

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their continued support.

Last Day of Term

On Friday 17 July we will be holding our usual end-of-term celebration, including the game show 'Runaround', Summer Bingo and Summer Quiz. Brunch will be served rather than lunch, and there will be an early finish with a phased dismissal beginning at 1200.

As with all our less formal whole-school events, students need to earn the right to take part, as mature behaviour is essential to the success of the day, and the enjoyment for all students.

To this end, any student who acquires 12 or more negatives or is placed on Night School or Cool Down, or suspended, between Monday 29 June and Thursday 16 July, will not be allowed to participate.

PE Kit

All students must wear the following compulsory item for every PE every lesson

- A purple CVEA PE shirt (purchased via the website below).

<https://totalsport.co.uk/collections/castle-view-academy>

Students must also wear:

- Trainers suitable for physical activity. All other PE kit items should be PLAIN black. These may be purchased from Total Sport to match the new kit, but plain, unbranded alternatives are fully acceptable. Approved items include:

- Plain black shorts.



- Plain black leggings.
- Plain black jogging bottoms.
- Plain black jumper.

Hoodies of any description are NOT permitted.

Students who are members of the Sport and Performance Academy are permitted to wear their Academy kit during PE lessons.

Legacy PE kit may continue to be worn until it is no longer serviceable, at which point it must be replaced with the new-style academy kit.

Uniform

Our emphasis is on 'business dress' to match our ethos and specialism. The specific uniform requirements are outlined below.

The school uniform is as follows:

- Black blazer with badge.
- Plain white poly-cotton blouse/shirt.
- Castle View Enterprise Academy skirt or plain black tailored trousers.
- Castle View Enterprise Academy tie.
- Socks - black.
- Tights - plain black.
- Black shoes - flat, can be polished, plain and sensible style with no distinctive fashion features.

Please note that all uniform should reflect 'business dress'. Trousers must not be skinny, stretchy or tight. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in to skirt / trousers. Skirts should not be short and should rest at the knee. Ties should be worn to cover all the buttons of the shirt. The top button of the shirt or blouse must be fastened.

Permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

-A smart and sensible wrist watch, religious jewellery or medical alert jewellery.

Students may wish to wear an outside coat to travel to and from the Academy. Sports tops, tracksuit tops and hoodies are not permitted. Students should avoid wearing expensive coats. All outdoor clothing must be hung on the coat rail at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.

All students must carry a bag. It must be robust, plain black, and large enough to carry an A4 folder. Bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted.

Attendance and holidays in term time

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school every day.

Every school day missed by a student has a negative impact on their academic progress and ability to achieve their potential. The Academy expectation for attendance is 100% for every pupil. The Academy target for attendance is 95% and it is expected that every pupil will strive to achieve this target as a minimum.

The Academy will not authorise term-time holidays except under exceptional circumstances.

The term-time dates for pupils to attend during the academic year 26-27 are:

Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026 (inclusive)

Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026 (inclusive)

Tuesday 5th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027 (inclusive)

Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027 (inclusive)

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027 (inclusive)

Monday 7th June 2027 to Wednesday 21st July 2027 (inclusive)

Timings of the school day 2026-2027

After the consultation earlier this term, we have decided to change the timings of the school day for the next academic year. Please see the timings below.

Period Timings Notes

Yard 8:20am-8:30am

Reg + Life Skills 8.30-8.55am 25 minute registration

1 8.55-9.45am 50 minutes

2 9.45-10.45am Includes 10 min break (1hr lesson) Breaks start at 10am

3 10.45-11.35am 50 minutes

4L1 11.35am-12.00pm 25 minutes

4L2 12.00-12.25pm 25 minutes

4L3 12.25-12.50pm 25 minutes

5L1 12.50-1.15pm 25 minutes

5L2 1.15-1.40pm 25 minutes

6 13.40-14.45pm KS3 13:40-14:50pm Year 10 13.40-14.55pm

Year 11 Friday will finish at 2:30pm for KS4, 2.25pm for KS3. A 10-minute break will be included during period 6. No period 6 break on a Friday.

We will still do the staggered exits for the year groups as per the current arrangements.



Parent Payments

As part of our move to Arbor, the way that you pay for lunch accounts and other items will be changing in September, and the current payment system through Iris Payment will stop as of the last day of the summer term, Friday 17 July.

We will be launching the Arbor parent app in September and this will become the main platform for information about your child in the academy, accessing homework information, payments and more. We will be in touch closer to this time with instructions about how to set up your Arbor account and download the app.

Any outstanding credit on lunch accounts will be carried over from this academic year to the next so any money you have paid and is not used by the end of the year will not be lost, however, **please do not make any payments via Iris Payment (parentmail.co.uk) after Friday 17 July.**

Contact Details

Could all parents / carers please ensure that their contact details are up to date on our system e.g. address, phone numbers and names. A minimum of two named contacts should be provided.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Owens

Principal