

WELCOME TO CASTLE VIEW ACADEMY



Prospective Student Guide



Castle View Academy
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

WELCOME FROM MR POTTER



Welcome to Castle View Academy, the academy everyone's talking about! We are a friendly and determined academy at the heart of its community, using excellence in all we do to bring out the best in everyone and give every student the best chance to succeed.

Ofsted rated us GOOD stating, "At the very heart of Castle View Academy is a desire for all students to achieve excellence and for them to be ambitious, determined and respectful".

We strive to provide an education with character, encompassing our core values which are central to our decision-making. We ensure that these values run through our policies, appointments, and all our interactions with students, parents, staff and the community. We aim to provide a better standard of education that sees each and every student outperform expectations in terms of their achievements in the classroom and aim to provide an environment which is inspiring and aspirational. This is encapsulated in our mission to bring out 'the best in everyone'.

Adam Potter - Principal



ACADEMY LIFE

VALUES

Our three core values are:

#Ambition

to achieve the best for ourselves and others

#Determination

to overcome obstacles and reach success

#Respect

to treat those around us the way we want to be treated ourselves

we expect you to demonstrate these each and every day.

EXPECTATIONS

We have high standards for everyone at Castle View Academy and we always expect a positive attitude and exceptional standards of presentation.



ROUTINE

At CVA we all follow the same timings each day. Each day you will have different lessons and for each lesson, you will move classrooms. Our timetable is made up of 2 weeks (Week A and Week B). You will be given a timetable, which will tell you what lesson you have and where it is.

What is roll call?

Roll Call is an opportunity for your tutor to check that you are prepared for the day's learning and wearing the correct uniform.

What is tutor time?

Before lessons begin, you will have Tutor Time. Your tutor is there to help prepare you for the day and will check your equipment daily. During Tutor Time you will have different activities, including reading, Assembly and Personal Development.

Roll Call	8:30 - 8:35
Tutor Time	8:35 - 9:10
Lesson 1	9:10 - 10:10
Lesson 2	10:10 - 11:10
Break	11:05 - 11:30
Lesson 3	11:35 - 12:35
Lesson 4	12:35 - 13:35
Lunch	13:35 - 14:05
Lesson 5	14:10 - 15:05
Roll Call	15:05 - 15:10

CLUBS

We have many clubs and activities you can join which run during lunch time and after school. Some of them include:

CREATIVE WRITING

BASKETBALL

BADMINTON

BOARD GAMES

FOOTBALL

MINDFULNESS

DANCE

HOMEWORK

NETBALL

PALAEONTOLOGY

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

CROCHET



TRIPS

We provide a wide range of opportunities and experiences which seek to help our students become confident, well-rounded, and ambitious young adults.

Trips have included:

- London Imperial War Museum
- University visits
- Hampton Court
- Barcelona
- Hastings



