at our mental health, why we struggle and how we can improve our mental health.



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ROA Results Day

The last week of term we celebrated excellent ROA results with the students in Year 7 to 10.

