

## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE MR DOWN

The time has come to say farewell to our Principal, Mr Down, after 5 dedicated years. Mr Down joined Castle View Academy at the beginning of its journey and was instrumental in creating a welcoming and aspirational school. Mr Down has shown significant commitment to the Paulsgrove community over the past 5 years and has led the staff and students with integrity, fairness and care. Mr Down has always been firmly committed in the belief that every child deserves to excel and through his leadership at Castle View Academy, we have seen students achieve fantastic GCSE results, scholarships and have clear ambition for their own futures. Mr Down has developed relationships with our primary schools and has opened up the communication across the community. Mr Down's insistence on developing great teachers and teaching has ensured that your child can learn in a disruption free, aspirational classroom and this was clearly recognised by Ofsted in our Summer 2022 inspection where we were rated 'Good' under his leadership. I know the staff and students at Castle View Academy will miss Mr Down, but we all wish him lots of luck in his new school and know that he will be a success.



From all the staff and students at Castle View Academy 2023







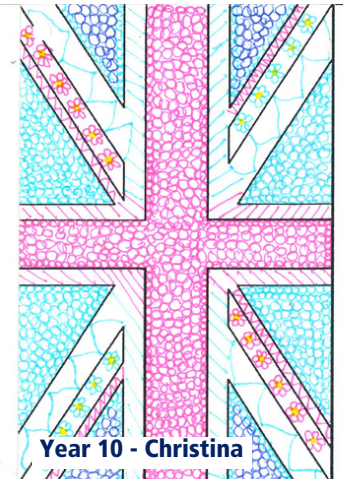
## STUDENTS AND STAFF CELEBRATE THE CORONATION

On Friday 5th May staff and students gathered in the atrium and hall to celebrate the Coronation. Students and staff were able to enjoy lunch together, strike a pose in the photo booth and take part in other coronation-themed activities.

During tutor time, students decorated their own bunting which was used to decorate the hall. The winners of the Big Bunting Competition can be seen below. The winners can collect their prizes from the admin office.



## THE BIG BUNTING COMPETITION WINNERS!





## FARADAY CHALLENGE

On Friday 5th May 2023, six year 8 pupils went to Portsmouth University for the day to compete in this year's Faraday STEM challenge. Upon arrival, students were faced with a 'flight' brief, and they had to design and make a prototype which they would present in front of other local schools and judges. The prototype they designed enabled delivery drones to travel across seas with the help of charging points positioned in the ocean. The student used LED's and sensor pads to show how their model would work allowing the drone to charge between deliveries. A huge well done to the students who participated in this day!



## STUDENTS SPEAK TO PCC

Shortly before half-term, 7 CVA students spoke with Portsmouth City Council representatives to see how they can better support LGBTQ+ young people. The research gathered from this session, and others like it in surrounding schools, will be used to inform government spending on services such as LGBTQ+ youth groups, support services and events. A big thank you to PCC's Josh and their team for helping put this together!

## ROAS

Year 7 and Year 8 students have been working hard during their ROAs, demonstrating excellence and determination. Keep up the hard work Year 7 and 8!



After half term Year 11s will continue with their GCSE exams and Year 9 and 10 will sit their ROAs. For the exam timetables, go to our website.

Year Group	Exam	Start Date
11	GCSE Exams	15th May
9	ROAs	5th June
10	Mocks	12th June

For more information on how to support your child through exam season, keep an eye on our social media accounts (@castleviewul) or read the article on the website.

## WELLBEING SURVEY

Share your opinion of mental health and well-being at CVA by completing this survey:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wRwyQbnsfEaw1YVGRNIOO8ld0li8TUtlkfwYS8QCaNUMVJQSUXLRDRXSjRTUjNZMDZTOFhDWUIWRy4u&web=1&wdLOR=c65F4A393-EEEE-4924-AD7D-E5A6DF9339F3>

## BASKETBALL COACH

Coach Craig has been teaching students how to play basketball. At break and lunch, Coach Craig can be found outside on the playground with a basketball hoop challenging students and staff to have a go.

Coach Craig is running sessions throughout the week. Take a look at the timetable below:


	7:50 - 8:20	Lunch	3:15 - 4:45
Monday	All Years	Year 11	
Tuesday		Year 10	All Years
Wednesday	All Years	Year 7	Girls All Years
Thursday		Year 8	All Years
Friday	All Years	Year 9	

**IN THE SPORTS HALL**




## SPORTS CLUBS

The PE department is running after-school clubs for Rugby and Rounders! For more information see the posters below:



**RUGBY CLUB**  
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<p>MONDAY BOYS AFTER SCHOOL</p>	<p>TUESDAY GIRLS AFTER SCHOOL</p>
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**MR BROCKHURST**

## KEY DATES

Monday, 29th May - Friday, 1st June	Half Term
Monday, 5th June	Students Return
Friday, 30th June	INSET Day
Wednesday, 19th July	Last Day of Term



**ROUNDERS**  
**CLUB**

<p>THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL EVERYONE WELCOME</p>
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**MISS TOWLER + MISS JACOB**