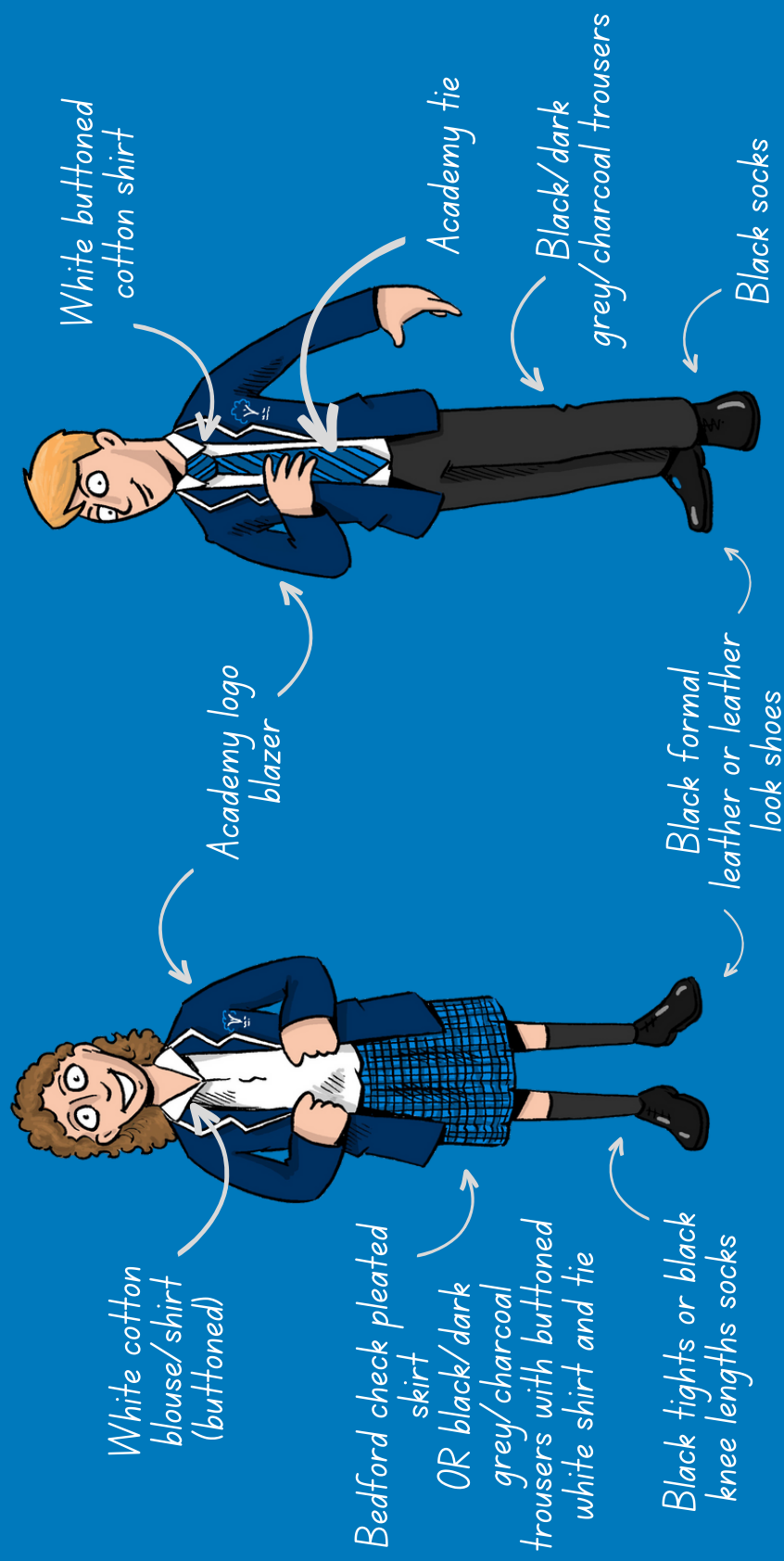
STUDENT VOICE

Opportunities for student leadership are planned for and built into our school calendar, and our recently re-launched Student Voice Team have been elected by the student body itself to best represent the thoughts and views of our community.



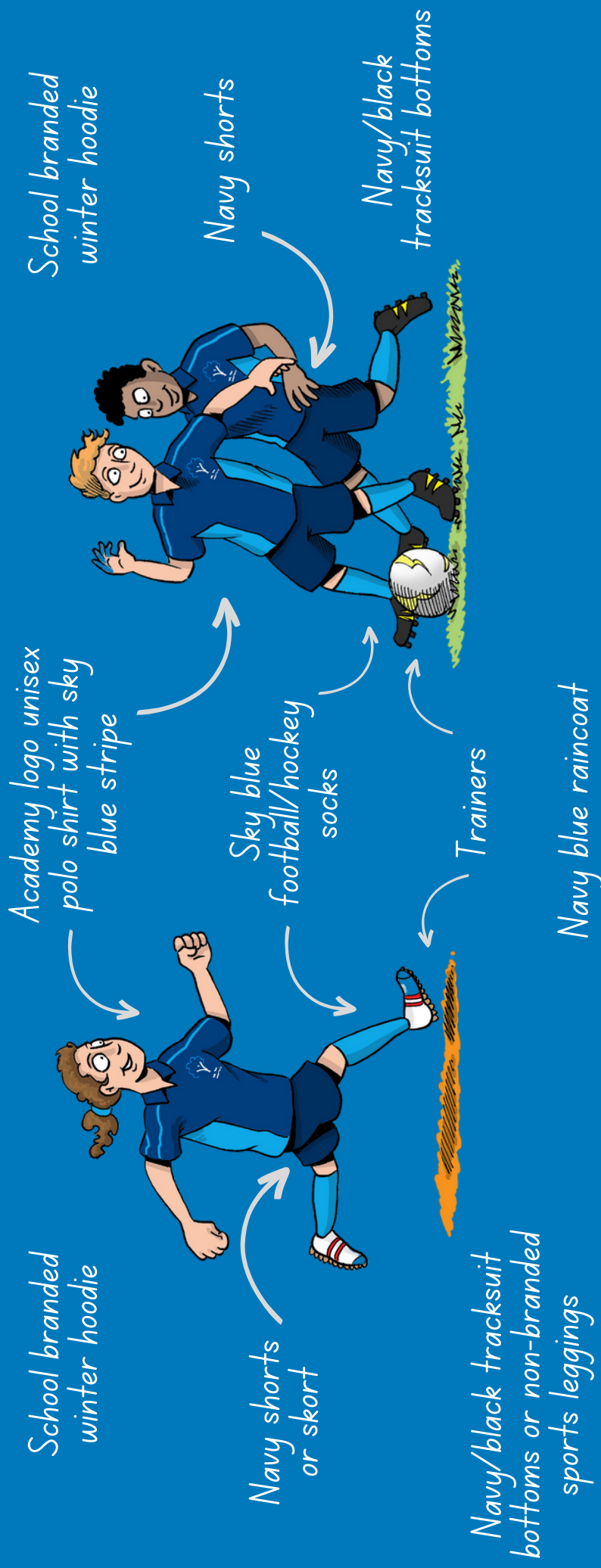
WHAT WILL I WEAR AT CVA?

At Castle View Academy we expect you to look smart and wear the correct uniform from day one.



Optional: Academy logo jumper

Uniform includes wearing the correct PE kit which must be brought into school on the days you have PE/Dance.

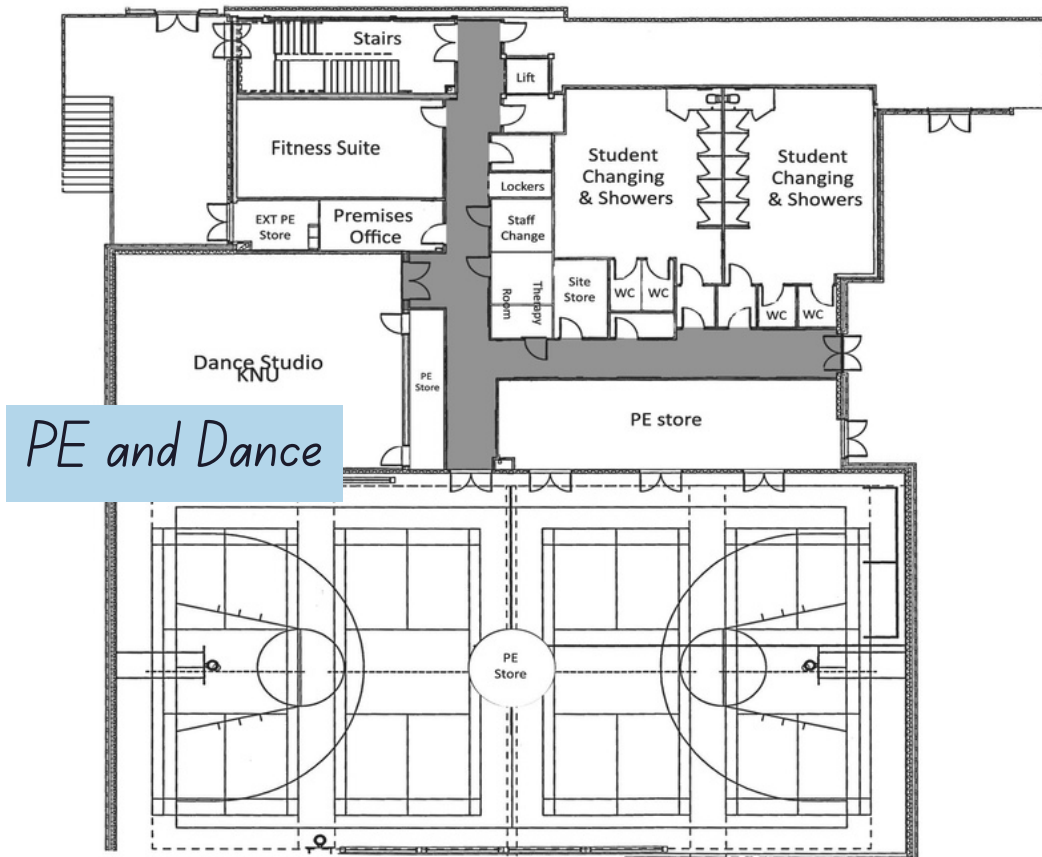


You will also take part in dance lessons.

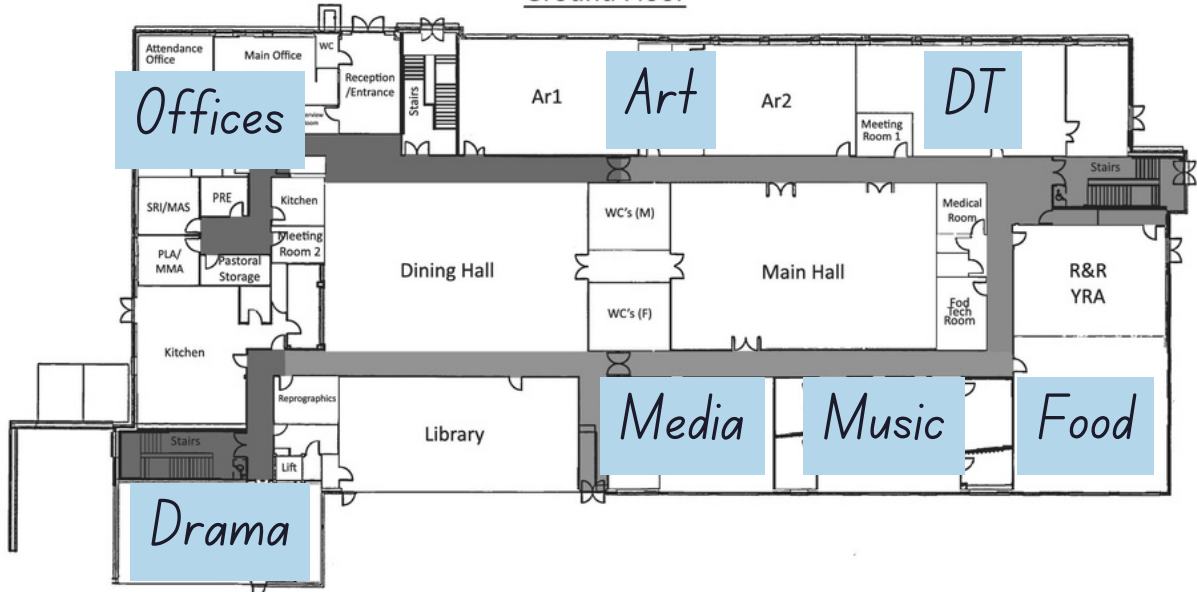
SCHOOL MAP

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Lower Ground Floor

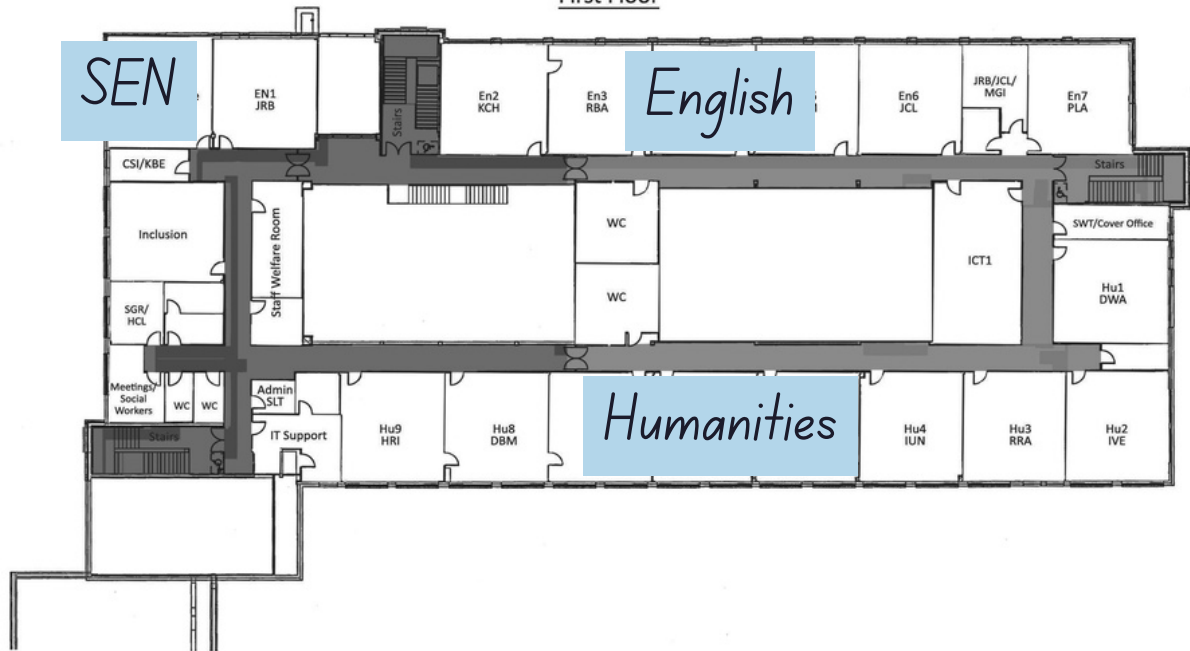


Ground Floor

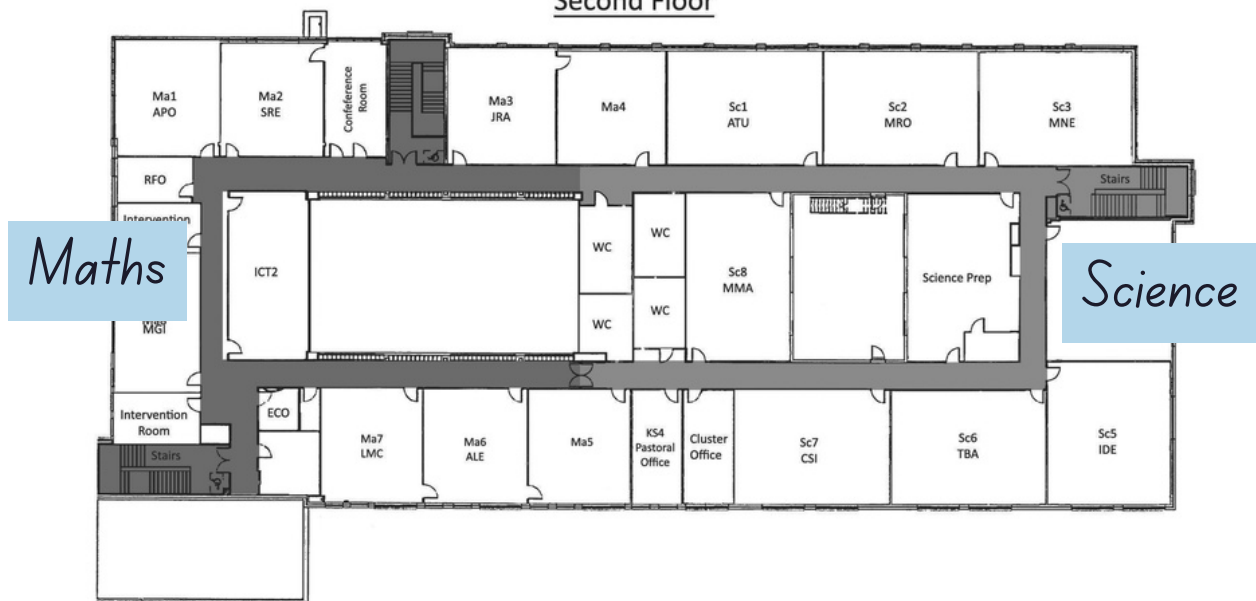




First Floor



Second Floor



SUBJECTS AT CVA

ENGLISH

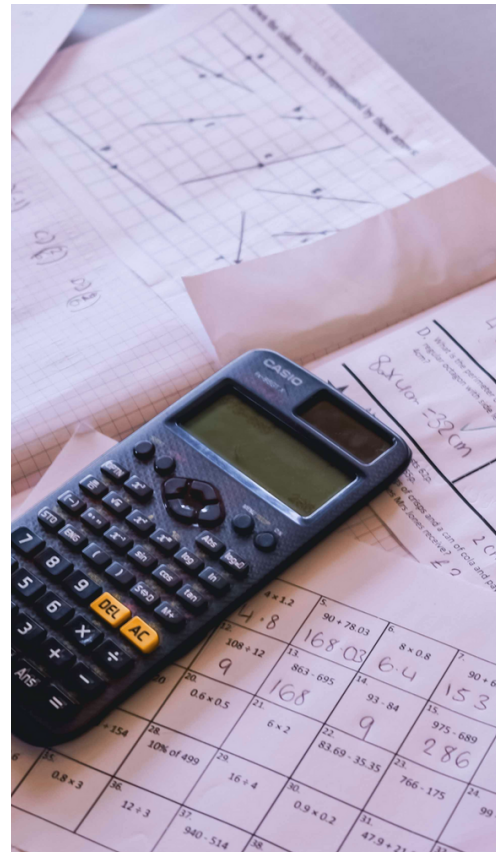
English at Castle View Academy is a chance for students to nurture their skills as critics and writers. Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy different genres through a range of texts in the form of prose, plays and poetry. Additionally, English allows students to think creatively and craft their use of language which will guide them through school and later life.

Pupils will master writing analytically and creatively, producing critical essays, stories and non-fiction writing. The English Department will support them in learning how to communicate effectively and confidently when expressing their views and opinions.

English is an important subject for learners to become active in the classroom, gaining confidence and engaging with language in order for it to be used in a meaningful way.

MATHS

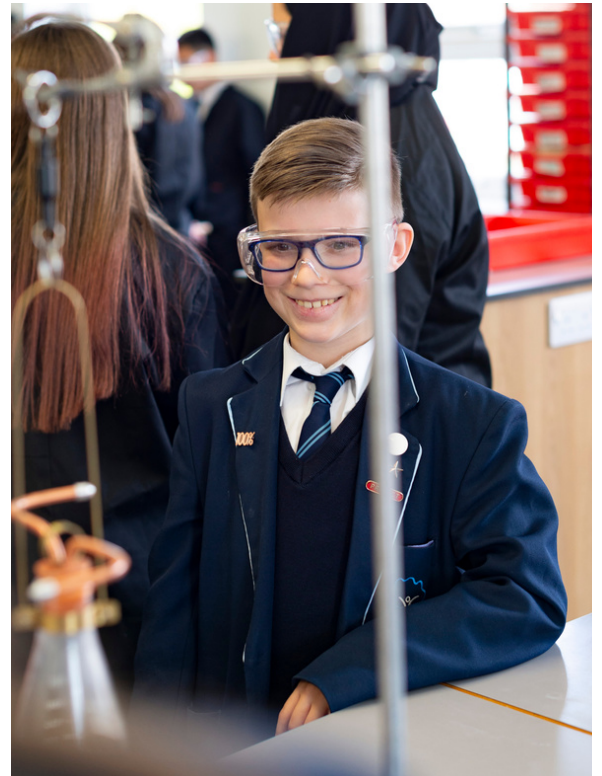
During your 5 years learning Maths at Castle View Academy, you'll learn all kinds of exciting and imaginative Mathematics that has changed the world. From understanding algebraic functions which are the backbone of computers and phones, to statistics that have revolutionised medicine and healthcare and saved countless lives. You will also learn all about ratio and proportion, how to accurately construct angles and shapes, trigonometry, how to manipulate negative numbers in ways you've never seen before as well as many other interesting topics. True Mathematicians will also get the chance to gain an extra GCSE at the end of year 11 by completing the Further Maths curriculum. This is an extra course, run alongside your normal GCSEs, for those students who have a real interest in Maths and want a head start in A Level Maths.



SCIENCE

In Year 7 you will learn about:

- **Particles:** building on your KS2 knowledge of solids, liquids and gasses.
- **Cells:** plant, animal and bacteria cells. Using microscopes to view cells.
- **Energy:** Extending your knowledge on energy stores, transfers and conservation of energy.
- **Reproduction**
- **Chemical reactions:** you will be introduced to the pH scale, acids, alkalis and neutralisation.
- **Forces:** you will explore the relationship between energy and forces.



MFL

In Key Stage 3, as you continue or start your Spanish language journey, you'll dive even deeper into the exciting world of Español! You'll build on popular Spanish phrases, like basic greetings and simple sentences, and start crafting more complex conversations.

You'll explore Spanish culture through learning about delicious food, vibrant music, and colorful festivals. You'll also learn about famous Spanish-speaking people and places. Don't be surprised if you find yourself dancing to some catchy Spanish songs or thinking about a delicious paella in class.

Learning Spanish in KS3 will not only help you communicate with millions of people around the world but also give you a passport to a whole new world of adventure and discovery.

¡Vamos! (Let's go!)

HISTORY



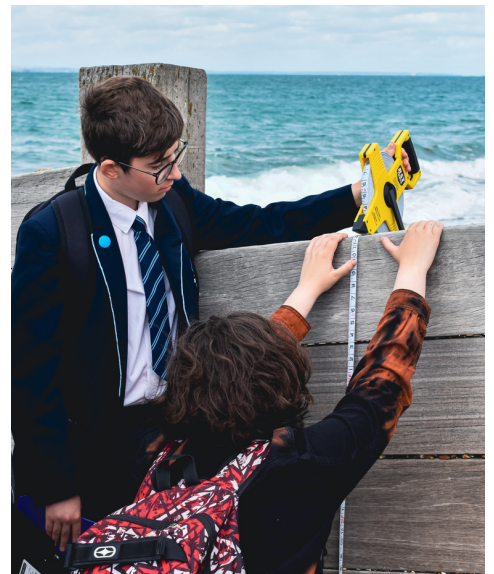
The History department at CVA offers a curriculum that spans a wide range of historical periods and topics:

- Beginning in Year 7, students embark on a journey through time, commencing with the year 1000 and progressing through Medieval History.
- Year 8 delves into the Reformation and journeys through the rise and fall of the British Empire.
- In Year 9, the focus shifts to the tumultuous 20th century, starting with WWI and culminating in an exploration of the Cold War.

GEOGRAPHY

Geography allows you to experience the world. In Geography you will study:

- **Human geography** to understand how the Earth is shaped and influenced by people, this will be through looking at the development of countries, population structures, urban issues in the UK and life in an emerging country.
- **Physical topics** will give you an understanding of how the earth works, topics include rivers and coasts, climate change and natural hazards (earthquakes, volcanoes, and tropical storms).



ETHICS

Ethics will give you a great understanding of the world and the people who live in it. You will study a variety of religions including Christianity, Judaism, Islam as well as the philosophy of religion. You will also study ethical topics and can debate issues such as capital punishment, war, and human rights. Ethics will prepare you for a life in a multi-cultural world.

ART



Explore the world of Art and Design throughout your key stage three experience where you will study the art work of local and well known artists, research and explore different art techniques and create a range of personal responses whilst exploring your own ideas.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Design and Technology is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject. Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts, considering their own and others' needs, wants and values. They acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and draw on disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. Pupils learn how to take risks, becoming resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens. Through the evaluation of past and present design and technology, they develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world. High-quality design and technology education makes an essential contribution to the creativity, culture, wealth and well-being of the nation.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Explore the world of Food Preparation & Nutrition from Year 8 where you will study the impact of good nutrition on the mind and body. You will be taught professional cutting techniques and heat control, when making a variety of both hot and cold dishes, each one meeting the needs of a specific design brief.

Working with different methods of heat, we will also explore the effect each will have on a variety of products. From fruit salad and coleslaw, to delicious baked goods, enjoy a whistle-stop tour guaranteed to tantalise, tease and tickle your taste-buds!

MUSIC



Music is a phenomenally creative subject which is experienced by all students at Castle View Academy. They will learn to play piano, drums, guitar, bass, ukulele, singing and Djembes to name but a few. They will learn to play as parts of a band as well as learn how to use their own body as an instrument. Headline figures for music at GCSE are 100% 4+ grades and 45% 7+ grades.

MEDIA

If you like working with computers and designing posters, game covers, dvds and magazines, then this is the subject for you!

Media Studies is based primarily on the IMacs using specialist design programmes whilst exploring the world of film and production.



DRAMA



Drama is an exciting subject in which students get to express themselves whilst exploring the acting world as a performer, director and critic. In key stage three they will study; key drama techniques such as freeze frames, mime, thought tracking, use of props, theatre in education etc as well as studying professional works such as Matilda and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. Drama students have the opportunity to perform in our Winter Showcases, Pantomimes and Musicals if they wish to audition.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Come down to see our wonderful sports hall where you will be able to see our fantastic facility with a range of activities being showcased. In PE at CVA our curriculum is fun, varied and engaging for all. During your time at CVA you will participate in sports such as badminton, volleyball, football, rugby, tennis, gymnastics, basketball as well as inter house sports competitions.



DANCE



Dance is a creative and exciting subject taught to all students in key stage three by a specialist dance teacher. They will cover a range of different dance styles and techniques and explore professional works, whilst becoming performers, choreographers and critics. Regular trips are run to local theatres, dance competitions and this year we have a performance team who will be travelling to Disney Land Paris to dance. Dance is a hugely successful option subject at key stage 4 with headline results including 100% 4+ grades and 50% level 7+ grades.

TEXTILES

CITIZENSHIP

GRAPHICS

CVA STUDENT CHARTER

I am a student at Castle View Academy.
By the end of my time at school I will have:

- Competed individually or in a team event, for academic or sporting activities
- Participated in an educational visit beyond Portsmouth
- Read a book a term
- Participated in one or more performing arts/cultural events
- Contributed time and energy to a charity, community or fundraising activity
- Presented to an audience beyond my classroom peers
- Been supported to make informed decisions for my journey into KS4 and beyond into life-long learning
- Committed to an extra-curricular activity
- Celebrated my achievements and progress with my peers, teachers and staff at Castle View Academy
- Shared my Student Voice through the School Council

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